



Inspiring a Generation

Phoenix Taekwondo

Didcot First
Didcot: Get On Board



Phoenix Taekwondo bring the Didcot First "Didcot Get On Board" event to life with a spectacular performance at the Cornerstone Arts Centre!

Earlier this year, Phoenix Taekwondo were invited by the Didcot First organisation to prepare an exhibition of Taekwondo for the "Didcot Get On Board" event at the Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot on Saturday 2nd June. Our demonstration formed the centrepiece of a day to promote clubs, societies and charities within Didcot. Given the size of the performing area, we were limited to a relatively small demonstration squad consisting of senior Black Belts, a small number of our Little Dragons, our Self-Defence Team and some of this year's Phoenix Poomsae Dance Squad. Our exhibition was a huge success, easily drawing the largest crowds on the day and creating a great impression on the organisers and other groups at the event. For our youngest performers this was their first public demonstration and they made us all very proud! Didcot First's Events Consultant quoted *"On behalf of Didcot First and Didcot Rotary club, we wanted to say a huge thank you to you and the team for your amazing performance during our 'Didcot: Get on board' event. Everyone I've spoken to was incredibly impressed."* We are now looking towards our Summer Full Class demonstrations.



Our Demo-Team badges are back! Following their popularity in previous years we will be again awarding a Demo-Team badge to ALL students participating in any of our Summer demonstrations – to go on the left shoulder of your dobok uniform.

++ Important Dates

Sat 16th June: Ladygrove Park Summer Demonstration

Mon 25th June: LPPS Get Active Week in Schools

Tues 26th June: LPPS Get Active Week in Schools

Thurs 28th June: "Get Active Together" Activity Fair

Weds 4th July: Black Belt Grading Dry Run

Sun 8th July: Summer Grading Examination

Sat 14th July: Culham Festival Taekwondo Demonstration

Sun 23rd Sept: National Black Belt Examination

November: Winter Grading Examination (provisional)

Preparing to succeed: Black Stripe Mock Grading

The 1st Kup Black Stripe grading examination is the final time students grade at the club. It is probably the toughest grading any student will do and is challenging to pass since it is ultimately a recommendation from the club that a student is ready to start preparing for the National Dan Grading Examinations for Black Belt. To give our students the best possible chance to pass the Black Stripe grading and prepare for Black Belt, Phoenix Taekwondo provided a mock grading for all our current Red Belt students on May 20th.



The mock grading took around 1 hour running under the same conditions as the real examination including individual patterns in Korean, sport sparring and destruction. It was an extremely challenging day for all! After the grading all students received detailed feedback via E-mail on points to improve and work on. Good luck for July!!

Taekwondo Demonstration Season is Upon Us!

As the weather gets warmer, it can mean only one thing...

Taekwondo demonstration season! This year we have two full class events. On Saturday the 16th June at 3:00pm we have been invited back again to Ladygrove Park Primary School to perform at their Summer Fete. While on Saturday 14th July, for the first time we will be kicking up to the Culham'18 Summer Festival. We have already asked all our



members for their availability on these days so please do let us know if your plans change. Our Taekwondo demonstrations give us the chance to showcase Taekwondo to the public, projecting a great image of club and the martial art of Taekwondo in general. It is always a



massive and rewarding experience for everyone and no matter what grade you are, from beginner to Black Belt, there is always something to do. We rely a great deal on our students dedication and commitment for all of our demonstrations and you have probably already seen some of our demo squads working hard rehearsing at the class and even outside! **However, our public demonstrations are a full class experience and we do strongly encourage all our students to have a go and take part!**



Black Belt Examination – Dry Run

We are currently planning a dry-run at the 4th July Black Belt Academy class, for the September National Dan Grading for all our current Black Stripes and Black Belts. This will provide an overview of the day, procedures and readiness assessment.

++ This Months Little Dragons Tae-Yong Winners!

Well done to Baxter, Xavier, Alex and Aaron for taking Tae-Yong home this month!!
Who will it be next month?

