



Monthly Newsletter October 2013

Wow!! What a start we have had to the club. We have now topped 190 children in the 7 sessions we are running a week. I want to try and keep you all updated on a regular basis and this is the best way of doing this and in the newsletter I will look to inform you of various things happening within the club.

University

You may not be aware but I have just started a Sports Coaching Degree at Sheffield Hallam University and as part of my work towards my degree I have to produce evidence of coaching and use examples of the coaching and would like to ask your permission to at times produce work that could involve the children I coach and this could be either in the form of photographic, video or written work. Should you object to this could you please let me know as soon as possible ideally by emailing me at info@hg-gymnastics.co.uk.

Payment

As you are aware we charge on a 4 weekly basis, although for some with 2 or 3 children attending we charge on a fortnightly basis. The reason for this is threefold - **firstly** we have weekly and monthly outgoings that we need to ensure we have revenue in the club to pay for, **secondly**, it shows commitment from gymnasts that they will attend on a weekly basis and not as and when they feel like it, and **thirdly** as we want to purchase more equipment it means I can buy this sooner as we have revenue on a 4 weekly basis to spend.

In future we will give the children a reminder slip the week before payment is due to ensure you remember to bring payment the week after.

Payment Terms

Throughout an academic year we will refund up to 2 weeks holidays that you may take outside the periods that the club is closed at Christmas, New Year and August.

In line with all other clubs we will not refund fees for missed sessions unless a doctor's note is produced and should a child miss 3 sessions with no contact made to us then the child will lose their place.

British Gymnastics Membership

As we are a registered club with British Gymnastics we have to ensure that all children who attend the club are members of British Gymnastics and although we have had a great response to this there is still a considerable amount of children who have not yet paid membership and as this is **compulsory**, if it is not paid by 31st October 2013 your child will not be able to attend classes until it is paid.

Photographic Policy

This is a difficult and sensitive area but unfortunately the world we live in dictates that we have to get permission to photograph or video children. I have noticed that parents are taking photos or video during training sessions and although you may be innocently taking pictures of your own children other parents may object to their children being photographed or videoed. Therefore can I please ask that all parents cease to do this until we have written permission from each parent of every child in the session that your child attends.

Therefore could each parent please email me on info@hg-gymnastics.co.uk to either accept or object that your child can be photographed or videoed during training sessions.

British Gymnastics Badge Testing

I have had several parents ask either myself, Paul or Julie, about BG badge testing, and over the next few weeks we will be badge testing. Everything we have been working on within the sessions has been progressively working towards badge testing and it could be that your child passes more than 1 badge when we do test.

Christmas Closure

We will close the club during Christmas and New Year with the last session being Saturday 21st December and restart on Monday 6th January 2014.

March Closure

In March I will be going on a pre booked family skiing holiday and therefore as Julie, Paul and Daisy will be with me we will have to close the club between Saturday 8th March and Saturday 15th March inclusive. Therefore the last session will be on Friday 7th March and classes will restart on Monday 17th March.

Club Hoodies/Zoodies & T-shirts

We have some sample club Hoodies/Zoodies (hoodie with a zip) and T-shirts that should be here in the next few days and once we have these you will be able to order in time for Christmas delivery. We are also getting some leotard samples sent to us too.

Equipment

I have just ordered a Vaulting Table that will arrive at the end of November as Continental manufacture to order at a total cost of £1,900.00. As you can imagine gymnastics equipment is expensive and we will look to buy new equipment on a monthly basis as and when we can afford it but we are also looking for funding and sponsorship. If any parents know of any businesses that would be willing to sponsor the club with a view to in return the club promoting the business on literature we distribute to parents and the website please speak to my dad Paul on 07957 432107 or email him on paul.marriott@vanquishadvice.co.uk as he is responsible for all equipment and also the marketing of the club.

We are also in discussions with South Yorkshire Sport and British Gymnastics in regards to some funding and will also be applying for other sources of funding but this is not an easy process and there is no guarantee of success. Again if there are any parents out there with experience of funding applications that would be willing to help us out could you please identify yourself to Paul.

Parental Participation

If there are any parents out there who want to become more involved in the running of the club we are always looking for willing volunteers to help us out.

Finally I would like to thank you all for helping to get the club off to a great start and hope that it will continue to be successful, but importantly that the children go away from each session having enjoyed it and looking forward to the following week.

Regards

Paige and all the team