



The Killerwhales Swim Club of Havering

Killerwhales Gala Report

Team Ipswich Gala – 22nd 23rd October 2011

Our Club took a trip to Crown Pools, Ipswich for what turned out to be an eventful weekend which started with lots of our swimmers getting stuck in traffic, arriving late and missing the warm up! But that didn't stop them, they soon got into their stride and the weekend saw two of our swimmers achieving Top Boy and Top Girl, along with plenty of other impressive results.

Top Boy of the weekend was Harry Fox in the 12 year age group. He powered through to win the 200m backstroke and also finished in the top 6 in the 50 fly, 50 and 100 freestyle.

Top Girl went to Sumayah Chabani who, at only 9 years old won gold in the 400 IM, 200 free and the 50 back. She also won silver in the 50 free, 200 breast, and 200 IM, as well as bronze in the 200 back. She just missed out on a medal and came 4th in the 50 breaststroke.

Well done Harry and Sumayah!

Billy Fox (9) just missed Top Boy spot in his age group. Not only did he win gold in the 400 free, 400 IM and 200fly, he still managed to have enough energy left to claim bronze medals in the 200 free and 200 back. He also finished in the top 6 in the 50 fly and 50 freestyle events.

The 15+ group saw Amy Statham impressive again in her breaststroke events, claiming gold in the 50 and 200 distances. Danielle Rooke took gold in 400 free and silver in 200 free and 50 breast and just missed out on a medal finishing 4th in the 50m free and 200 IM. Tom Webb won a well-deserved gold in the 200 fly and also silver in the 400 free and bronze in the 50 breaststroke. He also finished in the top 6 in the 200 free, 100 fly, 200 IM and 100 free.

Julia Braybrooke was also on good form in her breaststroke events claiming silver in the 100 and bronze in the 50. She also finished in the top 6 in all of her butterfly events.

In the 13/14 age group Abbie Hill and Lisa Murphy both did well to achieve silver and bronze respectively in the 400 IM and both achieved Essex Qualifying Times. Abbie went on to bring home a silver in the 100 fly and bronze in the 200 fly and Lisa finished in the top 6 in the 400 freestyle.

Matt Alexander (14) swam an impressive 50 fly, winning silver and achieved bronze in the 400 IM. He just missed out on medals finishing 4th in the 100 and 200 back and the 50 breaststroke. Other silver medallists were Kieran Goodwin (13) in the 200 breast, finishing in the top 6 in his 50 and 100 breaststroke events, Jessie Statham (13) in the 200 fly and Lucie Davis (11) in the 400 IM. She also finished in the top 6 in the 400 free.

Jonathan Cox also looked very strong all weekend winning bronze medals in the 50 and 400 free. He just missed out on a medal for the 200 free, finishing 4th but achieving a well-deserved Essex Qualifying Time. He also finished in the top 6 in another 6 of his races.

More bronze medals were won by George Crow (16) in the 200 back. He also finished in the top 6 in the 200 fly, 100 back and 400 IM.

Alice Court (9) achieved her bronze in the 200 IM. She just missed medal position, coming 4th in the 200 back and finished in the top 6 in the 50 breaststroke and 50 back.

Ross Walmsley (12) claimed his bronze in the 200 breast and a top 6 spot in the 400 free. Renae Dawes (11) in the 400 free and a top 6 place in the 50 and 200 breaststroke. Charlie Fox (13) got his in the 100 fly and just missed the medal place in the 400 IM. Briony Hagger (13) also swam very well to achieve 2 bronzes in the 400 i.m, and 50 breaststroke. 10 year old Charlie Rouse's came in the 100 breaststroke, Tom Clarke (17) the 200 breaststroke and also a top 6 place in the 100 fly, Sam Bishop (14) the 200 fly and Toby Andrews (17) the 400 free and in the top 6 in the 50 breaststroke.

Achieving top 6 places were Frances Peterson (11) in the 200 fly and 400 IM and Oscar Martin (11) in the 400 freestyle event. The 15+ age group saw Alex Merchan achieving a massive Pb in his 400 IM and followed on with the 200 fly, James Roome in the 200 fly and Tom Skingsley in the 50 breast.

Also representing Killerwhales were
Georgia Robinson
Maisie Bates
Aiden Robinson
Daniel Robinson
Ellie Davis
Claudia Stratford
Tobi Okeshola
Chloe Cornhill
Nathan Grey

They have clocked up some excellent personal bests in what turned out to be a very long weekend with some very tough races and strong competition.

Well done all of you.