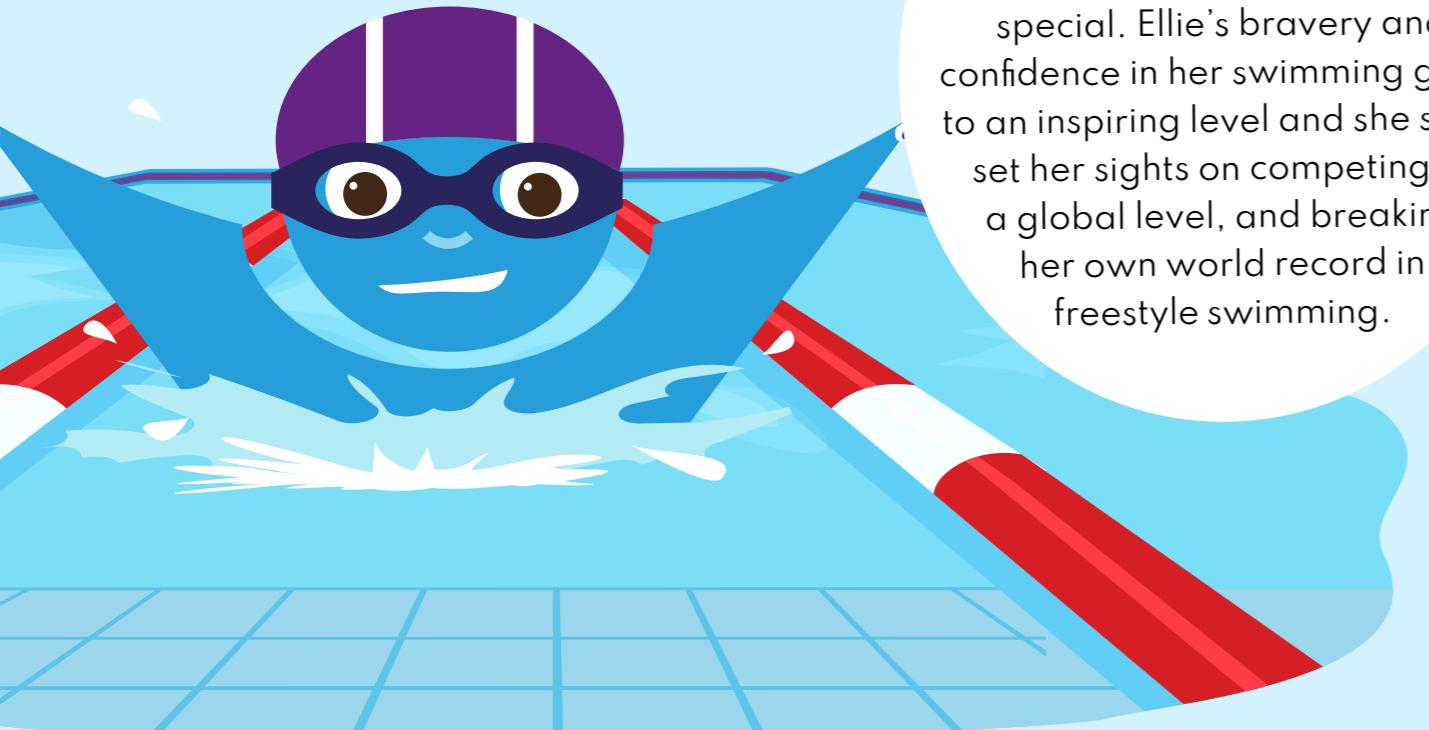


# Meet Ellie

**Ellie is an empowering voice for disability and women in sport. She competed for the British Paralympic team when she was just thirteen years old, winning two gold medals in the Paralympic Games in Beijing.**



Ellie was born with achondroplasia, a genetic form of dwarfism and Ellie felt different to other people. Ellie was brave: she was afraid of the ocean yet she did not let this stop her learning how to swim.



Ellie developed a passion for swimming and found that in the pool her differences made her special. Ellie's bravery and confidence in her swimming grew to an inspiring level and she soon set her sights on competing at a global level, and breaking her own world record in freestyle swimming.

Ellie went on to compete in three more Paralympic Games, winning a further three gold medals.

Ellie's openness about her own struggles is empowering and she has become a voice and a global inspiration for people with disabilities, receiving an OBE from the Queen for her contribution to Paralympic sport.

Ellie embraced her differences and she encourages others to celebrate their differences too.



Ellie empowers people of every ability and disability to grow in confidence and take action in pursuing their passion. Ellie's voice has had a global impact and her bravery is inspiring; she demonstrates that, with confidence, anyone can achieve their dreams.

