



Southwark City Tennis Club

2009 Jack Petchey Award Winners

Jack Petchey Leader Award 2009



Milton Gayle has been a dedicated coach with Southwark City Tennis Club for five years now. He works with children afterschool and at local schools. One of the parents said that her son had found his lessons the best part about school. He is also working on the big Aylesbury Estate doing informal tennis classes. Sometimes the children aren't interested in tennis but he involves and encourages them and makes them feel it is something that they can do and achieve at.

He works very hard having to travel between 6 different schools in Southwark, the Aylesbury Estate, the Bradfield Youth Centre and Geraldine Mary Harmsworth and Burgess Park to deliver lessons. Earlier in the year he met the Duke of Edinburgh who came to the Bradfield Youth Centre and saw one of his classes. Sometimes he starts work at schools at 9am and won't be finished coaching until 8pm.

He has the highest coaching award from the Lawn Tennis Association, the Professional Coach Award. He has kept up to date by taking courses every year and is a licensed coach.

He organises the coaching well and focuses on getting the basics right. He is always encouraging and positive with the children and wants them to do well. Some comments in nominating him included:

"I would like to vote for Milton to receive the Jack Petchey Leader Award. My reason is because I feel that, he is a very well trained coach and he knows how to train others at all levels and treats children and adults with respect and dignity. "I strongly think he deserves such award for his motivation to others, good personality and skills of tennis." "I believe he is a great coach who supports young people playing tennis. He is committed to helping and is a friendly person." Milton is down to earth and relates well to older children and the boys look up to him. The children enjoy his classes and he encourages them to achieve.

Jack Petchey Achievement Awards 2009

Congratulations and thanks to Milton and also to all our young Jack Petchey award winners for their hard work.

Jan - Olivia Thompson,
Feb - Jessica Anyan-Brown
Mar - Ryan Morris
Apr - Memuna Koroma
May -Laila Mnini
Jun - Damilola Muyi-Opakye
Oct - Jinal Patel
Nov - Tom Baidoo
Dec - Diana Poveda

The awards have been used to buy rackets, provide free coaching, enabled children to play in competitions, and the latest awards will be used towards the purchase of a laptop computer and video camera to enable the use of video tennis analysis.

Milton and the juniors received their awards at our annual Christmas party attending by over 60 children and their parents.



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The Jack Petchey Foundation

Established in 1999, The Jack Petchey Foundation gives grants to programmes and projects that benefit young people aged 11-25. The Foundation is eager to help young people take advantage of opportunities and play a full part in society. The major focus of our work is the Achievement Award Scheme. The Foundation focuses on London and Essex. Since it has been established the Foundation has awarded grants totalling over £60million.

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