Welcome to the Swim & Save E-zine

IMPORTANT NEWS: Changes to STA Procedures
At the very successful Tutors Conference held last month a number of very important changes were announced, which affect all STA Tutors, Course Organisers and Examiners. Read the details here.

STA Tutors Needed in Saudi
STA is looking for experienced Swimming Teaching and Lifesaving Tutors who would like the opportunity to go to Saudi Arabia for 2/3 weeks at a time (male Tutors only, as Saudi is an Islamic state) – flights and accommodation are included. Email garry@sta.co.uk for further information.

2012 Tutor Conference
STA welcomed Tutors from all over the UK to its first national conference on 20th October. The conference opened with an uplifting presentation by STA CEO Roger Millward who confirmed that “these are exciting times for STA”. Read more

IFSTA Conference 2012
As we got to press the 13th IFSTA (International Federation of Swimming Teachers’ Associations) conference is being held in Adelaide, Australia. Founded by STA, IFSTA is a significant international swimming body representing more than 1,020,000 members worldwide.

Huggies® Swim Savvy Campaign
Huggies® Swim Savvy campaign provides helpful advice to make swimming with little ones an enjoyable and rewarding experience, not to mention hassle free! Huggies®

Health and Hygiene in Pools Conference
The Royal Society for Public Health is holding a two day conference on 19th-20th November, in London on Health and Hygiene in Pools. Amongst the keynote speakers is Dr Rachel Chalmers, the Head of the National Reference Unit for Cryptosporidia. STA will be represented by Robbie Phillips, who will host a poster presentation on spa pools. Read more

Join STA at SPATEX
STA has recently formed an exciting partnership with SPATEX - the UK’s largest dedicated wet leisure exhibition – and is actively encouraging members to come along to the next show being held Brighton in February 2013. Read more

Changes to Objects Clause
STA held its 80th Annual General Meeting of the Swimming Teachers’ Association on Saturday 20th
Swim for Safety in Vietnam
It is now over a year since STA first went out to Vietnam with the British charity Hue Help to train school PE teachers to teach swimming, and it’s pleasing to report that the charity’s ‘Swimming for Safety’ programme is still going strong. See the latest photos here.

Differentiation in Swimming Classes
As Swimming Teachers, we need to be adaptable in our approach to teaching. Here Irene Joyce, STA’s Aquatic Development Officer, discusses how teaching in a visual way can help children who fall within the autistic spectrum.

New Baby & Pre-School Award Coming Soon
As previously reported, STA’s new Baby and Pre-School Swimming Teaching qualification will be launching in January 2013; the qualification will sit on the Ofqual Framework and will have a credit value of 6. Read more

Cross of Merit
At this year’s 2012 Tutor Conference, a very special presentation was made to Roger Goodman, who received the STA’s Cross of Merit award from John Holden. John said: “Roger is one of STA’s longest serving and loyal members, and this honour I present on behalf of the Trustee recognises his long and fulfilled service to STA and to the world of swimming in general.”

Consultation into First Aid Training
HSE (Health and Safety Executive) is seeking your views on the proposed removal of the requirement for HSE to approve first aid training and qualifications, and the associated Approved Code of Practice. Read more

New Appointee at Shropshire Swim Academy
STA welcomes Lisa Smith to the Swim Academy team this month. Lisa will take over from October 2012, which was followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting where important changes to the Association’s objects (“the Objects”) were made. Read the changes made here.

Teachers Gain Pool Lifesaving Skills
School teachers and youth leaders from all parts of Norfolk and Suffolk are now equipped with essential pool lifesaving skills after attending a Pool Emergency Procedures Course last month. Read more

2013 Subscriptions
From January 2013, STA membership subscriptions will increase by £1.

What Did the Nod of Approval Really Mean?
Click here to read Peter Bunyan’s thoughts following the recent STA Tutor Conference.

New Adult Online CPD
In January 2013 STA will be adding a new online CPD to TrainSTA. Titled ‘STA Teaching Adults Online Programme’, it is aimed at candidates who hold the STA Award in Teaching Swimming qualification or equivalent. Read more

New Year Moderators Course
STA is planning a moderators course for early in 2013 (dates tbc). Please contact Claire Lowbridge at claire@sta.co.uk with your CV. Pre-requisites include being an STA member and an STA Tutor that has been tutoring for at least 3 years and has completed 200 hours of tutoring over the last 3 years - and holds an in date qualification specific to the subject area.

Making Appropriate Use of Imagery
STA Tutor Dr Peter Bunyan discusses here the subject of using imagery when teaching swimming to describe an action or movement.

Little Swimmers are the only disposable nappy recommended and endorsed by STA. Find out more here.
Zoe Cooper as the new swim co-ordinator for the Shropshire Swim Academy. Zoe will move into a National Business Development role for STA. Read more

News Call
STA would really like to feature YOUR news in the Swim & Save E-zine and YOUR teaching ideas and tips. Please send to sta@sta.co.uk.

Swimming Tutor Course
A Swimming Tutor course is planned for 25th February 2013 at Dragon Leisure Centre, Cornwall To register your interest and for further information please email claire@sta.co.uk.

Water Safety Funding for Youngsters
Following the success of a summer water safety campaign in Shrewsbury, Shropshire Swim Academy has been awarded another £900 from Shropshire and Shrewsbury Waterways Safety Group. Read more

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