



Serving up an ace tennis programme for 2 to 6 year olds.

Topspin Monkeys
May 2015 Newsletter

I can't believe how quickly this year is going! It only seems like yesterday Christmas was with us and now summer is just around the corner. This term I have started 3 NEW classes due to increasing interest expressed by parents. Classes in Weybridge and East Horsley along with a completely new venue in West Byfleet have been added to the programme with more classes coming in September 2015. A few places are still available at each venue but all other classes are now full which is really fantastic news. Every so often, I offer additional trial classes to parents in preparation for a new term of classes. If you have any friends who would be interested in a free trial class, please let me know. Remember, I give your child a free lesson as my way of saying 'thank you.'

With parents contacting me every week and wanting to keep up with increasing demand, I am keen to take on another coach. Ideally, I would like to take on a female coach as a role model for all the little girls, but finding a female coach is not easy. If any of you know anybody who could or would be interested in the role, please get in touch.

Talking of coaches, I would like to recognize the great work that my 3 Saturday coaching assistants do at my Nescot venue. Sam, Jess and Caitlin are doing a great job helping me to inspire the next generation. All of them are about to do their 'A/S' or 'A' levels so 'Good Luck' and hope you get the results you truly deserve.

Did you know we did Birthday parties? This year we have already done 2 parties with more booked in the coming months. Back in March we did a 'Frozen' themed tennis party which was great fun to do. 'Let it snow', 'Building a Snowman' and other games were on the menu to make the little girls party really special. We are always happy to discuss potential party themes, so please contact me if there is something you would like us to do to make your child's party a special memory.

Have you heard of Kallikids.com? KalliKids is a brand accreditation for family and children's activities where all activity providers are trusted and approved. Thank you to all parents who have written testimonials for us and it is great to see all of them as 5 star ratings. If you would like to help, please visit <http://www.kallikids.com/en/provider-detail.cfm/page/topspin-monkeys> and complete the 'give your feedback' section.

The good news is that last September, Topspin Monkeys won two awards; we were runners up in the Kallikids Award 2014 award for 'Best Pre-School Class for 2-5 year olds and 3rd for Best Sports Activity. Thank you to all of you who nominated us for these awards.



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In addition, I have taken part in Kallikids 'Sponsored Child' initiative. For the past year, I have sponsored a child to attend our classes for free. It has been a real pleasure to see this little girl blossom with confidence and improve her tennis skills. What is even better news is she has continued classes with us. This year, I am sponsoring a little boy and hope that he enjoys the classes just as much.

This time last year, I had just started my LTA level 3 qualification. Recognized as one of the hardest levels to achieve, I am so pleased to have it on my resume. Since then, I have updated my first aid training plus a safeguarding course. I love learning about how tennis is taught around the world but especially in Spain where the top players train. I recently did a course to learn the 'Spanish way' of coaching and intend to do further courses on the Spanish system in the coming months.

With the summer just around the corner, it is important that children attend class in the right attire. Sandals, especially Crocs can be dangerous footwear when running around in class. Please can I ask that parents ensure proper footwear is worn at all times to keep all children safe.

Summer also provides further opportunities to have a hit in the garden or in the local park with your child.

At Topspin Monkeys, you can purchase rackets, balls and even portable nets for you to enjoy the game of tennis with the whole family. Check out our 'Extras' page, or speak to myself in class or drop me an email for further details.

Did you know we are on Facebook and Twitter? Our Facebook and Twitter page includes news, reviews and updates on a daily basis on what is going on at Topspin Monkeys. So why not click www.Facebook.com/TopspinMonkeys and give us a 'Like' similarly @TopspinMonkeys and send us a Tweet! It would be great to see us reach 300 followers on Facebook (currently 298) and 500 followers on Twitter (currently 465) so please share with friends and family.

That's it for now, but on the behalf of both Smash and myself we wanted to say 'thank you' for your continued support and wish you a great summer of tennis!

See you soon



Andy and Smash

