

Welcome to all new students who have recently joined us:

Little Ninjas

Declan Kennedy
MaryKate Kennedy
Felix Mearns
Megan Philip

Kickin' Kids

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Junior Tae Kwon-Do

Christopher Scott

Senior Tae Kwon-Do

Paul Kerschatt
Scott Rettie
Timothy Jones
Paul McKenna

6th Annual Academy Awards

Our 6th Annual Academy Awards were held on Friday 20th March 2009 in the Thistle Hotel in Altens, Aberdeen. This event was held to congratulate the Award Winners for 2008 and to celebrate the Academy successes of last year. It was also a great chance to celebrate Master Wallace's 20th year of teaching in Aberdeen (1989-2009) with another gigantic cake!!

We were delighted with the turnout of 193 this year and as always, everyone was dressed to impress (as you can see in this picture). This is currently the only time in the year for our students to get together from all the classes and although not all students attend, we do have around half our members in attendance along with their family and friends. We were delighted to see many more Little Ninjas in attendance this year along with another great turnout from our Junior and Senior classes.



The evening started with Master Wallace's speech about events in 2008. It was another successful year for our academy and we were delighted to have so many of you there to celebrate with us and to help congratulate the award winners. The results were as follows:

Most Promising Student

Little Ninjas	Ben Schmitz
Senior	Claire Lemettre

Most Improved Student

Little Ninjas – Beginners	Gary Livingston
Little Ninjas – Advanced	Mitchell Glen
Kickin' Kids	Owen Balloch
Juniors	Erin Fraser
Teens	Julie Whyte
Senior – Jnr Grade	Gordon Baxter
Senior – Snr Grade	Stephen Robertson

Competitor of the Year

Little Ninjas	Jamie Sutherland
Kickin' Kids	Amy Craig
Juniors	Dean Sutherland
Teens	Miss Halle Stuart, I Deg
Seniors – Jnr Grade	Angela Milne
Seniors – Snr Grade	Lesley Carmichael
Seniors – Over 30	Margaret McMillan
Seniors – Blackbelt	Mr Jamie Presly, I Deg

Student of the Year

Little Ninjas	Jamie Sutherland
Kickin' Kids	Dannielle Gallacher
Juniors	Rogan Rennie
Teens	Steven McKendrick
Seniors	Mr Jamie Presly, I Deg

Blackbelt Attitude

Little Ninjas – Beginners	Sophie Hill
Little Ninjas – Advanced	Finlay Keir
Kickin' Kids	Hollie Smith
Juniors	James Adamson

Perseverance

Little Ninjas – Advanced	William Paterson
Kickin' Kids	Calum Bird
Juniors	Dylan Craig
Teens	Clare Fordyce
Seniors	Nick Coxon

Ryan Park Memorial Award (Students Choice)

Dannielle Gallacher

Dedication & Commitment

Blackbelt 1 st Degree	Miss Halle Stuart
	Miss Kerri Jamieson
	Mr Gordon Trinder

Continued Dedication & Commitment

10 Year Awards	Mr Andy O'Hare, II Deg
	Mr Alan Whyte, I Deg
	Miss Stephanie Valentin, I Deg

Following the awards ceremony and buffet, the kids were entertained by Alan's Magic. We were also treated to Master Wallace's 20th Anniversary Cake which didn't disappoint. This was followed by our disco and of course our Raffles. There's always plenty of excitement there!

This years top raffle prizes were won by : Mr & Mrs Craig - £100 John Lewis Vouchers
James Adamson - £50 Academy Vouchers

Photographs

Proofs of the photographs taken by Donald Stewart are now available. If you would like to see the proofs, they are available in an album. Please ask Mrs Wallace. If you would like to place an order, please complete an order form and pass to Mrs Wallace along with your payment. **Please order before 30th April.**

7th Annual Academy Awards

We are already planning next years' event and we hope that it will continue to be well attended as it has over the past 6 years. We will be unable to use the same venue due to a dramatic increase in cost which has followed their refurbishment but we have already found some great alternatives. Next years awards will be held in February 2010.

Graduation Results

Junior/Senior Taekwon-Do Programme

15-Feb-09

3rd Kup - Ryan Carstairs, Lauren Kiloh

4th Kup - Sagilan Bhojenthiran, Cameron Wilkinson

8th Kup - Claire Lemettre

9th Kup - Rory Macdonald, Arek Jaskievkz, Suzanne Andrew

Programme Completion

Following our latest Little Ninjas Graduations, **Eilidh McGrath** and **Aidan Philip** have both graduated to Champion Ninja and transferred into our Kickin' Kids Programme. Congratulations to them both!

Taekwon-Do Scotland Championships – RESULTS

The Taekwon-Do Scotland Championships were held on Sunday 5th April in the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. There was a great turnout for our first championships with 200 competitors taking part and 32 travelling from Aberdeen to attend.

Results – **9 GOLD**
 11 SILVER
 11 BRONZE

Once again, this was a fantastic effort by all involved and we were delighted to see so many people travel to attend. We look forward to the next competition and hope to host one in Aberdeen this year if possible.

Kincorth Sports Centre – CLOSURE

As per the notes handed out to those affected by this closure, the sports centre will be closed on the dates detailed below. All classes held on these days will therefore have to be cancelled. Unfortunately this is outwith our control and we apologise for any inconvenience.

Monday 20th April

Monday 4th May

New Premises Update

We are close now and soon to be at the stage of collecting the keys for our new premises on 33 South Esplanade West and will start renovations immediately. This may take a few months to complete and in order to ensure our classes are unaffected by the move, we have continued our bookings at the sports centres until the end of June. We will keep you posted on our progress and will be detailing each stage with a photo diary on our website. This will be a great move for us and will allow our academy to go from strength to strength with no threat of eviction.

Kickin' Kids –Day Change

The Kickin' Kids class which is currently held on Monday and Thursday at 6pm will be changing to a Tuesday and Thursday at the slightly earlier time of 5:45pm when our new premises opens in a few months time. This will enable us to offer classes for all age groups on both Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday which should help to accommodate all our students who may also have other activities. We hope that this change will not cause any inconvenience, but if you are unable to change, please let us know as soon as possible and we will do our best to accommodate you in the alternative class on Monday/Wednesday at 5pm.

Summer – CLOSURE DATES

For those who had not joined before the end of 2008 and did not receive the closure dates, the academy will be closed for its' 2 week summer break as follows:

Closed on **Sunday 12th July** (no classes this day)

Re-opens on **Monday 27th July**

Summer Camp – July/August

As we will be moving into our new property in the next few months, we will be starting our Summer Camps once again. These camps will be open to students from the Kickin' Kids and Junior Programmes (up to age 13 only) and will be held from 9am-4pm. Spaces will be limited to 20 and the dates are yet to be confirmed. Spaces can be booked when the dates become available.

Summer Holidays - Condensed Kids Classes

As our kids classes are always quiet during the School Summer Holidays with so many students away on holiday throughout the 6/7 weeks, we will be condensing all our kids' classes this year. Full details to follow closer to the time.

Blackbelt Club – 2 Spaces Available

We currently have 2 spaces available in our Blackbelt Club which is held twice monthly on Sundays from 2:00-3:00pm. This class is open to students from our Junior and Senior Taekwon-Do Programmes who are 6th Kup and above and training focuses on all aspects of the grading syllabus. **Please remember** that Blackbelt Club Suits are mandatory for all members of this class. Please see Mrs Wallace if you do not yet have a suit. The next class is being held on Sunday 19th April with a training run at 1:15pm.

“The few who do, are the envy of the many who only watch”