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Summer Sports & Leisure Programme – Stay and Play for children with special needs.

The Stay and Play Programme which has been part of the Summer Sports & Leisure Programme sponsored by NatWest for the past three years is booming with the Leaders and children taking part thoroughly enjoying the programmes themes and activities on offer.

The programme which runs for six weeks throughout the summer holidays has themed weeks which include: Sports Week, Playgrounds and Gardens, Gibraltar Week, Under the Sea Week, Animal Week and Ready, Steady, Back to School Week. Activities organised under these weekly themes include visits and trips to local attractions, swimming at the GSLA pool, sports days and arts and crafts projects aimed at capturing the essence of the programme, music, movement and imaginative storytelling. The programme is based in the Bayside Sports Centre Boathouse and sees the youngsters who range from 5 years to 14 years eagerly making their way to the Stay and Play programme each weekday morning.

Leaders and volunteers work extremely hard to ensure that all those taking part enjoy themselves and continue to develop their physical, mental and social skills throughout the summer weeks.

Next week 8th to 12th August will see an Under the Sea weekly theme and the programme will include:

- **Monday** – A morning visit to Eastern Beach where Sand Castle competitions, fishing and water play will be on offer followed by the collection of shells, sand and undersea plant life for Friday's arts project.
- **Tuesday** – A visit to the GSLA small pool will see the youngsters participating in a series of fun games that will be related to under the sea life and animals.
- **Wednesday** – Sports Day where the youngsters will join in with the Sports Train and Children's Corner based at the Bayside Sports Centre, all games and activities will have a sea life theme, followed by water play outside the boathouse.
- **Thursday** will see all the youngsters embark on a Dolphin Safari with Sea World from the Ferry Terminal followed by refreshments in Ocean Village whilst viewing the boats in the Marina.
- **Friday** is arts day and Giorann Henshaw has worked with the Stay and Play Leaders to design a programme that will see youngsters working on the production of a

sensory water collage depicting life under the sea, the making of sand shakers and also waves in a bottle.

A fantastic week on offer for all taking part, the main ingredients of the programme are stimulating fun, experiencing the beauty of what is around us and keeping fit and healthy.

For further information on the Stay and Play Project and volunteering please contact the Summer Sports Hotline on telephone 20076522 or e-mail gibsportsdev@gibtelecom.net