



The Killerwhales Swim Club of Havering

Killerwhales Gala Report

Redbridge Gala – 7/8th January 2012

A good weekend of racing was had by Killerwhales' swimmers in their first gala of the New Year.

13 year old Daniel Robinson was on superb form. He dominated the weekend's freestyle events, winning gold medals in both the 100m and 400m distances and claimed bronze in the 50m and 200m events. He also came home with 5th place medals in the 200m IM and 400m IM, in which he also swam in an Essex County Qualifying Time.

Sumayah Chabani (9) also came out on top. She led all the way in the 200m freestyle, smashing her personal best time and finishing 8 seconds ahead of her competitors. She claimed another gold in the 200m IM, and silver in the 200m backstroke, again achieving two more new impressive personal best times.

There was also a great performance by 12 year old Harry Fox who came home with plenty of medals in the 12-13 age group. He won silver in both the 100m butterfly and 100m backstroke and went on to finish 4th in the 200m IM, and 5th in the 100m IM, and gained 3 more EQT's over the weekend.

14 year old Matt Alexander was on fantastic form all weekend. Swimming in the 14 and over age group he came home with a bronze medal in the 200 IM. He claimed a 4th place medal in the 100m IM, and two 6th place medals in the 100m backstroke and 100m butterfly. He set new personal best times in all of his races and achieved two more EQTs.

More medals were had by Killerwhales' 13 year old girls. The butterfly events saw Jessie Statham looking very strong and winning bronze in her 200m event in an EQT and finishing 4th in the 100m distance and Abbie Hill back on form, winning bronze in the 100m event. Breaststroker Briony Hagger claimed a well-deserved bronze in the 200m event and 5th in the 100m distance.

Chloe Cornhill swam a brilliant 50m freestyle in an EQT of 31.45 which also earned her a 5th place medal.

In the 14+ age group Julia Braybrooke also came home with a bronze medal after an impressive performance in the 400m IM. She also claimed a 6th place medal in her 200m freestyle event. Georgia Porter and Ellie Davis both gained huge PB times and 6th place medals, Georgia in the 100m fly and Ellie in the 200m breaststroke.

The 10-11 year age group saw more medals being won by Lucie Davies (10) who swam very well and claimed two 5th places in the 400 i.m. and the 100 fly. She gained an EQT in her 200m backstroke race along with a 6th place medal. Maisie Bates (11) had a fantastic weekend, not only coming home with a 6th place medal in the 50m freestyle but she also smashed her personal best times in all her races.

Mitchell Keep (13) earned himself two 6th place medals in the 100m and 200m backstroke events and clocked up another EQT in his 200m freestyle race.

Tom Skingsley (17) had to wait until the final event of the weekend for his race, the 50 freestyle. He swam in impressive style to claim a 4th place medal and a new personal best time that was well worth the wait.

More Essex Qualifying times were gained throughout the weekend by Tobi Okeshola (13) in the 100m i.m., Jonathan Cox (12) in the 50m freestyle and Lisa Murphy (13) in the 100m breaststroke.

Many just missed medal places and EQTs but gained some good new personal best times, these were:

Renae Dawes
Nathan Grey
Aiden Robinson
Brianna Cummins
Chloe Brewster
Georgia Robinson
Charlie Rouse
Andrew Bennet
Conor Deasy
Charlie Fox
Jake Marshall
Alice Court
Kate Hill
Emma Carter
Katie Fitzwater
Kaylynn Maher
Claudia Stratford
Francesca Boon
Toby Wright
Emma Sandberg
Liam Kelly

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