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Diary Dates

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Monday 3rd April – 23rd April 2023 – 3 WEEK EASTER CLOSURE.

Monday 24th April 2023 – Summer term commences.

20th May 2023 – Invoices due for the second half of the Summer term.

Monday 29th May – 4th June – 1 WEEK HALF TERM CLOSURE

15th July 2023 – Invoices due for the first half of the Autumn term.



Happy Easter!

We hope you've enjoyed your term at Kingfishers and a big welcome to all of our new swimmers.

It has been a term full of achievements with a record number of badges completed – a whopping 993! Congratulations to every single one of you.

Also, a special well done to our preschoolers who have achieved their Swim Endland Preschool Medal.



We have had quite a few swimmers join us from other swim schools this term due to various reasons. Many of these other pools have been shallow and your children are adapting really well.

We teach all our children in deep water to improve body position, confidence and water safety. Remember, if you fall into a river or the sea, it is going to be deep! For those children worried by the deeper water, we tend to tell them that it doesn't matter if it is deep as we swim on the top, not the bottom! Thank you for encouraging them as they adapt to a new way of learning.

Did you know?

Kingfishers are a recognised Splashabout swimwear stockist? We offer our swimmers a discount off RRP too!

Email: sophie@kingfishersswimschool.co.uk for current stock.

Splashabout Happy Nappy £10 (rrp £11.99)

Splashabout BabyWrap £18 (rrp £21)

Splashabout Happy Nappy Costume £16 (rrp £17.99)

Splashabout Splash Jammers £13 (rrp £14.99)

Please ensure we have your up to date mobile number and an email address that you look at regularly.

Last minute changes of closures will be sent by text. This is a no reply service. Updates will also be posted via Facebook. Invoices will continue to be sent by email. Check we are on your safe list so we don't go into your junk folder. If you are expecting an email or text and you don't receive it, please let us know so we can make sure we have your correct details.

If you need to speak to one of the team, email denise@kingfishersswimschool.co.uk , sophie@kingfishersswimschool.co.uk or jordan@kingfishersswimschool.co.uk or message us on Facebook.

Reminder

Water Safety Challenge

Find out what the
HELP position is and
what it stands for...



Denise - Boss at Saturday Swim School



Sophie - Boss at Thursday and Friday Swim School



Jordan - Boss at Tuesday and Wednesday Swim School

Meet the Team

Denise has been teaching at the King Edmund School since 1990 after taking over from her mum Eileen Bristow who taught at lots of the Rochford schools. Kingfishers Swim School was officially started in 1994 by Denise after the council lessons were stopped. There was a single class, over two short evenings a week and children started at 5 years old. How far have we come!

Denise's daughter Sophie took over Thursday and Friday in 2018 after having her first child and not wanting to return to teaching in Primary Schools. She started Saturday swim school and took on babies and toddlers for the first time. Denise's other daughter Jordan took over Tuesday and Wednesday swim school in 2022 as Denise planned on taking a step back. Maybe someday!

Most of the teachers who work for Kingfishers have been swimmers themselves and all of the young helpers have been taught at Kingfishers.

Kingfishers really is a family affair and we love sharing it with you.



THE KINGFISHERS FUND

The Kingfishers Fund is Kingfishers own charity pot which parents in the Rochford area can access to help with the cost of swimming lessons. We are currently in the process of setting it up and are raising funds for the pot. The aim is to remove financial barriers in learning to swim.

Sophie's sons Elijah (5yrs) and Isaac (4yrs) have completed a mini triathlon in an attempt to raise as much money as they can to fill up the pot! See how they got on here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR1XThwMt8lgFDpWC_iw16qU4c-wXXa8H6ESzglFdyWxmk7hv2epa3x-Ns&v=VYOP8KbUPvk&feature=youtu.be

Donate here if you are able: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kingfishersfund

Please continue to remove your shoes BEFORE entering the changing rooms and remember to take your nappies home.

Thank you for your support.

SWIMMER OF THE TERM

Each teacher has nominated some students for swimmer of the term. Congratulations if you were nominated!

Sophia

Hyam

For swimming independently with her face in.

The Nominations

Hudson Ridgwell – for improving week on week and trying really hard in his lessons.

Amelia Felice – for trying really hard and as a result making excellent progress.

Millie Couzens – for her excellent progress and perseverance to improve swimming on her back.

Piper Pickett – for listening really well and taking part in lesson activities.

Lily Sandgrove – for facing her fears of jumping and pushing herself to achieve her goals.

Faith Storey – for the fantastic achievement of 1000m.

Lily White – for facing her fears.

Evangeline Balham – For always giving her best.

Sophie Sach – for always listening and improving in her strokes.

Theo Baker – for getting in the pool by himself with a big smile.

Ethan Vine – for always trying hard and improving in every lesson.

Harper Turnidge – for smiling and enjoying her swimming lessons. For swimming a little way by herself.

Alexi Taylor – for conquering the forward roll!

Mason Smith – for always listening and great improvement.

Archie Tranah – for excellent improvement and being able to roll onto his back without putting his feet down

Chloe Yelland – for improved front crawl.

Alice Healey – for fantastic resilience in doing her distance award.

Elijah Jones – for managing to not only do his 100m, but his 200m and always trying his best.

Hudson Hodges-Law - for achieving his breast stroke timing towards the Angelfish 1 award.

Mason Ridgwell - for achieving his breast stroke timing towards the Angelfish 1 award.

Shay Patel - for floating on his own in armbands.

Aayush Patel - for floating on his own in armbands

Leon Pickett – for overall great improvement this term.

Joseph Tilson – for conquering his fear of jumping in.

Sophia Hyam – for swimming independently with her face in.

Water Safety Challenge

Find out what the different coloured beach flags mean...