

# Tobi Ishi Kai Karate Schools 飛石会

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## Girls Celebrate Double Gold at Europeans

Two Tobi Ishi Kai students impressed European judges to take gold in their individual categories in the European Championships held in Maidenhead in November. Both Katrina Wilson and Chloe Hooper won titles in the under 13's and under 16's categories and then succeeded in gaining a further gold medal in the juniors team event along with fellow team member Tanith Ludlam.



Both girls are now training hard for the British Championships in May, the Europeans next November and the World Championships to be held next year in Canada. Well done girls!

## Top Success at Mushindo Champs

On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> January, Tobi Ishi Kai Karate Schools entered 37 Students into the Mushindo Wado Kai Karate Kata Championships in Wolverhampton. This was the first Tournament of the year and for many of the team, this was the first time competing in a Championship.

Students surpassed our hopes by achieving a tally of 40 medals, including 13 Gold, 8 Silver and 19 Bronze shared between 22 students.

The highlights of the day were many, Katrina Wilson and Chloe Hooper (both aged 13 and ranked European and England No1 in their categories) beat the England Senior Pairs Team to win Gold.

Kathleen Finney won her first individual Gold in the 10 to 12 age group.

Tara Wilson won Gold in the 9 years and under 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu and above section (first time at this higher level). Emily Davies won Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in individual, pairs and team events at her first Championships.

Katrina Wilson and Chloe Hooper destroyed the other competitors in Individual, Pairs and Teams, winning 3 Gold medals in each of their events.

Well deserved Gold medals were also won by Rebekah Bennett, and both Callum Whatmore and Alexandra Haffner in their first Championships.

Sensei Mark Beeby and Sensei Justine Wilson were awarded the Championship Cup for the best school performance on the day, both gave their special thanks to all the students for fantastic performances and to the parents for their wonderful support and encouragement. The school received high praise from the judges for the excellent way that the team performed and conducted themselves and for the high level of sportsmanship shown from all involved with Tobi Ishi Kai.



**Full Medal List:-** Katrina Wilson 3 Gold, Chloe Hooper 3 Gold, Emily Davies 1 Gold 1 Silver 1 Bronze, Rebekah Bennett 1 Gold 1 Silver, Tanith Ludlam 1 Gold 1 Silver, Tara Wilson 1 Gold 1 Bronze, Kathleen Finney 1 Gold 1 Bronze, Callum Whatmore 1 Gold 1 Bronze, Alexandra

Haffner 1 Gold, Natasha Smith 1 Silver 2 Bronze, James Baker 1 Silver 1 Bronze, Daniel Banks 1 Silver 1 Bronze, Nicolas Watterson 1 Silver 1 Bronze, Zachary Vallely 1 Silver 1 Bronze, Natalie Higgins 2 Bronze, Bryony Danks 1 Bronze, Cerys Danks 1 Bronze, Thomas Fantom 1 Bronze, Charlotte Hopson 1 Bronze, Pheobe Graver 1 Bronze, Harry Robbins 1 Bronze and Philip Baker 1 Bronze.

## Raffle to support our students

With Tobi Ishi Kai Karate Schools now recognised as Englands top Wadokai Kata School, the pressure is on to keep up our reputation by continuing to teach an excellent standard of kata to our students. We now have a large number of promising young students wishing to enter competitions and we have no doubt that a number of these students will be Champions of the future.

In order to support students in their future success we have started a raffle to raise funds.



It is intended that money raised will assist in the purchase of equipment necessary for the students to train with some funds being put towards the squad team members.

Please help, this is to support your children.

Tickets are only £1 (strip of 5 tickets), there are many prizes to be won including £20 cash back off your membership – ‘definitely worth the £1’

If any parents are able to offer prizes please let us know – it all helps.

## Grading Dates / Diary Dates

### GRADINGS

25 <sup>th</sup> March	Droitwich Leisure Centre
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Droitwich Leisure Centre
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Droitwich Leisure Centre
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Droitwich Leisure Centre

### COMPETITIONS

6<sup>th</sup> May West Bromich Kata Comp

19<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup> May Wadokai England National Championships

Students will be selected during Squad training sessions.

15<sup>th</sup> July Tobi Ishi Kai Kata Competition

### ADDITIONAL DATES

10<sup>th</sup> March No Saturday Class at Lyppards

29<sup>th</sup> March GRADING PRESENTATION to be held Perdiswell Leisure Centre 5pm

See website for more information [www.tobiishikai.co.uk](http://www.tobiishikai.co.uk)

Throughout the year and during gradings there are a number of students who stand out, so during the presentation evenings a number of special awards / certificates will be given out. Please make sure you attend.

## Sparring Equipment for Health & Safety

With new regulations from the Japanese Karate Federation and our own health & safety policies, we can no longer allow children to participate in sparring sessions unless they wear the appropriate protective equipment. For hygiene, it is recommended that students acquire their own equipment before Orange belt level. The full kit should include the following:

Headguard, competition mitts, shin and foot protection, gum shield and groin guard for boys, although initially children will need only competition mitts and contact boots.

This equipment can be purchased at a discounted price from Tobi Ishi Kai.

## Tobi Ishi Kai Karate Cubs



New classes for 4 – 6 years started in November at Perdiswell Leisure Centre in the dance studio. This special 45 minute class has a curriculum designed to maximize on potential by retaining a child's focus with a programme based on fun dynamic movement. I would like to congratulate our new Tigers in achieving their first belt, these children make the last lesson of the week fun and a joy to teach.

To enrol your child on this programme please call Justine Wilson on 07793212426 to reserve your child's place. Numbers will be restricted.