

## Yoga with Adele November Newsletter

## Pose of the Month: Chair Toe Balance

This pose strengthens the feet and ankles, stretches the thighs and works the core muscles. It is also a good pose for improving balance in other poses such as Deep full squats, Pistol pose or Tiptoe pose.



## 10 Health Benefits of

Avocado

- 1. May reduce risk factors for heart disease
- 2. Contributes to 8% of daily fiber
- 3. Aids in stablilizing blood sugar
- 4. Source of naturally good fats
- 5. Great source of potassium
- 6. Maintains a healthy heart
- 7. Boosts immune system
- 8. Makes your skin glow
- 9. Anti-Inflammatory
- 10. Anti-aging



Colder weather is approaching, so please wear extra layers/bring blankets for the Relaxation part of the classes. Some of the venues can feel a bit chilly at times & cold muscles cramp more!

## "Alzheimer's Comes out of Everywhere"

During my recent week off I attended a fascinating webinar about Dementia and Alzheimer's which was presented by Fitness Professional Jonathon Ross and I just wanted to share just a few of the 18 major health and lifestyle factors that are related to Alzheimer's risk.

- 1. <u>Genetics</u> may load the Dementia gun, but it is ultimately our lifestyle choices which fire it. Our 'Brain health' is in our hands and not just in our genes.
- 2. Sleep Our brain basically cleans itself up from bad chemicals as we sleep... aim for around 7 or 8 hours sleep per night.
- 3. <u>Gut Microbiome</u> Dementia risk is increased by bad bacteria in our gut. Basically, good foods feed the good bacteria, bad food feeds the bad bacteria...there is a battle going on in your gut between the bacteria ...so feed the ones you want to win! [I'm not going to bore you with what is good and bad food ...you all know this already [5]
- 4. Strength training. Releases the hormone 'Irisin' which reduces the neuro-inflammation visible in Alzheimer's sufferers. Yet another reason why we should all lift weights.
- 5. Physical activity with a 'Cognitive challenge' E.g. such as assigning numbers 1,2,3,4 to our limbs and then moving in specific order. I will be including this in my Monday morning classes soon.
- 6. Get Active. Meeting the physical activity guidelines of 150 or more minutes a week of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity

Have a great Month... See you in Class ... Adele xx

