

Dear All

How can it be possible that my last newsletter was in June? The summer holidays have now been and gone and there is so much to tell you.



Firstly, the NDP Finals in Telford on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July. Well our Sky High performers were immense and certainly made an impression on the podium....

Sophie Tidd	9-10F	Trampoline	NDP7	3 <sup>rd</sup> place - Bronze medal !!
Lily Robson	11-12F	Trampoline	NDP7	7 <sup>th</sup> place
Emma Van Zutphen	13-14F	Trampoline	NDP7	2 <sup>nd</sup> place - Silver medal !!
Niamh Andrews	15-16F	Trampoline	NDP8	2 <sup>nd</sup> place - Silver medal !!
Finlay Andrews	13-14M	DMT	NDP7	1 <sup>st</sup> place - Champion !!
Abi Jaques	17+ F	DMT	NDP7	3 <sup>rd</sup> place - Bronze medal !!

On 13<sup>th</sup> July, the Centre hosted its first competition for those who attend the Fun Abounds recreational classes and fortunately all the proceeds from the day amounting to £1,149.40 went to boost Club funds. On 20<sup>th</sup> July, Stella, Mike and Chris completed a 20 mile sponsored walk starting and finishing at (the now sadly burnt) Eastbourne Pier and are very proud to have raised £1,235.25 (including Gift Aid). The Sponsored Bounce on 15<sup>th</sup> August raised £211.25 and all of this has certainly increased much-needed funds, so thank you to everyone who has helped make this possible.

The Summer Camp from Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August was a definite success. Huge congratulations to Debbie Green and Hannah Saunders, the Camp organisers and their brilliant team of Sky Leaders. All those involved had a wonderful time and can't wait until next year. Well done!

The British Championships are to take place at the Echo Arena, Liverpool on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September and Sky High wishes every success to:

Erifilly Heonos	11-12F	Trampoline & DMT
Louise Brownsey	13-14F	Trampoline
Erifilly & Louise	13-14F	Synchro
George Adams	Cat 1	Disability

The Championships will also be the first opportunity for Erifilly and Louise to trial for the World Age Games to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida in November. The second trial is to be held the following week, to which Niamh Andrews is hoping to be invited also. Good luck girls!

On Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, Gail, Debbie, Niamh and Finlay are to take part in the 5km Run or Dye at Hever Castle to raise funds for Sky High. Sponsorship forms are available at the Centre and donations can also be made via PayPal. If you wish to donate by PayPal, log in to your account and send your donation to [stella.jackson@funabounds.co.uk](mailto:stella.jackson@funabounds.co.uk) as this is the email address linked to the Charity's bank account. A notification will then be sent to the Club that your donation has been made. Remember Gift Aid boosts your donations by 25%, so if you are a UK tax payer, please fill in your details to make our fundraising even more beneficial. If you make a donation by PayPal, please also fill in your details on the sponsor form and mark it paid, so that the Gift Aid can be claimed.

The application for permanent Change of Use for the Centre has been submitted and the decision has been received as I type - APPROVED - hurray!!!! With this now in place, the Club's future is more

secure. We are hopeful that with all the fundraising that has recently taken place and that which is planned in the future, the landlords will be prepared to extend our lease for a further 10 years, enabling us to apply for more funding in order to improve our wonderful Centre. Negotiations are planned early in October.

Congratulations to Kim Kennedy, who took her Regional Judge course at the end of July and passed with flying colours. Kim is very generous with her time and is always happy to offer to judge at major competitions for the Club, for which we are very grateful. Thanks Kim!

Diary Dates:

20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> September	British Championships, Liverpool
28 <sup>th</sup> September	World Age Games Trials, Lilleshall
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Sussex Synchro Championships, Seaford
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> October	David Ward Hunt Cup, Gillingham
29 <sup>th</sup> November	South East Schools Competition, Fun Abounds

The 2014-2015 British Gymnastics Trampoline & DMT Handbook is due to be published on 1<sup>st</sup> October and we wait to see what changes are to be implemented for next season as it will impact on all levels of competition. As the current Chair of the Sussex TTC, I have submitted a proposal to the South East TTC on behalf of the Sussex Clubs to host all the NDP 1-6 competitions next season and reduce the entry fee, making them far more accessible and substantially less expensive for everyone. To date, no response has been received other than to say the Committee awaits the new Handbook before making any decisions.

Happy bouncing!

Stella, Gail, Mike, Chris, Kim, Jo, Tim, Hannah and Debbie - The Sky High Coaching team