



# Newsletter

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*"You get what you work for,  
not what you wish for"*

🌟 December Delights: Unwrap the Magic of the Season with Kazokudai Karate 🌲

As we bid farewell to autumn's golden embrace, December arrives with a burst of festive cheer and the promise of a new year on the horizon. This month, we are delighted to bring you the latest edition of our newsletter, with exciting updates, and a glimpse of what is to come.

Sensei Bianca becomes the highest ranked female instructor in JKA England!!

Sensei Bianca travelled to the Netherlands at the end of November to extend her karate knowledge with 3 days of intensive training with some of the best instructors in the world. At the same time she took on the challenge of the international examinations for Referee and Instructor.

Sensei aced the theory and practical examinations. We are really proud of her.



## **Honbu Instructor in Leicester:**

On Wednesday 29/11/2023

We had the privilege of hosting a JKA HQ Instructor: Shimizu Sensei.

A small group of 15 were selected to attend, and WOW were we all amazed at what we can still learn about this amazing martial art that is called karate.

We even have a few new star struck members.



International Winter Course:

December 1 - 3: A few from Kazokudai Karate attended the International course at the K2 in Crawley. We trained with Ohta Sensei 7th Dan JKA England Chief Instructor, Shimizu Sensei 6th Dan and Kurihara Sensei 6th Dan both from the JKA HQ in Japan. 3 days of excellent training and learning loads. So much experience was gained.



**Celebrating our Members:**

Luke D had his charity bout in November - he put his body on the line to fight in a MMA ring, he attended extra trainings in various styles for 8 weeks to get himself ready - as well as get ready for his own karate grading. Luke we are proud, thank you for your effort.

Luke won the top fundraiser on the night!! Everyone who attended to support Luke thank you.



Arthur B and his tram do it again!!

Arthur is part of a Gymnastics team who are getting better and better - they recently won Silver in a competition in November.



Alice F is a girl with many Talents!

In November Alice won the Gold medal in the regional table tennis event. Wow what else cant this girl do?



Bella F - has come in as runner up in the Girls on Track - rising stars program. Congrats Bella, I'm am sure you had an amazing experience!



We are proud of our members that not only are they talented at karate, they are also great at other activities.

As a club we have been part of Easyfundraising:

It is a easy way to help raise funds, is at NO extra cost to you - all you do is download the app, register an account, and whenever you would like to buy something online, all you do is go thru the easyfundraising app - and make your purchase with the company you would like to use eg. Amazon, eBay, Tu Clothing, M&S etc.



Thank you to all our supporters so far who have been using the App. - the donations are greatly appreciated and will go towards purchasing some equipment for us to use in the dojo.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kazokudaikarate/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=whatsapp&utm\\_content=rm-wa-1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kazokudaikarate/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=whatsapp&utm_content=rm-wa-1)

Our Top Fundraisers this month are: Kevin W, Marian B, Amy N, Jo W, Sam S.

## Birthday Club:

We have a few members that celebrate their birthdays in December:

LIZ A	Amy P	Carter M
Sam S	Sienna E	Kohen M
Jenson R	Zachary S	Carson D
Noah C	Ben W	Archie P
Bodhi F		



We at Kazokudai Karate wish you a VERY happy birthday and hope you have an amazing day! If we have missed your birthday for this month – just let me know and we can add you.

## Our New Warriors:

Our Kazokudai Karate family would like to extend a very warm welcome our New Warriors who have tried our 4 week beginners program and are continuing their karate journey with us:

Harry L	Archie R	Annabel B
Sienna M	Qudwah S	



Welcome, hope your journey with us is long and successful!

Do you know of anyone who needs help with confidence, fitness or just to make friends, why not invite them to come and give our program a go – you have seen and experienced what we are able to provide.

All you need to do is please forward them this link:

<https://mailchi.mp/cb8d49b0515e/vtwe6cd85c>

## **Dates for your Diary:**

- \*16/12/2023 – Christmas Movie Night
- \*22/12 – 10/01/2024 – Dojo Closed
- \*10/01/2024 – Dojo Open
- \*21/01/2024 – JKA National Kata Course – Hatfield
- \*04/02/2024 – JKA Referee Course – Black belts only
- \*09/03/2024 – Club Grading
- \*26/04 – 28/04/2024 – JKAE International Course, K2 Crawley
- \*19/05/2024 – JKAE Regional Course



The Spring International Course at the K2 is a GREAT opportunity to train with the Japanese instructors that travel in from Japan.

EVERYONE is welcome - all grades.

We generally make a weekend of it - but if you only have 1 day available - you can just train for 1 day.

We're looking forward to a fantastic month of training, personal growth, and camaraderie at Kazokudai Karate. Remember that your journey in karate is not only about self-defense and physical fitness; it's also about self-discovery, discipline, and building a strong character.

So until our next newsletter,

“train man train”, ( Sensei Stan Schmidt )

Oss Sensei Bianca and the Kazokudai Karate Team

