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April – June 2024



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South Africa

Sunny and Stella's School Roadshow

The number of children we can reach with our survival swimming lessons is limited by the amount of funding we raise. In a bid to reach as many children as possible with basic water safety education, Sunny Seal and Stella Starfish have been attending lots of schools around the Western Cape of South Africa, telling their water safety story and ensuring children understand how to keep themselves and others safe around water. They learn to never go near water alone, to call for help and dial 112 in an emergency, and to flip and float should they find themselves in the water.



Grade 7 Boys go the Distance

At the end of March this year, 4 incredible young men, Bobby, Ben, Liam, and Christopher, of Somerset House School in Somerset West, joined World Record Holder, Howard Warrington, on a daring swim to Robben Island.



This 7.4km swim from Blouberg Bay to Robben Island challenges resilience like no other. Donning their yellow Sunshine Swim caps, the boys made it their mission to highlight the importance of ALL children learning water safety and swimming skills to prevent drowning.

Sunshine Bag Packing

As if swimming 7.4km hadn't spread enough Sunshine, Bobby, Ben, Chris and Liam rallied their classmates to pack 260 swim packs for our 2024 Sunshine Swim kids. Each pack contains a high vis swim suit, towel and cap, ensuring every child has the means to learn survival swim skills.



School Handouts

One of our favourite times of the year is presenting each child with their very own swim pack to keep. Each child receives a swim cap, costume and towel, which is looked after by the school until the children have completed their Survival Swim Program.



New Costumes for High Vis

Recent studies have shown that certain colours are more visible under water. Whilst our previous blue and white striped costumes were beautiful, they were not easily seen at the bottom of a pool!



Our new high vis costumes pack a colour punch, and as always, we are extremely grateful to the Jake and Isla Collection for creating our costumes each year.

Scotland

SwimEasy Ltd Partnership

The Darcey Sunshine Project SCIO are delighted to announce a partnership with SwimEasy Ltd, offering learn to swim bursaries for their RapidTrack program this summer for families struggling with financial hardship.

This partnership will see the start of our mission to remove financial barriers to learning to swim in Scotland. It is our goal to ensure EVERY child has the chance to not only survive, but to THRIVE in the water.



Water Safety Competition

Our Scottish School Water Safety Campaign Competition has encouraged Scottish School children to consider the 3 step water safety code, creating an impactful campaign as we lead into the summer months.

We have had some fantastic entries and will be delighted to announce the winners later this month.

The winning entry will receive £100 Amazon voucher, with their school/ club also receiving £1000 towards the delivery of basic swim skills and water safety education.

EVENTS ADDED!

- **World Drowning Prevention Day - Loch Lomond Shores - Thursday 25th July 10.30 - 16.30**
- **The Big Splash - 21st July - 28th July - Enter on our website**
- **The Winter Sunshine Ball - Fri 1st November, Crowne Plaza Glasgow, 6.30pm - email hello@darceysunshine.org to book your table. (£850 for table of 10)**



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