

Press Release – Falcons pass Teign View Test

Falcons Academy Gymnastics entered into the Teign View recreational competition for the first time and all of the gymnasts performed extremely well.

The competition, of which was the first for many of Falcons gymnasts, is intended for children that only participate in gymnastics classes for a maximum of two hours per. However, despite this, there was still the degree of competitiveness that is common amongst the full time gymnasts.

Falcons sole 5 Year old representative, **Alice Sumners**, bagged a marvellous overall 4th place in the 2005 category that included a third on beam (9.25) and a fantastic second on the Vault (9.60).

Competing in the 2004 category, 6 year olds **Darcy Lewis** and **Thea James** ended the day in 9th and 10th respective while **Emily Elder**'s second place Vault (8.40) saw her collect an overall bronze medal.

In a hotly contested 2003 category **Tara Davies** finished 13th overall and team mates **Sophie Evans** and **Sophie Gibson** came home joint ninth in group that saw the top 15 gymnasts separated by just a couple of points.

Sophie Hide and **Drew Williams** earned 7th and 9th respectively in a 2002 category that was dominated by **Paige Colville**. Paige, 8, posted top scores in both the Floor (8.60) and Beam (8.00) and claimed an excellent overall gold medal.

9 year olds **Daisy O'Leary** (18th), **Jolie Patterson** (17th), **Molly Hill** (15th) and **Fionn Harvey** (8th) enjoyed their first taste of competition with accomplished all round performances. Elsewhere, in the 2001 category **India Dunkley** secured 5th overall, aided by an excellent first on the Beam (8.70), and **Lauren Short** collected top spot on the Vault (9.45) and a terrific overall silver.

Holly Coles (23rd) and **Dion Sheppard** (22nd) more than held their own in the 2000 category. **Shannon Cohen** (16th) took second on the floor with an excellent 8.85 points. **Helaina Pickering** (11th) earned the joint highest score on Beam (8.25) with fellow Falcon, **Rhianna Johnstone**. Rhianna also picked up 2nd on the Floor as she came 8th overall for the day.

Falcons coach, Selina Platt, expressed how pleased she was of all the children that participated, saying "I am delighted that all of the children did so well. Despite this being the first competition for most of the girls, they performed brilliant and we can't wait for the next competition."