



Newsletter



TERM DATES

Our current term completes on Sunday 11th February. (except for Valley School which finishes on Thursday 15th February) Next term will begin the week of Monday 19th February (Valley School, Wednesday 28th).

This will be a ten week term (9 weeks for Monday classes due to the May bank holiday and at Valley School). There will be a 2 week break between Monday 2nd April and Sunday 15th April for Easter. The courses finish Sunday 13th May

Course fees are £95 any (£85.50 Monday classes and Valley School)

Out summer term will begin the week of Monday 14th May for a 10 week term.

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Welcome on board Carol!

A management change has recently occurred. Aqua Babies is pleased to announce that from immediate effect Carol will be joining Wendy as co director. Carol is known to some of you as your teacher and has been with us for 2 1/2 years. She also brings with her a wealth of expertise and knowledge from previous positions held within the specialisms of management, training and development. The positive contribution she is expected to make will ensure Aqua Babies retains its competitive edge within the field of baby swimming as well as enhance the continued growth and success to become the market leader. She initially aims to strengthen our focus and ability to provide excellent customer care as well as

support all the training and development needs of our staff team. We wish Carol every success with her new role!

Plans for Splash Swim School

Aqua Babies is currently in the process of buying the pool from the current owners of Splash Swim School!

We hope to complete the process shortly and will then have full responsibility for the pool. We have noted your feedback, comments, requests and ideas with regards to the building and will let you know our program of adjust-

ments to changing rooms, showers and general refurbishment as soon as we can. We will complete each refurbishment in stages with as little disruption as possible, hopefully completing larger jobs during holiday periods.

Those of you with older children attending Splash swim school, your classes will carry on as normal as the Splash-swim school will also still run from the building.

You requested...

A number of you have requested that term dates remain up on poolside after rebooking has finished. We have looked into this and will be displaying them at all pools where possible.

BIG THANK YOU! OVER £1,500 RAISED!

As some of you may remember Three members of the Aqua Babies team ran 10k races in 2006. They all did really well and completed the distance! (Carol, Sue and Wendy). Over all over£1,500 was raised for 3 causes; The Birches special school, Didsbury. The Royal school for the Deaf, Cheadle Hulme and

the Bob the Builder appeal for the Manchester Children's hospitals.

A really big thank you to all who contributed by sponsoring us. We have already got our places in the 2007 Great Manchester Run with Paula, and Helen joining us!



Raising funds for The Royal Schools For The Deaf

Fond farewells and introductions...

The end of January saw one of our longstanding teachers saying her farewells.

Emma Clancy has taught at many pools and been a committed teacher, She has seen many babies through from a few weeks old to energetic pre schoolers and then their siblings! Her last year was spent teaching the babies and toddlers at Valley School in Bramhall where we are sure she will be missed.

Any parents who have had Emma as their teacher wishing to send farewell messages please do so through the office and we will gladly pass them on to her. We wish her the best with moving on!

We also introduce to you:

Mark Johnson now teaches classes at New Bridge School, Splash Swim School and Valley School.

Helen Lawrence teaches at New Bridge School, and The Birches School.

We thank you for giving them a warm welcome and encourage you to talk to your child positively about their teacher through the week using their teacher's name. This helps with the adjustment to a new face in the pool.

OUR WEB ADDRESS IS

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Unsure or forgotten your term dates?

The 'members' page has term dates and current/past news letters. As well as informing you of Photo shoot dates.



Nappies

It has been a few years since we phased out the older style swim nappies. However we still see the odd one on a sibling. We have decided that it is now time to only have 'Happy Nappies' worn during classes. So if you have an old 'Kushie' please see your teacher to purchase a new one! We are also aware that once the lycra begins to degrade on the legs and waste band of your baby's happy nappy it will no longer be effective. Should your teacher notice this you will be asked to

buy a new one. We want to keep everything possible inside your baby's nappy!!

Potty trained 2-3 year old children. With our nappy system we have dramatically Reduced nappy leaks into the pool water. However we have had a few soiling incidents occurring after toddlers have been potty trained. I have discussed this with other swim schools and come to the decision that ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 4 MUST WEAR SWIM NAPPIES.

Lost property

Any lost property found after a class will be taken away, recorded in a log book and stored by your teacher. If not requested from you within two weeks may be stored at the Aqua Babies office for a maximum of 3 months from the date it was found.

Please notify the office should you lose or forget anything rather than contacting the school.

May we remind you that Aqua Babies, your teacher and the

school cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of any personal belongings as laid down in our terms and conditions. For safety reasons we have a NO JEWELLERY policy and we advise you to leave all valuables at home. Schools tend not to have lockers available.

On collecting any lost property you will be requested to sign for it's release. Any lost property not claimed after 3 months will be disposed of appropriately.

Saturday Classes

We now have Saturday afternoon classes available at Splash swim School for Intermediate 2, Advanced and Swim school children. Please call the office should you need a move

Sue presenting sponsor cheque to The Birches School Didsbury

Cheque payments

Please can we politely remind all parents who pay their course fees by cheque that payment is required on the penultimate week of your current course (week 9 of a 10 week term). Failure to do so may result in the loss of your priority place. Unfortunately we have had many late payments and some children not returning to a booked course. As we have often turned children away from these places we have to now be strict and insist on the pre payment rule. Thank you for your help here.

class cards

You requested....

For more information as you move through the class levels, what the next level entails and how your babies will progress.

We have.... Introduced class cards, one for each level. These will be ready shortly and teachers will have them available each time you move to a new class. They give an over view of the aims each level has and also some tips and advice to help us work as a team.