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Survive and Save Club Newsletter – April 2009



THANK YOU!

It's been a while since a newsletter has come out. We thank you for your patience as last term was difficult at times. As most of you are aware, we in conjunction with Survive and Save Training run a number of teacher training courses for both members of this club and people from other clubs. From consultation with you, our observations and discussions on the executive committee, we shall be addressing the timekeeping of lessons to ensure the full amount of time allocated is delivered. In addition, we are looking at the quality of what is being delivered, so there will be greater number of staff observations. Whilst we are going to work hard to resolve these points some issues have been caused by pupils with regard to behaviour, lack of attendance and punctuality. So we would ask you to help us by addressing these points.

Swim 21 & Aquamark Update

We are currently in the final stages of submitting our portfolios for Swim 21 Teaching re-accreditation and for the Aquamark Premier Status. Swim 21 is the national quality mark for swimming clubs. Aquamark is the professional quality standard for learn to swim programmes completed normally by swim schools and leisure centres. Sue Webb is our appointed Aquamark assessor again, having accredited us at the approved status. She will be looking at the marketing, publicity and the strategic running of the club. Sue will be visiting us very soon.

We need you!

The Executive Committee needs your help in the day-to-day running of the club. There are vacancies for a club secretary, publicity officer and executive member. The job descriptions for all posts for example, Chair, Membership secretary, Education & Development officer are available from the front desk. If you are interested in supporting and helping us, please enquire at the desk, even if this is a small amount of time, it would enhance the running of the club.



Working with other clubs

If you are in the learn to swim programme and completing the competitive swimming discipline at stages 8 – 10, and want to get involved more, you can contact either Harrow and Wealdstone Swimming Club or Ruislip and Northwood Swim Squad. Please ask at the desk for contact details. We are currently working with Harrow Kingfisher Swimming Club for Disabled People in running a helpers and level 1 teacher training courses.

Welfare

Ensuring that all children are safe and their welfare is important. Should there be a concern about any welfare issues, our current **welfare officer** is **Sally Baldwin**. Any suspicions or concerns should be reported to her.

National Plan for Teaching Swimming!



We have a number of vacancies for all stages and application available at the front desk, this includes classes for adults. So swimmers why not ask a friend to join, parents why not learn or improve your swimming in time for the summer holiday!

Congratulations to the following swimmers who have successfully completed awards last term:

Stage 1	Sakina Rahemani, Illesh Pal, Davina Pal, Janvi Kotecha, Harsh Shah & Ayushi Patel
Stage 2	Ben Walsh, Shyaam Rajani, Simran Panesar & Mathushan Suganthan
Stage 3	Michael O'Dwyer, Vaspan Sarkari, Shruti Patel, Eesha Madhaparia, Sabiha Rahemani, Jeremie Amade, Joel Amade, Prithvi Nakrani & Dhaval Soneji
Stage 4	Neya Patel, Bhavika Patel, Dhyani Patel & Lucy Needham
Stage 5	Haripriya Vara, Nikita Shah, Gowtham Baheerathan & Elsie Ayuko
Stage 6	Eleanor Daly, Harshil Kalaiya, Arjoon Sivakumar, Sailee Khurjekar, Ria Vekaria, Jayna Gorasia, Daniella Harris & Murtaza Mamdani
Stage 7	Dharshil Khetani, Tilak Parekh, Sachin Ketani, Emma Riordan & Shivani Shah

Stage 8 Competitive Swimming Rikhil Raithatha, Samuel Robinson, Hunsal Patel

Swimming certificates are available at the front desk for all the students who have passed their last stage - £2 each.

The Aquatics programme now established at stages 8 & 9 will continue to complete the competitive swimming and Rookie Lifeguard elements and possibly have some attempts at Flip'N Fun or AquaFUN.

Congratulations

The **Fred chance trophy** jointly goes to Ilesh Pal and Davina Pal. Fred Chance Certificates to go to the following Harsh Shah, Sakina Rehemani, Janvi Kotecha and Ayushi Patel.

Congratulations to Hannah O'Brien, Nicholas Cheung, Junior Adeboye and Ayyub Ali for passing their **Bronze Medallion**.

Our teaching staff has been strengthened. Congratulations to Akshar Shah and Bhavesh Patel for gaining their ASA/UKCC Level 1 Certificate for Teaching Aquatics. We welcome back Asanka Wijendra a Level 2 Teacher and Lifeguard who has completed his Life Support 3 again. Well done to Tom Journet who renewed his RLSS National Pool Lifeguard Qualification. We also welcome Bhavesh Patel, Akshar Shah, Jenade Corriette, Kate James, and Nirali Hathi who are now probationary RLSS Assistant Teachers for Lifesaving. Well done to David Drohan who is also completed the course and since has qualified as an RLSS Assistant Teacher. Well done to Sally Baldwin, our chair who has completed her ASA/UKCC Level 2 Certificate for Teaching Aquatics! (At last!) In addition, 8 members attended our organised Sports Coach UK Equity in Your Coaching seminar and 9 members on the How to Coach Disabled People in Sport.

Reminders!

All swimmers are required to wear a swim hat in both teaching pool and main pool. All those involved in lifesaving classes will be required to wear a swimming hat at the discretion of the teacher if is considered necessary for safety reasons. Swim hats are available to purchase for £2 from the front desk.

Absolutely **no jewellery** is to be worn, including religious items, during club sessions in the pool. This is for health and safety purposes and admission to classes will not be allowed where jewellery is worn.

Both of these policies will be strictly enforced from Friday 1 May 2009.