

MASA Gala 17th-18th June

I don't think that the Neptune Centre has seen so many spectators for a Saturday and what a spectacle of swimming they were treated to.

Along with 80 members from the various Middlesbrough squads, strong teams were present from AFS Hartlepool, Barrow, City of Derby, Loftus, Newcastle Swim Team, Wear Valley, Alnwick Dolphins, Billingham, Peterlee, Winsford, Ashington, Chester Le Street, East Leeds, Moors and Richmond Dales.

400IM

Girls

What a great start for the Middlesbrough swimmers in this event with Ella Proud and Libbi Upton winning gold and silver respectively in the 9 year age group. This was then followed by Pearl Lightwood, Katie Pink, Elisha Rhodes and Angie Zhu finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively (10 year age group) for a great Middlesbrough clean sweep. In the 11 year age group Evie Dilley won silver and in the 12 year age group Ellie Baister won gold. In the 13 year age group Rachel Maguire won gold and in the 15 year and over Emma Muirhead won bronze. Although the above were medallists ALL the Middlesbrough swimmers in this event need congratulations, Marissa Grieves, Hannah Redshaw, Louise-Emma Williams and Daisy Muirhead, great PBs for everyone – great start.

Boys

All the boys in this event had great PBs with Thomas McDermott winning gold, Toma Saha bronze and William Morris 4th in the 11 year age group. In the 13 year age group James Woods won silver and in the 14 year age group Cade Darby won gold. Great swimming.

200m Breaststroke

Boys

Oliver Hall won silver in the 13 year age group and Cade gold both with PBs. Toma Saha and Joseph Micklewright also had PBs.

Girls

In the 9 year age group a great clean sweep with Isobel Keetley (PB), Ella and Isobel Daley winning gold, silver and bronze respectively. In the 10 year age group Elisha won bronze with Violet Hearfield (PB), just missing out on breaking the 3min barrier – (next time) winning gold with Hannah Redshaw (PB) bronze. In the 12 year section Ellie B won gold with Chloe Bashford (PB) bronze and in the 13 year olds a great 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th with Rebecca Keetley (PB), Rachel Bradley (PB), Sadie Dickinson and Emma Bell (PB). In the 14 year age group Robyn Dickinson, with a fine swim clinched the gold by 0.23 secs from a strong City of Derby swimmer. PBs were also recorded by Alesha Delph, Emelia Rhodes and Louise-Emma. Great swimming and some great sister acts.

50m Butterfly

Girls

As you will appreciate this was fast and furious comprising 130 swimmers across the age groups. Again the young girls swam splendidly with, in the 9 year age group, Jessica Scott (PB) winning gold, Libbi (PB) silver and with another clean sweep in the 10 year age group Pearl (PB) gold, Sophie Maguire (PB) silver and Katie (PB) bronze. In the 12 year age group Bethan Palfreeman (PB) won silver and in the 13 year age group Rachel Bradley won gold. In the 15 year and over age group, Georgia Stockdale won gold with Rebekah Worthy winning silver. Others to record PBs were Gracie Dixon, Alesha, Violet, Eve Smith (PB), Ellie B, Chloe B, Emma, Chloe Mathewman, Lucy Turnbull (PB) and Gabrielle Benton. Congratulations to all the girls – fine swimming.

Boys

In the 9 year old age group Isaac Buchan (PB) won gold and Oliver Smith bronze with Chase Darby (PB) winning gold in the 12 year age group and James bronze in the 13 year olds. The following had PBs in this event: Harry Bell, Harvey Qin, Lewis Horner, Jadyn Loughborough, Joseph Grainge, Harvey Clark, Jacob Ross, Jack Turnbull and Joseph M. Many great PBs.

50m Breaststroke

Boys

Another fast and furious event with 95 entries. In the 9 year age group Isaac (PB) won bronze and in the 11 year age group William Morris (PB) also won bronze as well as Oliver H (PB) in the 13 year section. The following had PBs Oliver Smith, Nicholas Sayer, George Bashford, Jadyn, Toby Norman, Harvey Clark, Jack T, Jacob and Joseph.

Girls

119 entries across the age groups and what great racing. In the 9 year old age group a great tussle ensued amongst the Middlesbrough girls and resulted in Jessica winning gold with a dead heat for the silver between Libbi and Isobella Dillely with Isobel D, Charlotte Bashford and Amelia all in close proximity – truly great racing girls, worth the entry money and all PBs. In the 10 year age group Pearl won gold and in the 11 year age group Millie Bozbayir won silver with Hannah (PB) winning the bronze. Further golds, in the 12, 14 and 15 years and over, were won by Bethan (PB), Robyn and Rebekah with silver medals for Sadie and Emma M and a bronze for Ellie B. PBs were recorded by Matilda Crowther, Natasha Rice, Alesha, Grace, Sefi Ormston, Sophie Maguire, Eve, Chloe Morrison-Allen, Emelia, Megan Cairns, Eva Finlay, Hannah and Ellie T. Overall some great races.

