

# Update



**Welcome** to the May edition of the SwimJamaica Update. We hope you enjoy catching up with our latest news!

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## New Schools

This term we welcome four new schools onto the SwimJamaica Children's Programme. At the new Stella Maris Prep School pool approx 600 children are now taking swimming lessons with SwimJamaica as part of the curriculum. At Rainbow Land 12 of the older children are taking SwimJamaica lessons at the school pool. At the stadium Creative Kids Learning Academy and Grace Hibbert Basic School have joined lessons.

## Record Number of Swimmers!

SwimJamaica currently has more swimmers registered on the Programme than ever before. There are over **1200 persons** attending lessons in Kingston and Discovery Bay.



## Making Waves – Lessons in the sea

Puerto Seco Beach, Discovery Bay has been the venue for Level 3 of the SwimJamaica Children's Programme. Instructors Joyce White and Damian Dowie have previously been using the pool at Sea Crest Housing Scheme, but the success of their lessons has meant that they have had to find a venue that is larger and deeper.

After marking out a swimming lane and floating a diving platform off the beach, they had the perfect venue for their lessons in the sea – a first for SwimJamaica! The children on the programme performed extremely well – the majority have now progressed on to Level 4. It is hoped that this model for lessons in the sea can be used at other coastal venues across the island.



## SwimJamaica Toddler Programme

After the success of a trial Programme in October last year, SwimJamaica is pleased to announce that our Toddler Programme will be taking place at two venues this term. These lessons offer a safe and enjoyable way for 2 and 3 year olds to learn to swim and gain confidence in the water. A parent accompanies each child and joins in with a range of activities and games designed to develop basic swimming skills. Participating children receive a SwimJamaica t-shirt and a certificate, with stickers to record their progression.

Call the office for more information.



## Summer Splash 2007

As the Summer approaches, details of our Summer Programme are currently being finalised. Three courses at the Stadium Pool will be available. Towards the end of this month further information will be available on the website.

## JOA Endorses SwimJamaica

The Jamaica Olympic Association (JOA) has joined other organisations in adding their support to SwimJamaica. Michael Fennell, President of the JOA said "I am encouraged that one of your goals is to increase the number of swimmers competing in the competitive aquatics. I hope that SwimJamaica will develop a wide base of swimmers, resulting in more Jamaicans representing their country at the highest level."

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## SwimJamaica is endorsed by the

- ♦ Ministry of Education & Youth ♦ Ministry of Health
- ♦ Jamaica Olympic Association ♦ Early Childhood Commission
- ♦ Mayor of Kingston & St. Andrew