

# Bluefins Lessons News



February 2007



## Sponsored Swim

Congratulations to those swimmers who took part in our Sponsored swim on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, to raise money both for the Club and for our partner charity, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. They raised over £1,000, so that together with the money raised the previous week at the Aquadrome, we should have around £5,000.

If anyone still has money to return, please do so as soon as possible so that we can send off their share to the Trust.

Although I was unable to be there, I'm told that particular mention should be made of the following:



**Chaz Monk:** (aged 3!) for top boy in fundraising – and for having the largest number of supporters!

**Karla Brown:** top girl in fundraising.



**Eloise Trowbridge:** for the bubbliest swimmer – and the most talkative!

**Joel Shepperd:** for the greatest distance in the time allowed – 640 metres!



Keep your eyes open for the next opportunity to swim as far as possible, raise funds and have fun!!



## New teachers



Those of you who go along to Saturday lessons will know that we have been running a course for new teachers over the past few weeks. At the end of the course, Bluefins will have 6 new teachers. Most of them will be familiar to you as they have been Water Helpers with us for some time. Some have already been able to teach at levels 1 & 2, but will now be able to teach throughout the pool. Welcome to:

Laura	Jemma	Sophie D
Sophie W	Steph	Tom

Bluefins intends to run two courses per year for Level 1 teachers; if you are interested in taking a course, please let me know. You just need to be a reasonable swimmer and to be at least 16 years of age – and, of course, you must be keen to help our children learn this necessary life skill.

## Water Helpers

Following the last Newsletter, I now have a healthy list of prospective helpers. Some of them will be starting soon as replacements for the new teachers named above. Watch out for them – they will probably be feeling quite insecure to start with!



## Certificates and badges

A reminder that requests for awards should now come to me. I am quite happy to receive requests by email to save you the trouble of posting the slip. All requests by 17<sup>th</sup> February, please. I intend to get the awards to you during February – if you don't receive it, please contact me.

Don't forget – there is no payment due for awards – they are part of your course fee.

## New block of lessons and holiday dates

I'd like to remind you that we don't stop lessons between blocks – although you may receive your report two weeks before the date of the new block, you should still go along to your lesson at the old time until the beginning of the new block. In general, we swim every week with the exception of:  
 2 weeks at Easter  
 2 weeks at Christmas  
 5/6 weeks in July/August.

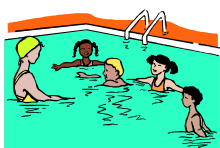
Please take note of the dates which come on your Lesson confirmation letter – and watch our website for any updated info.

**This half term, there is one exception – no lesson on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at QMC due to maintenance work at the pool. Cranbourne continues as usual.**

## Club Championships



These will be held at the Aquadrome in May and will be open to all swimmers from Level 3 onwards who are confident enough to swim 25metres in deep water. More details to follow.



## Crash Courses

For those of you who have enquired, we will not be running a Crash Course during February half term, but be on the lookout for one during the Easter break. If you haven't heard about our holiday courses, these usually run every day for a week at a VERY tempting price! More details nearer the time, but please feel free to express your interest as soon as you like, to be sure of a place! You can do this by email or by speaking to me on poolside.

## Changing Rooms

There are issues with changing rooms at both Cranbourne and QMC.

It is important that children's clothes are not left unattended at either venue – it is just common sense as the changing rooms are not supervised and items of clothing have been known to disappear – sometimes whole sets of clothing have gone missing, suggesting that outsiders have come in.

**At QMC**, there are lockers available – please use them or take clothes onto poolside – for everyone's sake, do not leave them in cubicles in an attempt to save a

space for your child. Items left in this way will be removed.

**At Cranbourne** please take all items with you – it is perhaps sensible to bring a bag to make carrying things easier!

As there are separate Boys and Girls changing rooms, **children from aged eight onwards must change in their own section** to give privacy to our older swimmers (and Water Helpers!) Parents are requested to use the appropriate changing room if they need to be on hand to help their younger children.

Your help in these matters is appreciated at both venues.

## Email addresses

These are so useful for keeping you up to date – especially if unforeseen cancellations happen – please give me your email address if you have one – and make sure the one I have is correct. Check your Lesson confirmation letter if you're not sure what I have.

## Provisional Lessons Programme from Feb 07

Mon	CB	5.00	1	2	3	4	6
		5.30	2	2	3	3	5
		6.00	7	8	9		
Tue	CB	5.00	1	2	4	6	
		5.30	2	2	3	4	5/6
		6.00	1	7	8	9	
Wed	CB	5.00	1	3	5		
		5.30	2	2	4	6	
		6.00	1/2	7	8		
Thur	QMC	4.00	1	2	3	5	
		4.30	1	2	3	4	6
		5.00	7	8	9		
Fri	CB	6.30	1	2	3	6	
		7.00	2	3	4	5/6	
		7.30	7	8			
Sat	CB	9.30	7	8			
		10.00	2	2	3	6	
		10.30	1	2	3	5	
		11.00	1	2	4	5	
		11.30	7	8	9		
Sun	CB	9.30	7	8	9		
		10.00	1	2	3 / 4	5	6
		10.30	1	2	Tads	x 4	
		11.00	1	2	3	4	6

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