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PROGRAMME CHANGES

Have you re-booked your child's class from November? The deadline for re-booking was today.

IMPORTANT – THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW TRAINING PROGRAMME
(incorporating the changes we wrote to you about)
IS SATURDAY 3rd NOV (not 1st Nov).

STAR OF THE WEEK

EMMA ANDERSON & ESMEE

LAVILLE – INTERMEDIATE GROUP

After weeks of trying, Emma and Esmee learnt a pike fall from 3m last week.

Well done girls – keep up the good work!!

NOVEMBER

There seems to have been some confusion over the programme changes and start dates etc.

If you recently submitted a form requesting slots for your child(ren), this is for November – not now.

We have undergone a programme review and are implementing these changes from 3rd November.

EVERYONE had to re-book their slots for November as, although most of the session times were not changing – maximum numbers in the sessions were, so in November, we will not have enough slots for everyone to go back into the groups they are in currently.

That's why we requested booking forms and indicated that places would be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any queries, please call or e-mail.

WHITE ROSE

It's great to see so many new names on the team list for the forthcoming White Rose competition.

This trip is great fun. It's a novice level event – that is the first rung of the competitive ladder.

This is what the competitive side of the programme is all about. In the past, we have taken nearly 40 divers to this event, but last year it dwindled to just 7. This is partly what the changes to the programme are about. We want to re-invigorate this side of the programme.

A huge thank you to Kathy Hancock and Jayne Glynn, two of our more experienced chaperones, who have agreed to staff this trip to show some of our new parents the ropes. They do not have a child on the team so it is very generous of them to donate their time in this way.

SOUTHAMPTON

With 15 divers on the team for Southampton, we have 35 divers competing away from home in October. Southampton is the next competitive level up and will see a mixture of levels competing, from the slightly more advanced novice diver who wants to make the jump to age group level, to highly successful elite junior divers who are using the event for competition practice.

LEARNING YOUR TRADE

Competitions aren't always about success. They are also about learning your trade.

Some divers revel in the competition experience and will be successful from day one. For others, it will be a part of their diving training. Just like learning a new dive, learning to compete can be a long and frustrating process, but it is a skill that can be learnt, developed and improved upon.

Sally Freeman always takes great delight in telling everyone how badly she did in her first National Age Group Championships. She was one of those who took a long time to learn how to compete, but ultimately, determination and patience saw her achieve her dreams, with two Commonwealth Games and an Olympics behind her, she can chuckle when she looks back at her early competition experiences.

GOOD BYE ALEX

Last week we said a sad farewell to Alex Newton who has been here nearly as long as we have!! She did her first diving competition in the 7 & under category at the Crystal Cup (or was it the White Rose – the years have blurred my memory!) and now 18, she is leaving us to go off to University.

Her bubbly personality and sense of humour will be missed – particularly on trips away. She has been an integral part of the team for such a long time!

Good luck Alex. Pop back and see us some time!

Diving news & views for Parents and Divers involved in the Plymouth Diving Programme, Intermediate Group upwards

DIVE SHOWS, 30 Nov-1 Dec

We will have information for you in the coming weeks on our planned dive shows and how we will select divers for the show team.

Andy and some of the elite divers will be off to Canada on the Sunday so we are planning one show Friday night, 2 shows on the Saturday, followed by a dinner/dance in the evening on Saturday.

Make a note in your diary now!!

TEAM KIT

We have just ordered some smaller polo shirts from our supplier and hope to have them in prior to the White Rose.

Tracksuits are a little more complicated as our supplier has abandoned us and claims they can no longer meet our requirements – which is nice!! We are actively seeking to resolve this a.s.a.p.

TROPHIES

We are missing 2 Development competition trophies – one 2nd place and one 3rd place.

Can you check your homes and make sure you haven't got one hidden away somewhere?

Thanks.

NEXT ASSESSMENTS

We will do the next Intermediate and Advanced Group assessments during the week before Christmas (see dates list).

We had planned to do an assessment before half term, but this will complicate the 3rd November changes, so we will hold off until Christmas.

DIVER/COACH SPOTLIGHT

Jessica Taylor

Jessica has been with us as a diver for about 5 years. She came to us from gymnastics and has worked her way up to be competing at Elite Junior level.

She is a member of the AASE programme (Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence) AND is combining her training, her AASE course and working for us, with taking A' Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology!!

She has been doing a great job with the kids in the gym and over the coming weeks will be starting to take divers on the poolside.

Jessica is an asset to the programme as a diver and a teacher.

FLIP 'N' FUN COMPETITION

Well done to the divers who competed on Saturday. We saw some truly superb diving and some exciting competitions.

The Dixon family were stars of the day, with all 3 siblings (Olivia - Level 1 girls, Thomas - Level 2 boys and Matthew – Novice 1 under 10's) taking victories in their respective categories.

After diving for just 1 month, another family took home two awards, with Michael Hill taking victory in the Level 1 boys and Charlotte Hill taking second place in the Level 1 girls event.

In the Level 2 girls, Fiona Bennett was a comfortable winner after some superb diving and in the closest event of the day, just half a point separated the top 3 boys in the Level 2 event, which was won by Thomas Dixon with Tom Rowland and George Burdon tied for 2nd place. In the mixed Level 3 event Tierney Figg took the win.

The Novice events provided us with some superb diving and some close contests.

Katie Rollinson won the Novice Level 1 10 & over, Laura Grubb took victory in the Novice Level 2 under 13's and Amy Ransome took top spot in the Novice Level 2, 13 & overs making it a successful day all round for the girls!

There were also top 3 places for Harry Smith, Charlie Wood, Lucy Allan, Shanice Lobb, Jessica Lidstone, Eloise King, Peter Adler, Megan Wardle, Amy Carter, Cheyenne Jones, Emma Waugh, Charlotte Boyle, Ross Sinclair, Morgan Lock and Alice Hayward.

Full results will be posted on the website shortly.

A huge thanks to John Allan whose scoreboard ran perfectly as always. Thanks to Angela King for recording, thanks to Aaron Walters for announcing and to Drew Cunningham for doing the music, thanks to Trish Walters and Tracey Cunningham for doing the balcony and a big thanks to our Elite divers Thomas, Brooke and Tonia who all stayed around to help out with judging and presenting awards.

Thanks also to all our coaches who also give up their time, without pay to make these events happen.

Sorry if I left anyone out, from the volunteers on the balcony, to the coaches/judges on the poolside, we want to say thanks to you, one and all – without you, these events would not work!!

Dates:

12-14 Oct – White Rose Novice Event

13-19 Oct – intermediate & advanced group assessments

19-22 Oct – Southampton meet

22-26 Oct – half term courses

30 Nov – dive shows

1 Dec – dive shows & dinner/dance