

A MERMAID impressed visitors to the Blue Planet Aquarium with her aquatic displays.

Dr Daniela Rodler left children astonished as she glided through the water at the centre during the weekend and yesterday in her first-ever displays in England.

Germany-based Daniela is a former international swimmer and a qualified vet who is currently lecturing at the University of Munich. She left staff at Blue Planet Aquarium delighted with the reaction she received, particularly from younger visitors.

Blue Planet's Rebecca Collins said:

"Daniela made regular surprise appearances, alongside our team of divers.

"We're delighted she agreed to use Blue Planet as the venue for her first-ever displays in England. It was fascinating to see how the sand tiger sharks and rays reacted to her, but the greatest reaction was from the younger visitors who were clearly enchanted to get to meet a mermaid."