

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

From January 2010 Bridport Leisure Centre's Bigfish Swim School will be introducing its own Bigfish Swim School Award Scheme, in conjunction with the ASA Rainbow Distance and other Awards.

The ASA has recently reviewed its National Plan for Teaching Swimming, (NPTS Levels 1-12), which it launched in 2000. After careful consideration and much debate between our Swimming Teachers we felt that the ASA's new NPTS, (Stages 1-7), did not provide us with a good basis for our lessons. We are not alone in feeling that the ASA's new NPTS is lacking in some respects and several other Centres having decided to utilise the new scheme have made amendments to it to suit their needs. This means the ideal of a National Plan is no longer viable. Some other Centres are using their own scheme or looking to other providers.

Instead of using the ASA's new NPTS and making our own alterations to it we have decided to introduce our own Bigfish Swim School Award Scheme. The major benefit of this will be that we will be introducing a scheme tailor made for our facilities and our swimmers, not trying to fit them into someone else's scheme. We will also be able to ensure we are all working to the same standard and produce a working guide for our Swimming Teachers of our scheme for our swimmers.

“ We will aim to deliver our usual high standard of swimming teaching utilising an award scheme tailor made for our facilities and swimmers. Where appropriate the ASA Rainbow Distance and other Awards may be used in conjunction with our scheme to enable a swimmer to progress from a learner to a well rounded safe and able swimmer who can go on to other aquatic sports with a good foundation.”

The Bigfish Swim School Award Scheme will continue to provide swimming lessons at the times it does now and the majority of swimmers will swim at the same time and progress to the next level as they do now. The Ducklings Foundation Levels will remain unchanged. Lessons in the Learner Pool will start with New to Swim and progress through another 4 Levels. There will also be 4 levels in the Main Pool. During the holidays we will continue to provide intensive swimming courses in both the Learner and Main Pools and where appropriate deliver taster courses in Rookie Lifeguard, Synchronised Swimming as well as taster sessions in Diving and Mini Polo. The Mini Polo and Water Polo sessions on a Monday in association with BBSC will remain unchanged, as will the Bigfish Adult Lessons.

Which brings me to the next announcement.....

The Bigfish Swim School Award Scheme Levels need names!

Please see over for details



We will be running a competition to name the levels in the Bigfish Swim School Award Scheme. There will be a competition for the Learner Pool and one for the Main Pool.

You will need to put your ideas in the boxes below, either as words eg "Sharks" or as a drawing.

Main/Learner Pool 4pm NAME.....	Main/Learner Pool 4.30pm NAME.....
Main/Learner Pool 5pm NAME.....	Main/Learner Pool 5.30pm NAME.....

To enter the competition please fill in your details and return to Penny by Friday 23rd October 2009.

Name.....Age.....

Lesson Level and Day.....

The winning names will be chosen by a panel of judges and developed into the Badges and Certificates for the Bigfish Swim School Award Scheme

More details of our Bigfish Swim School Award Scheme will be available soon.

If you have any queries or wish to join Bigfish swimming lessons please contact Penny Steventon, Swimming Co-ordinator on 01308 427464 Ex 210

