

Heartbeat



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Year 7 Review

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Samuel's a real high-flier

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In our final look back through 2014/15, we catch up with our Year 7s.

There have been plenty of highs, not least for our young trampolinists. There has also been a special festive guest and French lessons with a difference. Enjoy.

In December, we featured trampolinist Samuel Ramos.

Samuel (7T) looks to have a massive future ahead of him in the sport, as he is already ranked Number 1 in Britain for Double Mini Trampoline.

It is a fantastic feat for the youngster, who beat the current 2014 British Champion out in Daytona, USA, to claim pole position.

As if that was not enough, the talented

young gymnast is also ranked Number 2 in Britain for Trampoline in his age group, Number 10 in the World for Double Mini Trampoline and Number 13 in the World for the Olympic Sport Trampoline in his 11-12 age group.

Proud mum, Anita, said: "Samuel has had a wonderful 1st World Age Competition, competing for GB out in Daytona Beach. This was an amazing achievement and one he has been working hard for all year. The competition was fierce, with 33 elite gymnasts competing from all over the world.

"In a sport such as Gymnastics, at Junior Elite level, a gymnast that has one more year's experience has an advantage, so it is fantastic that Samuel is already ranking so high up at 11.

"His GB Coaches and all his family are so proud of him. He held his nerve completing all four of his routines, which can't have been easy in such a big arena."

If Samuel makes the GB Team next year, he will have the opportunity to compete in the same age group as he will only be 12.

Samuel already has his sights on further glory in next year's World Championships. He said: "After competing in America, my goal was to come home, get straight back into training and then focus on competing at the 2015 World Championships.

"My aim is to make the finals, which is the top 8 scoring Gymnasts, which would put me in contention for a medal."

What makes Sam's achievements even more impressive is the fact he

only started competing in the sport two years' ago.

Prior to that, he was coached from the age of three by his father and has attended the prestigious City of Liverpool Gymnastic Club since he was nine.

His list of achievements to date makes for impressive reading;

Amongst his many medals are:

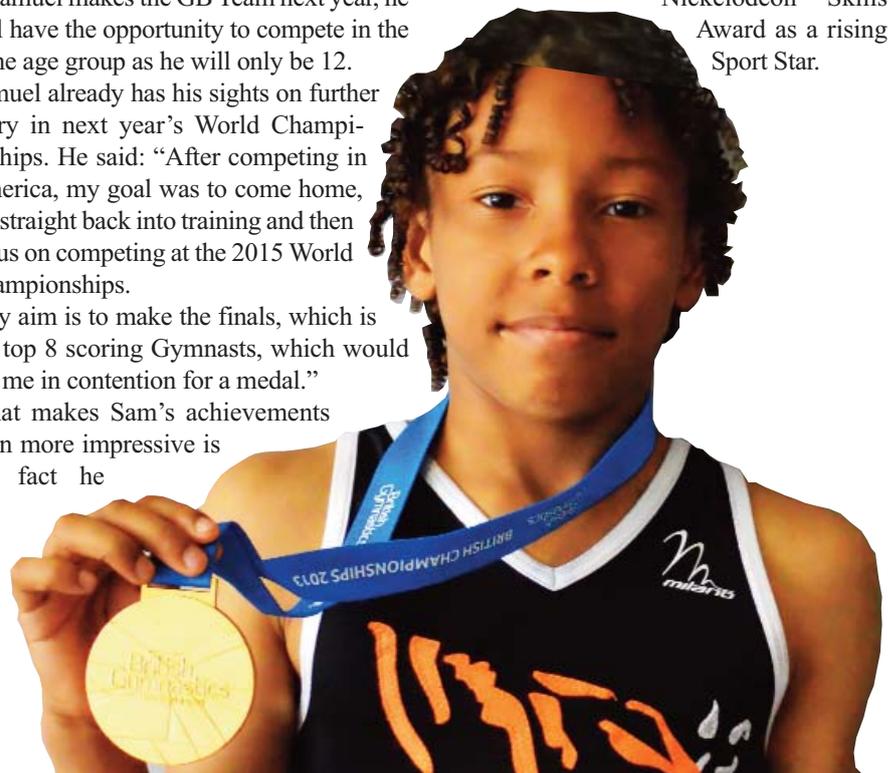
2013 (August) British Champion in Double Mini Trampoline (NIA Birmingham Arena) (Aged 10)

