

DULVERTON WATER SAFETY TRAINING AT DULVERTON SCHOOL AS PART WEIR & LEAT OF THE DULVERTON WEIR PROJECT

Pupils from years 5 & 6 in Dulverton School recently received water safety training from Linda Steer, Swimming Lesson Manager, Mid Devon Leisure.

The children participated in a lively exchange of ideas about potential dangers in and around water including swimming pools, canals, rivers, beaches and around the home. In a lively and instructive lesson, Linda was able to get the children to spot potential hazards around the different areas and learn safe behaviours when they are near water. Linda Steer comments "the children responded really well and interacted in the discussion, some bringing their own stories.

We want all children to be able to go out and enjoy the water; they need to be aware of the potential dangers around water to stay safe".

Dulverton Junior School Head Teacher Sally Fulford states "the pupils are very excited about taking part in the Dulverton Weir project and learning more about the ancient weir and its history. This is an important part of their heritage and it is a key part of the school's mission for pupils to become involved in opportunities which link to the local community. The study of the weir and leat will provide the basis of year's 5 and 6 topic work for the summer term allowing the pupils to apply practical and real life experiences to their work across various subjects such as art and science."

Mid Devon Leisure, offer a range of water safety courses and Linda Steer can be contacted by email: lsteer@middevon.gov.uk

More information about Dulverton weir can be found on the Trust website www. dulvertonweir.org.uk

