



Inspiring a Generation

# Phoenix Taekwondo

Phoenix Taekwondo 100% Pass rate at National **BLACK BELT** Examination!



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November saw Phoenix Taekwondo take 11 of its students up north to Nottingham for the National Dan Grading Examination. This national event draws students from clubs all over the country to be graded for their Black Belts. The day is intense with Poomsae (patterns), Destruction, Self-Defence and Sport Sparring sections. A huge well done goes out to a Phoenix 100% pass rate with students Mike, Juliette, Ellen, Ben, Max and Jeni for passing their 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belts and massive applause for Matthew, Stephen, Sam, James and Owen on obtaining their 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Black Belts! All candidates received their new Black Belt, British Taekwondo National Certificate and will later

receive their official grading certificate direct from the Kukkiwon Taekwondo World Headquarters in South Korea! In addition to the tough grading day itself (not everyone from every club passed) this marks 6 months of intense work at dedicated Black Belts sessions every Sunday and a lot of extra-curricular work outside the normal class times. This now gives Phoenix Taekwondo full lines of Black Belts in both the Junior and Senior groups.

## More Taekwondo Girl Power

Special shout outs to a couple of Phoenix female firsts! Congratulations to Jeni for becoming Phoenix Taekwondo's **FIRST** female Junior Black Belt and Eunmi for receiving her official 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Black Belt certification from the Kukkiwon World Taekwondo Headquarters in Korea!



## ++ Important Dates

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: Final Sunday class before Christmas

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Final Wednesday class before Christmas

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Final Friday class before Christmas

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: First Friday class 2018!

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan: First Sunday class 2018!

Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Jan: First Wednesday class 2018!



## Phoenix Winter Club Grading

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November saw our Winter club Grading Examination for all Junior and Senior students. The turnout was vast, with over 80 students entering, from beginners attempting their first belt to those grading for 1<sup>st</sup> Kup Black Stripe, making their very last grading with the club before the Black Belt Nationals! This grading was immensely tough especially at the higher, advanced grade level and there were a fair number of unsuccessful candidates. The examiner was keen to point out that this was

not about the quality of the Taekwondo but essentially the high level set as the advanced grades move towards Black Belt. Once again the examiner singled out a select few, as the highest performers and most improved during the grading; awarding Grading Merit Certificates to Emily, Emily and Emily plus Ben, Oliver, Luke, William and Lennon.



**Grading Cakes:** We hope many of you took advantage of the post grading presentation cakes baked by Phoenix student Eirllys to support her volunteering to help poor communities in India next year. We managed to raise around £60 - Thanks!



## Phoenix TKD at the 2017 Didcot Business And Community Awards

Phoenix Taekwondo were extremely proud to attend the 2017 BACA awards. We were finalists for both the "Inspirational Youth Group" and the "Best Established Community Group" categories. This is a real testament to all our students and supporters and the work everyone has put in over the last year!



## Examiners at Il-Shim Taekwondo Grading Examination:

Phoenix instructors took time out to visit our friends again at Il-Shim Taekwondo in London, to act as examiners for their recent grading. As usual, we saw a very high standard from all the students who took part. We hope to enjoy more connections in the future!



## ++ This Months Little Dragons Tae-Yong Winners!

Well done to Eleanor, Charlie, Abigail and Jasmine for taking Tae-Yong home this month!! Who will it be next month?

