

## November 2021 Newsletter



### Lesson Manager Enhanced

The latest version of Lesson Manager has been enhanced so that 'Awards' are now issued from poolside (the device) when all the related tasks are passed, meaning it's no longer necessary to log into SwimSoft Online to 'pass' (issue) awards if you don't plan to write a comment / give feedback. As part of this project, we have also given swim schools the option to issue 'Linked' awards, meaning that if one of the elements of an award is to Swim 5 Metres a student will automatically be issued the distance award when this is achieved.

The new 'Linked Awards' feature is optional and can be activated by opening the Location Activity setting (Main menu – Location and Activities – then clicking on the settings icon) and setting the 'Issue Linked Awards via Lesson Manager' setting to 'on'. It should be noted that if a goal is marked as passed then rescinded on the same day the award will be rescinded too. The system will note who issued the award, if the award is purchased, the certificate will be printed with the issuing instructors name on it. In addition to the above changes, we have also created 'Distance', 'I can' and 'Octanauts' matrix awards.



### Doing our Bit

With COP26 behind us, we thought it probably easier for us to start to do our little bit for the environment now, rather than waiting for direction from the government. As from 15th November the MOR Solutions team will be working from home 1 day a week, thus reducing our commuting related emission by 20% per week. Over the year we will be making around 100 less business journeys each. The team also decided to try where possible to make 'Green' decisions, the first of which has been to ensure that the office signage we were looking to purchase is made from 'Xanita' (tough cardboard to you and I) instead of vinyl or any other plastic based material, meaning that at the end of its life it can be recycling very easily.

We have also made a conscious effort to ensure all of the prizes for our Christmas Competitions (there are TWO this year – please see below!) are sustainable / eco friendly / recycled. After holding a Facebook vote, it was also decided that we would send Christmas e-cards this year, rather than physical cards, and that we would donate the money usually spent on cards and postage to a swim related charity. Please see below for how to help us decide WHICH charity the money goes to.

We'll keep you posted on what else we do over the coming weeks and months but in the meantime if you have any 'Green' ideas to help us, please drop us a note!



## Don't Drink and Drown

Did you know that having a drink is the last thing that 20% of drowning victims do? The RLSS "Don't Drink and Drown" Campaign is running from 6th to 12th December this year, to coincide with Christmas parties and festivities, and to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and then walking near to, or entering, bodies of water. They have some great resources available for you to use, including social media post templates and images. You can find more information at [Support Don't Drink and Drown | Royal Life Saving Society UK \( RLSS UK \)](#) and support the Campaign.



## Christmas Shut Down

As with every Christmas, we will be closing the office for a few days and offering limited support. All existing clients will receive an update in December about when the office will be closed, and how to contact support during this time. For anyone who is not currently a SwimSoft Online user, the Sales office will be closed from 17th December until 4th January 2022, however, emails will be checked intermittently.



## **Vote for a Charity to receive our Christmas Donation**

The charities shortlisted to receive our Christmas donation are Level Water, STA and RLNI. To find out more about what these charities do, or to vote, please head over to our Facebook page before the end of November.



## **You've got to be in it to WIN it !**

This year we have TWO Christmas competitions running on our Facebook page, with eco friendly / sustainable / AMAZING prizes on offer! The first, more generic, competition offers a Passenger Clothing Escapism Recycled Changing Robe, recycled rash vests and shampoo bars. The second is a little more niche – the prize, very kindly donated by one of our clients, SJ Training Solutions, is an STA Safety Award for Teachers course for up to 4 people. Both competitions are FREE to enter, and the closing dates for entry are 29th and 30th November respectively. More information on the prizes and terms and conditions can be found on our Facebook page - MOR Solutions Limited | Facebook