100m Backstroke

Girls

The girls 100m backstroke saw some more great swimming from our 9 year olds with Isobel K winning gold, Jessica silver and Ella bronze with Libbi 4th Amelia 5th Ava Holmes 8th and

Megan Ridley 10th all with fine PBs. In the 10 year age group Sophie (PB) won gold with Sefi (PB) silver and Elisha and Olivia both having PBs. In the 11 year age group Millie Bozbayir (PB) won gold with Hannah and Emelia having PBs. In the 13 year age group there was a great clean sweep with Rachel M (PB), Rachel B (PB) and Ellie Tibbett (PB) winning the gold, silver and bronze respectively. Eva (PB) won silver in the 14 year age group and in the 15 years and over Rebekah won gold. Great swimming by ALL the girls.

Boys

15 boys from the club took part in this event and it must be a record 14 of the boys had PBs and the only one that didn't, didn't need one as he was good enough to win a silver medal.

Medals as follows:

9year age group Isaac and Oliver gold and silver.

10 year age group Lewis silver and Harvey

11 year age group Thomas McDermott gold with Maximus Potter, William and Mitchell Rice.

12 year age group Chase silver with George and Joseph G.

13 year age group Harvey and Torin Westerman

14 year age group Cade silver with Jack T and Jacob.

15 years and over Joshua Grob.

Well done to ALL the boys.

200m Backstroke

Boys

Isaac (PB) and Oliver (PB) got the boys off to a great start by winning gold and silver in the 9 year age group and this was followed up with Lewis Horner (PB) winning silver (10 year age group) and Toma (PB) gold in the 11 year age group. In the 12 year age group Chase Darby won silver with George (PB) and in the 14 year age group Cade (PB) won gold with PBs from Jack and Jacob.

Girls

In the 9 year old age group Megan (PB) won silver and in the 10 year old age group the five girls that entered from the club finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Pearl, Sophie, Sefi, Katie and Elisha all with great PBs. In the 11 year age group Millie won gold in a tight tussle with a strong City of Derby swimmer, prevailing by 0.22 secs. with Emelia and Marissa having PBs. In the 12 year old section Louise-Emma had a PB and in the 13 year age group it was the older girls to shine with a 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Rachel M (PB), Rachel B (PB), Danielle and Ellie T. Again, great racing. In the 14 year old section Eva had a PB and in the 15 years and over Flora won bronze.

200m Freestyle

Girls

A very competitive girls 200m freestyle (131 entries) and again the 9 year olds got us off to a great start with another clean sweep Ella winning gold, Isobella (PB) silver and Amelia the bronze with PBs from Ava and Megan. In the 10 year age group Pearl and Sefi won gold and silver with PBs from Sophie, Katie, Elisha, Olivia, Alesha and Gracie. In the 11 year age group Evie (PB) and Violet (PB) won silver and bronze respectively with a PB from Eve Smith. In the 12 year age group Ellie B won gold and Louise-Emma bronze. In the 13 year age group Rachel M (PB) won gold with PBs from Danielle Horner, Emma B (PB), Sadie and Chloe M. In the 15 year and over Lucy (PB) won gold with a PB from Flora.

Boys

In the 9 year old age group Oliver won a great gold breaking the psychological 3 minute barrier well done young man. In the 10 year old age group Lewis won bronze with PBs from Harry and Harvey Q. In the 12 year old age group Thomas won gold and Toma the silver both with great PBs. In the 12 year age group Chase (PB) won silver with James (PB) in the 13 year age group winning gold with a PB from Jacob (14 year age group).

100m Butterfly

Boys

Isaac and Oliver (PB) again started the ball rolling winning the silver and bronze respectively, with Toma winning bronze in the 11 year age group. In the 12 year age group Chase won gold with a PB from Joseph G and in the 13 year age group James and Harvey both had PBs. In the 15 year over group Joseph Carter got pipped for the bronze medal.

Girls

Once again, Libbi, Jessica, Isobel K and Ella started well finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th all with PBs. In the 10 year old section Katie won gold and Angie silver both with PBs with Elisha a PB. In the 11 year old age group Evie (PB) won bronze with PBs from Megan and Eve and in the 12 year age group PBs from Bethan (just pipped for bronze), Louise-Emma and Daisy. In the older age groups Rebecca K and Lucy had PBs.

