



The Killerwhales Swim Club of Havering

Killerwhales Gala Report

Dartford Gala –6th November 2011

A selection of Killerwhales swimmers went across the river for a one day gala at Dartford on Sunday. Once again our swimmers did not disappoint, with a selection of medals being brought home, along with some speeding tickets too!

Swimming brilliantly on the day was 9 year old Charlie Hill who won gold in his 50 breaststroke event and then managed to get himself speeding tickets for going too fast in the 100 IM and the 50 freestyle!

He also came home with a 6th place medal in the 50 fly and achieved an Essex qualifying time in his 100 IM

Also competing very well was Kate Hill (10) who swam a fantastic 100 IM, claiming gold plus her first Essex qualifying time. She then went on to win silver in her 50 fly and bronze in the 50 backstroke and set new PB's in all her races.

Andrew Bennett (12) was on good form coming home with medals in 4 of his races - silver in the 100 backstroke, 5th in 100 breaststroke, 6th in the 100 IM and 6th in the 100 free.

13 year olds Chloe Cornhill and Nathan Grey were both very strong in their 50 fly events. Chloe claimed silver and Nathan a bronze and both set new PB times.

In the 11 year age group, Georgia Robinson and Maisie Bates both shone, with Georgia winning silver in the 100 breaststroke and Maisie claiming a 4th place medal. They also came home with medals in the 100 backstroke, with Georgia 4th and Maisie 6th and in the 100 freestyle with Georgia 4th and Maisie 5th.

Also on form was Toby Wright (10) who came home with 3 medals. He won silver in the 50 backstroke and 4th place medals in the 100 IM and 50 freestyle.

Georgia Porter (16) swam an impressive 100 breaststroke and came home with a 5th place medal in a new PB time.

Also claiming medals were 9 year olds Reiss Burgess and Jade Braybrooke. Reiss was 4th in the 100 IM and 50 breaststroke and Jade 5th in the 50 backstroke.

In the 10 year old age group Emma Carter, Francesca Whyman and Zac Sagers all swam well. Emma was 4th in the 100 IM and Francesca and Zac both won 6th place medals, Francesca in the 50 free and Zac in 100 IM.

Our 12 year old boys were also on form and bringing home the medals. Bradley Palmer was 4th in the 100 backstroke, Jonathan Ackerman 5th in the 50 fly and 6th in the 100 breaststroke and Sam Marshall brought home two 6th place medals in 100 backstroke and 50 fly. All boys came away with very impressive new PB's.

13 year old Conor Deasy was strong in his 100 backstroke event, claiming a 5th place medal.

A special mention goes to our swimmers who were racing in their first gala. These were:

9 year old: Tilly Cohen

10 year olds: Theo Libman, Haashim Hameed, Daniel Sida

11 year old: Oliver Totman

All of them swam very well, knocking loads of seconds of their PB's and just missing the medal positions.

More impressive racing was done by:

10 year old Rianna Grey

11 year olds: Amy Doyle, Lizzy Simmons, Eleanor Gouldie

12 year olds: Kaylyn Maher and Olivia Grey

13 year old Emma Sandberg

15 year old Joshua Totman

These swimmers were also setting new PB's and some also just missing the medal spot. Well done to all of you.

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