2014 (August) British Silver Medallist in Trampoline (Liverpool Echo Arena) (Aged 11)

2014 (September) British Silver Medallist in Double Mini Trampoline (Liverpool Echo Arena) (Aged 11)

World Ranking for Samuel Ages 11-12 currently 10th in the world for Double Mini Trampoline, currently 13th in the world Trampoline. Samuel also won the 2012

Nickelodeon Skills Award as a rising Sport Star.



Year 7 say 'bonjour' to Bon Voyage stage show

Year 7 had a French lesson with a difference in December, as they were treated to a performance from a theatre company.

Using full theatrical props, the show, entitled Bon Voyage, was aimed at helping to motivate the learning process and inspire the use of French.

During the show, which featured mime, comedy, illusion, juggling, balancing, music and dance, pupils were able to use vocabulary related to food, the weather, numbers, time, colours, gender and parts of the body. French teacher, Mrs O'Grady, explained more: "Bon Voyage, was directed towards interacting with the audience using their language skills and was an engaging experience of the French language."

Bon Voyage was certainly a hit with the students from 7C. Daniel Withell said: "The French play was funny and enjoyable. The actors were amazing at the magic and dangerous performance at the end. Considering they weren't French, you couldn't tell the difference when they were performing. Overall, it was an amazing play."

Freya Jenkinson agreed, adding: "It was really great, I understood more than I thought and it was really funny. I thought it was fantastic and a great play to watch."

Roslyn Kirby also enjoyed the show: "I really enjoyed the French play as it was funny, entertaining and jam-packed with things to learn."

"It was a very different and fun way of learning and I enjoyed it immensely."

Mark Reader echoed those views, adding: "I really enjoyed the French play because it was very entertaining and funny but at the



same time, educational. It was very good and I enjoyed it."

Joe Waterman also thought the show was fun, he said: "The French play was a fun and entertaining way to learn about the French language. It was a wonderful play to experience."

That sentiment was shared by Ali Calvillo Antrobus, who added: "I loved the French play, it was really funny."

"When I came home with the letter, my mum said it would be fantastic and that I would have a lot of fun and I did. I didn't know how much French I knew."

The overriding feeling about the play was that the students enjoyed the performance and were glad Le Théâtre Volant visited.

Mrs O'Grady summed up the feeling of the day by adding: "Tout le monde s'est bien amusé", which, for those not fluent in French, reads, "a good time was had by all".

Two of our Year 7 girls, along with one from Y8 won the Regional round of the schools Trampoline competition in January.

Lauren Smith (7A), Lily Griffin (7R) and Kate McAllister (8H) were praised by Head of PE, Mrs Hewlett, who said: "All the girls have been trampolining for a few years now. They have been training very hard and deserved to go through."



News in brief

The MFL trip to Paris and Barcelona leaves today, the Music trip to Germany on Wednesday. Tomorrow sees students from Years 7-10 enjoy Trip Day. There is a meeting in St Edward Hall at 6pm tomorrow for the parents of those students going on next year's Ypres trip. Year 5 Mission Impossible takes place on Wednesday & Thursday.

Our Year 7 students welcomed the Reverend Sue Lucas to the College in December.

Rev Lucas, from the aptly named St Faith's, visited the students to give them the lowdown on all things Christmas. A lively Q&A session covered everything from female vicars, vocations, church denominations, Christian unity, Googlebox vicar Kate and church decorations.

Head of RE, Mr Moorhead, said: "Year 7 were great. They were very respectful and asked lots of really good questions."

The students enjoyed the visit, with Lily Jackson (7R), saying: "Rev Lucas was very interesting and she explained things in a lot of detail."

Lois Mullins (7R) agreed, adding: "Rev Lucas was easy to talk to and was ready to answer all our questions."

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