



The Killerwhales Swim Club of Havering

Killerwhales Gala Report

Essex Relays, Basildon 50m, 9th July 2011

A fantastic day was had by all at the Essex Relays on Saturday, which saw Killerwhales swimmers coming home with a selection of well-earned medals.

There was double gold for our 9-10 year girls. The 200 medley race saw Lucie Davis (back), Emma McMillan (breast), Zoe Kearns (fly) and Frances Peterson (free) storm home to win the first gold of the day. Keely Kennedy joined Zoe, Lucie and Frances in the 200 freestyle race in which they brought home another gold.

In the men's 15+ 400 medley, George Crow (back), Lewis Clifford Stephenson (breast), Tom Clark (fly) and Tom Webb (free) fought a very exciting race which saw George getting off to a superb start, Lewis powering through to gain the lead and the two Toms both keeping the number 1 place and winning gold.

The women's 14+ medley team – Katinka Merchan (back), Amy Statham (breast), Julia Braybrooke (fly) and Danielle Rooke (free) all swam well and just missed out on the top spot and taking silver.

The men's 15+ 400 freestyle team – James Roome, Tom Webb, Tom Clark and Lewis Clifford-Stephenson were also just beaten in to silver position in another closely fought race

Another two medals were claimed in the 11-12 year age group. Harry Fox, Tobi Okeshola, Jonathan Cox and Mitchell Keep teamed up in both the 200 medley and 200 freestyle races and with excellent swims by each team member, won bronze in both races.

The girls 11-12 year 200 medley team of Megan Palmer (back), Bryony Hagger (breast), Abbie Hill (fly) and Renae Dawes (free) also battled well and won a well deserved bronze.

The boys 10-14 400 medley team had success with Matt Alexander (back), Connor Kearns (breast) Alex Merchan (fly) all swimming well and with Jake Marshall (free) swimming an amazing leg, bringing the team into the bronze medal position.

Other finalists were:

The 9-10 year 400 medley team of Billy Fox (back), Charlie Rouse (breast), Liam Kelly (fly), and Oscar Martin (free) who only just missed out on the bronze medal position, finishing fourth in a very exciting race.

Girls 11-12 year 200 free A and B teams which saw Renae Dawes, Chloe Cornhill, Megan Palmer and Abbie Hill just missing the medal spot by a fingertip, finishing 4th and Jessie Statham, Gabbi Connell, Brianna Cummins and Briony Hagger not far behind finishing a very respectable 6th.

Just missing out on the medal spot were the boys 10-14 year 400 free team – Connor Kearns, Jake Marshall, Sam Bishop and Daniel Robinson, finishing 4th.

The women's 14+ 400 free team finished in 5th position after excellent swims by Danielle Rooke, Amy Statham, Katinka Merchan and Becky Green.

The girls 9-10 year B teams did extremely well and made the finals in both races with the 200 medley team of Kate Hill (back), Sumayah Chabani (breast), Keely Kennedy (fly) and Sheila Stein (free) finishing in 7th place and the 200 free team of Sumayah, Kate, Sheila and Emma McMillan finishing 8th.

In the 9-10 year boys 200 free A team (Charlie Rouse, Liam Kelly, Toby Wright and Oscar Martin) also made the finals and were very unlucky to miss out on medals but all swam very well.

There were fine individual swims and excellent teamwork from the following teams:

Girls 10-13 year 400 medley A team – Abbie Hill, Ellie Davis, Miki Kennedy and Lisa Murphy. B team – Megan Palmer, Ellie Rouse, Jessie Statham and Renae Dawes.

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Boys 10-14 year 400 free B team – Alex Merchan, Charlie Fox, Harry Fox and Matt Alexander.

Mens 14+ 400 free B team – Tom Skingsley, David Bennett, Aiden Robinson and George Crow.

Girls 11-12 200 medley team B team – Brianna Cummins, Georgia Robinson, Jessie Statham and Chloe Cornhill. C team – Maisie Bates, Chloe Brewster, Gabbi Connell and Kaylyn Maher.

Boys 11-12 200 free B team – Ross Walmsley, Andrew Bennett, Charlie Illing and Jonathan Ackerman. C team Connor Deasy, Harry Whyman, Bradley Palmer, Sam Marshall.

Boys 9-10 year free B team – Billy Fox, Charlie Hill, Reiss Burgess and Zak Sagers.

Boys 10-14 year 400 medley B team – Harry Fox, Daniel Robinson, Charlie Fox and Sam Bishop.

Girls 10-13 year 400 free A team – Lisa Murphy, Renae Dawes, Abbie Hill and Miki Kennedy. B team – Chloe Cornhill, Ellie Davis, Claudia Stratford, Megan Palmer.

Mens 15+ 400 medley B team – David Bennett, Tom Skingsley, Christian Robinson and Aiden Robinson.

Boys 11-12 200 medley B team – Charlie Illing, Andrew Bennett, Jonathan Ackerman and Ross Walmsley. C team – Bradley Palmer, Conor Deasy, Sam Marshall and Harry Whyman.

Boys 9-10 200 medley B team – Toby Wright, Charlie Hill, Zak Sagers and Reiss Burgess.

Girls 11-12 year 200 free C team - Maisie Bates, Chloe Brewster, Georgia Robinson and Kaylynn Maher.

