

Monstrous Marine Life and Sinister Sea Creatures

Visitors to the Blue Reef Aquarium in Portsmouth will have the chance to come face to face with some of the marine world's most disgusting characters throughout the Half Term holidays (February 13th – 21st).

UGH! WEEK highlights a selection of gross behaviour ranging from starfish that throw up their own stomachs to fish that eat poo!

Discover more about the smelliest, squidgiest and slimiest marine animals and why their disgusting habits are essential for surviving in the depths.

Blue Reef's Jenna MacFarlane said: “We've noticed that many of our visitors, particularly the younger ones, are fascinated by the more unsavoury elements of the underwater world. “With this in mind we've decided to dedicate the entire half term holiday period to all the things that make you go ugh!

“Our aquarists have really enjoyed coming up with a selection of disgusting demonstrations and offensive experiments.

“As well as hands-on activities and workshops we've also put together a trail through the aquarium highlighting our most hideous residents and their awful attributes.

“There's everything from ugly eels and spitting sea cucumbers to fish slime, cannibalism and much more,” she added.

Special features will include Ugh Trails, feely boxes, rockpool encounters and the chance to get up close with some of the fishes favourite food (yuk!).

Events include make your own slime workshops and the chance to get ‘hands on’ with everything from locusts and mealworms to lobster shells, shark jaws and giant crab claws.

Ugh-themed talks and feeding demonstrations will also be taking place daily throughout the holiday period.

Blue Reef Aquarium, Clarence Esplanade, Southsea. Open daily from 10am. Visit www.blureefaquarium.co.uk or call 02392 875222 for latest news on forthcoming events, admission prices and directions.