

Rayners Lane Taekwon-do Academy News Letter

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Student of the Month: Abhijay Sood



Abhijay wins this month's award for living up to his newly acquired title of "Cadet Leader". During a class the other week, Abhijay was helping teach some of the new gradee's when he noticed a certain instructor (who admittedly had had a long day, was tired and trying to deal with 10 things at once in class) make an error whilst teaching some other new gradee's a pattern. Abhijay, came over, let the instructor know (politely) then simply went back to what he was doing. So, he wins it for not only noticing the error, but also being brave enough to (quite rightly) correct an instructor, but also having the integrity to do it in a low key fashion. Well done Abhijay and rest assured the instructor has been severely dealt with :-)

around. In fact 4 didn't pass (2 from Rayners lane and 2 from Northwood) which is a shame, but goes to show how tough the standards of the Academy are, especially when you find out who they were!

That said, although I can't speak for Mr Gautam and his students, I know for ours, a minor set back like this won't stop them and they will brush it aside, correct what's required and be back to grade again next time. Of the gradee's I have great pleasure in welcoming Milad, Liam and Ayomide to the senior kup ranks of the Academy... the hard work begins now lads! Please note, only 8th Kups and above will receive written feedback, as its not required for lower grades. If you get some, ensure you take note of it as failure to adhere to it and correct things could result in a failure at your next grading. Also, all new 9th kups (and parents) should ask the seniors how the marking system works (ie. A, O+, O & L passes).

Anniversary Party

Many thanks to everyone that attended the anniversary party to celebrate 10 years of Rayners Lane Taekwon-do Academy. It was a great night, the video was enjoyed by all, the fun "Oscars" went down a storm (especially those old photos), the food was of restaurant standard and everyone had a great night. Many thanks to everyone involved in making the party such a success. For those who enjoyed the special 25 minute long video, we are compiling a DVD which will include, not only the video, but the 'Year' posters that were on the wall, all the photos taken on the night, the Fun Oscars photos plus about 20 other clips as a sort of 'Best Of' type compilation. The DVD will be around 3 hours long so it great value and will cost just £14.99 if you want to reserve one (standard price will be £19.99 when released). Details as soon as its ready. This DVD will replace many of the others available.

June Grading

Well done to all those who participated in the June grading. Many did really well, some better than expected, while others, sadly didn't pass this time

PARENTS

Please can all parents ensure they are on time to pick up their children, especially on Saturdays. I have noticed many parents turning up at 1.15, many later and it is causing problems to both myself and the black belts as someone has to stay behind and be responsible for the kids until parents arrive. The situation is getting so bad that we are considering 'baby sitting' fee's for continually late parents. Just as you have to pick up yours kids at a certain time on Saturdays, so do I and if your late, it makes me late and its not always viable for anyone to stay behind too long as the black belts have things to do as well.

Also, please note, on Wednesday, children from the junior classes must leave the hall and go home at the end of their lesson. Neither the Academy or the Beacon centre can be responsible for them and they cannot be sitting outside in the foyer waiting for 2 hours. Please ensure they are collected on time and taken home or again, you may receive a 'Baby Sitting' fee's bill!

Camping

Kate is organising this years camping trip. The date hasn't been set yet, but it will probably be late September.



These events are cheap and great fun for all the family, so please consider coming along (don't worry if you don't have a tent). Please let Mr A know if you are interested in coming so we can advise dates and costs when finalised.

Totally TKD #5

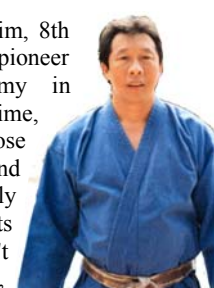
A new edition of Totally Tae Kwon Do magazine is out on the 1st, July. Another bumper filled, fantastic issue (even if I do say so myself). Check it out now - its free - at www.totallytkd.com



Willie Lim - September

The 13th may be unlucky for some, but not for the students of Rayners lane TKD as the

excellent Master Willie Lim, 8th degree & Taekwon-do pioneer returns to the Academy in September. As per last time, there are discounts for those that book places early and until the end of July its only £20, after which it starts going up. If you didn't come to the last seminar, please see the webs site for just how excellent it was and what students felt about training and learning from a Taekwon-do legend. I advise everyone to try and make this seminar as you will learn a lot.



LTSI Invitational

The next official Tournament is the LTSI Invitational's on 27th October, however there is another in early October (11th) taking place in Central London if anyone is interested. I have never been to it before so therefore cannot guarantee its quality, though it looks interesting. Details of the event were emailed round a week or two ago, but not one responded, so let me know if interested, otherwise it just the 'Invitational's'.



"A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him or her."