NEWSLETTER

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Dates for Your Diary

5th May	*No sessions*
17th May	*Badge Day*
11th June	*Senior Activity Night Out*
14th June	*Junior Club Gala*
18th June	*Junior Activity Night Out (11 years and under)*

BADGE DAY

Every year we run a distance badge day for swimmers. All of the kids are encouraged to participate. And certificates and badges will be given out on the day. Children should arrive anytime between 11.30 and 1.00pm, with the 1000 m being the maximum distance that can be swum. There will be no beginners sessions that day but beginners will be given the opportunity to try for their 5m badge in their normal sessions the prior week. It's a great morning with lots of encouragement and plenty of surprised parents when they see just what their little angel is capable of !

JUNIOR GALA

The Junior Gala will be held on Saturday 14th June in Templemore. It is often the first opportunity for our youngest swimmers to actually get involved in racing against others. The teachers will eb encouraging your child to participate and you will see some practicing of lengths happening in the next 6 weeks in preparation for the big day. Children will only be entered in the races that they are capable of swimming - so if your child looks like they need rescued when swimming butterfly, don't worry they'll not be entered in that race! Grannies, Grandas, brothers, sisters etc all welcome to come along and cheer - in fact the noise level is such that ear plugs could be advisable. An award ceremony is held at the end and every child gets a wee something to take away. One not to be missed - in fact we may even consider a parents race!

END OF SEASON ACTIVITY NIGHTS

Last year we ran a couple of activity nights for the kids at the Scout Centre at Crawfordsburn. Archery, climbing, orienteering, plate golf and BBQ. Despite the lashing rain the kids had a ball whilst the parents huddled round the BBQ. We'll be running these nights again this year, so keep your diary free and details will follow.

SUMMER SWIM SCHOOL

Application forms for the summer school are now available and can be downloaded from the website. Numbers are limited so we would encourage an early response. The school will run over 2 weeks: 4th -8th August and 11th-15th August . The sessions will be taken by Mark with Fiona taking the junior competitive sessions.

SESSION FEES

We have now entered the last payment period and you will have received your slips. Please return asap. Any queries contact Claire on 07763826688 or email clairemcgonigle@aol.com.

New Assistant Teachers

Congratulations to our newly qualified assistants:

- Alison Honnan
- Natalie Rowe
- Graeme Johnston

Well done. Any other budding teachers out there please let us know.

National Teaching Plan

The club is in the process of introducing the National Teaching Plan. You will have been aware of children being assessed in a range of swimming techniques and skills . This is to enable us to place your child in the most appropriate level of the NTP once it is introduced in September. Please bear with us whilst we establish this teaching programme and feel free to speak to any of the teachers if you have any queries.. More information will be sent out in due course.

Speak to your Coaches

If you have any questions or concerns relating to your child's progress, or you are unclear about the structure of sessions, please speak directly to the coaches after the session.

Be Informed

The Club has a website and a notice board. Please use them. It is frustrating when parents say they didn't know about something simply because they haven't read the boards. Email information is straight to your desk so go on an register on the site.