

Dear All

I really can't believe that Christmas is only 29 sleeps away! Where has this year gone?

Well our Sky High superstars Lily Robson, Erifilly Heonos, Louise Brownsey and Niamh Andrews travelled to Loulé, Portugal 28th October - 1st November to represent Great Britain at the Loulé Cup and they were all brilliant! Louise 3rd and Niamh 4th in the Under 18 group, Lily 5th in the 11-12 age group and Erifilly 6th in the 13-14 age group. What an achievement - we are so proud of all of you!



Lily and Niamh are now at Lilleshall National Sports Centre training hard for the World Age Games which begins 2nd December in Odense, Denmark. We are extremely proud that they have been selected to represent Great Britain at this prestigious event and wish them both the very best of luck.

The Performance Pathway programme designed by British Gymnastics to spot and nurture young talent working towards World Class, has a 2 tier programme for the 2015/16 season: Tier 1, which is equivalent to the British Junior A squad and Tier 2, equivalent to the British Junior B squad. I previously mentioned that Lily Robson and Erifilly Heonos have been invited onto the Tier 1 programme. We have since been informed that Sophie Tidd and Heidi Crowther have been selected for the Tier 2 programme. Well done girls - brilliant work!

On Sunday 1st November, 30 performers from Sky High travelled to Jumpers Rebound Centre in Gillingham for the 1st NDP qualifying competition for the 2015/16 season with some very good results:

Trampoline:

NDP 1 9-10F Nikita Bruton-Sendra 6th (Q), Phoebe Ball 7th (Q) and Elise Machin would have been placed 6th except he had to jump as a guest due to being too young for any category and not eligible to qualify to the Regional Team Final

NDP1 9-10M Wilf Wiley would have been placed 1st except he had to jump as a guest due to being too young for any category and not eligible to qualify to the Regional Team Final

NDP1 11-12F Katie Cooper 1st (Q)

NDP1 13+F Madison Balkham 8th

NDP2 11-12F Rosie Sullivan 9th

NDP2 13+F Tayah Wastie 3rd (Q)

NDP3 9-10M Jasper Carminger 1st (Q)

NDP3 11-12F Poppy Bissett 4th (Q), Faith Hilton 5th (Q), Annie Black 6th (Q), Milla Prod'homme-Bennett 8th

NDP3 13+F Sasky Partridge 12th (Q), Anna Taplin 13th (Q)

NDP3 13+M Christopher Shepherd 2nd (Q)

NDP4 9-10M Alex Oakley 2nd (Q)

NDP4 11-12F Tillie Seaton 4th (Q), Millie Dadswell 6th

NDP4 11-12M Sebastian Frenchum 1st

NDP4 13+F Tabitha Coddington 10th (Q), Rebecca Wallis 15th (Q), Sian Emsley 16th (Q), Felicity Wheatley 21st (Q)

NDP4 13+M Samuel Conway 3rd

NDP5 13-14F Felicity Spackman 2nd (Q), Luca Major-Owens 5th (Q)

NDP5 13-14M Max Pilbeam 2nd

NDP6 9-12M Thomas Magson 1st

DMT:

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NDP2 13+F Anna Taplin 5th (Q), Rachel Gregg 7th (Q)

NDP5 15+F Tabitha Coddington 2nd (Q)

The (Q) behind some of the names means they have achieved the qualifying score to enter the Regional Team Qualifier on 6th March 2016, from which the top 2 in each age group, level and gender will represent the South East at the Regional Team Final from 27th - 29th May at the Barclaycard Arena, Birmingham. The top 8 gymnasts in each age group, level and gender at that competition will then qualify to the NDP Finals to be held at the Telford International Centre, Telford from 8th - 10th July 2016. There is only one more opportunity to qualify for the Regional Team Qualifier on Sunday 7th February 2016, so please put this important date in your diaries.

Many thanks to those who officiated at the NDP competition - Debbie Green, Stella Jackson, Hannah Saunders and Charlotte Palmer as Judges, Leonie Etherington as Computer Operator (who stepped in at the very last minute - thank you Leonie) and Gail Andrews on the floor, ably assisted by the older competitors - Abi Jaques and Becky Wallis. Thank you all so very much because without you all our performers would not be able to compete. We are always in need of people who are willing to give up their time to judge for the Club, to enable these wonderful performers to enter competitions especially as the numbers are growing year on year, so please consider taking on this role in order to help the Club in this very practical way. Please speak to either Gail or Stella if you are interested. Congratulations to Colin Coddington, Jade Pearson and Pip Cox who recently took and passed their Club Judge course.

On Saturday, 21st November, Max Seaton went to the Copper Box Arena, London to compete in the Trampoline League National Finals and was placed an amazing 22nd! Well done Max and huge thanks to his Coach, Chris Jenner - you're both superstars.

The regional round of the National Schools Trampoline Championships is to be held at Jumpers Rebound Centre in Gillingham on Sunday, 29th November. The Club has 37 members entered for their varying Schools, so we wish them all the very best of luck.

We are once again raffling 3 Christmas hampers in the colours of Red, Gold and Green. If you have anything lurking in your cupboards in those colours which could go in the hampers, please feel free to bring them in as soon as possible. Last year, the hampers raised £439 and it would be great to do the same again, if not more!

Please don't forget to look at the Phoenix Cards brochures at the Centre. Jackie Flynn has very kindly agreed to donate 30% of all sales made to the Club. Please get browsing!

The Centre will be CLOSED from Monday 21st December, 2015 to Sunday 3rd January, 2016 inclusive. Club fees are based on 50 weeks of the year to allow for this break in training at Christmas.

As this is likely to be the last newsletter for 2015, may we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas, a fun filled New Year and a happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Roll on 2016!

Stella, Gail, Mike, Chris, Debbie, Steph, Hannah, Catherine, Tim, Abi, Niamh, Abbie, Charlotte, Alisha, Becky and Katie - The Sky High Coaching team