

## Top Hat launches hip-hop classes

Starting on Thursday 7th November at Stanley Park Juniors, Top Hat is opening a new Hip-Hop dance class which will run every Thursday.

Classes take place once a week, during school term time. No audition is necessary and the main emphasis in these classes is on having fun and keeping fit, whilst learning street dancing skills and choreography.

**PAY AS YOU GO:** £5.00 per week £4.00 for existing Top Hat Students  
Under 9s 5.00 till 6.00 Over 9s 6.15 till 7.00

Top Hat also holds Baby Ballet classes at Stanley Park Juniors for ages 2½ - 5 years. These classes run every Saturday.

They offer a child its first "Steps" into the wonderful world that is ballet through a fun movement dance class that gives your child the chance to enjoy and explore dance from a young age. Keep them active and teach them the basic disciplines and classroom manners in a safe, happy environment. The class isn't just to learn ballet steps, but also the discipline of ballet, as it is the core of all dance and performance.

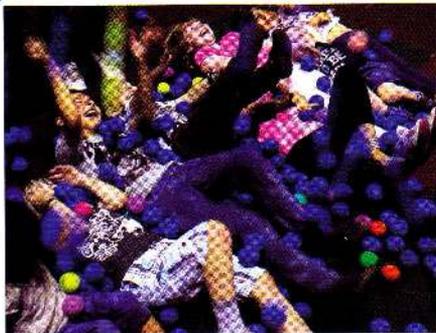
Terms are for 10 weeks and cost £38.50 for the full term, which must be paid termly. (£30 for existing Top Hat Students). **01737 831184**

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## Kidspace named as South London's best soft play centre

For the second year running, Kidspace has been officially named the best soft play centre in South London.

The indoor adventure park was given the title by leading retailer Mamas & Papas in its 'Mum and Dad's the Word Guide 2013'.



The guide states: "Attention to details shines through at Kidspace - someone in charge knows what kids and parents like. It has an airy, spacious feel with plenty of comfy seats for parents and the staff are smiley, friendly and helpful."

Kidspace joint owner Nick de Candole said: "We are thrilled to have won this award for the second consecutive year. It is extra special because it has been voted for by parents."

Kidspace Adventures is the largest indoor play centre in London. Facilities include their 30ft climbing wall, Go Kart track, Thunderball City and 4 extreme slides including a 26ft high black hole slide.

For more information visit [www.kidspaceadventures.com](http://www.kidspaceadventures.com) or call **020 8686 0040**.

## Stagecoach Coulsdon gives your child confidence

Since coming under new ownership 3½ years ago, Stagecoach Coulsdon has gone from strength to strength. It is run by professional actors Zoe and Glen McCready and their enthusiasm for the industry is clear to see.



More students than ever will appear in professional pantos this year. Stagecoach Coulsdon students will be seen performing in Carshalton, Sutton, Dorking and Sevenoaks.

After just two years with Stagecoach, Finlay, aged 7, appeared in the "Big Fat Quiz of the 80s" on Channel 4. Shaunna, aged 17, has appeared in "Law and Order UK" and a Bonjela commercial while Alex, 12, was in the acclaimed Channel 4 series "Southcliffe".

"But it's not all about performing professionally," says Principal Zoe, "many children join Stagecoach to improve their confidence or help with self-esteem. We must always remember that it is educational. If we don't enhance a child's academic performance then we aren't doing our job properly".

Stagecoach Coulsdon: **0845 078 0805**

[www.stagecoach.co.uk/coulsdon](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/coulsdon)

## CBeebies launches competition

The National Literacy Trust and CBeebies Magazine are launching a new competition in schools, childminders, children's centres, libraries, after-school clubs and nurseries to encourage 3 - 7 year olds to enjoy reading while having fun with their favourite CBeebies characters.



By taking part in the competition, children will share stories and complete fun activities along their journey through "CBeebies land." Children will visit much-loved characters from Tree Fu Tom in Treetopolis to Peter Rabbit in the English Countryside, and will have the chance to read stories about the characters and experience fun learning activities alongside many more popular CBeebies characters too.

Visit [www.literacytrust.org.uk](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk) to find out more, donate or sign up for a free email newsletter. They are also on Facebook and Twitter.

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