200IM

Girls

The girls 200IM was the first event of the afternoon and again the 9 year olds got us off to a blistering start with Jessica, Isobel K, Libbi and Ella finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively all with PBs. This was then followed up by the 10 year olds finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th Pearl, Katie (PB), Sefi (PB), Sophie (PB), Angie (PB) and Elisha with PB from Olivia. In the 11 year age group Evie (PB) won silver with a PB from Violet. In the 13 year age group Rachel B (PB) won gold and Ellie T bronze with Robyn winning gold in the 14 year age group. PBs were also achieved by Chloe M, Bethan and Emma B. Great swimming girls.

Boys

This was a good event for the Middlesbrough boys with all those that competed having PBs. Oliver S got the ball rolling winning a silver, Toma a silver, Chase a silver, Oliver H gold, James silver and Cade gold and Jacob bronze. PBs were recorded by Harvey Q, George and Harvey C. Very well done young men.

400m Freestyle

Boys

There was some phenomenal swimming from our three gold medallists Thomas, James and Cade with each knocking chunks off their previous best times, in addition Harry B, Maximus and Harvey C had fine PBs – great swimming boys.

Girls

This event was very strong for the Middlesbrough girls too with many fine heats and some great swimming.

In the 9 year age group Isobel K, Libbi and Ella won gold, silver and bronze respectively with Amelia 4th all with PBs.

In the 10 year age group we again had a clean sweep with Sefi, Katie and Angie winning the gold, silver and bronze again all PBs.

In the 11 year age group Evie won gold managing to break the psychological 5 minute barrier with Emelia winning bronze again with a PB and Marissa (4th) just missing out, again with a PB.

In the 12 year age group Ellie B won gold with Louise-Emma and Chloe B both with PBs.

In the 13 year age group Danielle won silver and Rachel M bronze both with PBs, Ellie T and Emma B had PBs.

50m Freestyle

Girls

This was a particularly competitive event with 166 competitors. As you will appreciate there were countless PBs from the Middlesbrough swimmers and as a consequence I apologise for only mentioning the medallists for this event.

In the 9 year age group Jessica and Isobel K won gold and silver respectively.

In the 10 year age group Pearl won gold with Sefi the bronze.

In the 11 year age group Evie won silver and Bethan silver in the 12 year age group.

In the 13 year age group Danielle won gold with Robyn winning gold in the 14 year age group and Georgia Stockdale gold in the over 15s.

Great swimming to ALL the Middlesbrough swimmers with many fine PBs.

Boys

For the boys, Oliver S (PB), Lewis and William won bronze medals in the 9, 10 and 11 year old groups and James (PB) winning gold in the 13 year age group. Joseph C won silver in the over 15s section.

50m Backstroke

Boys

Isaac (PB) got the boys off to a great start winning gold in the 9 year age group, this was followed by Lewis (PB) winning bronze and then Toma silver in the 10 and 11 year age groups respectively. Chase and Cade had two fine PBs to win gold in the 12 and 14 year age groups with Jack T a bronze.

Girls

Well, the 9 year old girls were at it again filling the first five place Jessica, Isobella, Isobel D, Amelia and Charlotte, all with PBs.

In the 10 year age group Pearl won gold and Sophie silver both with PBs. In the 11 year age group Millie won silver and in the 12 year age group Bethan (PB) won silver.

A clean sweep in the 13 year age group with Rachel B, Rachel M and Ellie T winning gold, silver and bronze respectively all with PBs.

100m Breaststroke

Girls

In the 9 and 10 year age group Jessica (PB) and Pearl (PB) won golds and in the 12 year age group Ellie B (PB) and Bethan (PB) won silver and bronze respectively. In the 13 year age group Sadie (PB) and Rachel B (PB) won silver and bronze and in the over 15 years Rebekah won gold.

Boys

Toma (PB) and William (PB) won gold and silver respectively in the 11 year age group and Oliver (PB) silver in the 13 year age group Jacob won gold in the 14 year age group and Joseph bronze in the over 15s.

100IM

Boys

In the 9 year age group Isaac (PB) and Oliver (PB) won gold and silver with Lewis (PB) winning bronze in the 10 year age group. Golds were also won by Thomas (PB), Oliver (PB) and Jack T (PB) with James (PB) winning a bronze.

Girls

Another clean sweep for the 9 year olds with Jessica, Libbi and Ella winning gold silver and bronze respectively all with PBs. In the 10 year age group Pearl (PB) and Katie (PB) won gold

and silver with Millie (PB) winning silver in the 11 year age group. More golds were won by Ellie B (PB), Rachel B (PB) and Robyn and a bronze by Rachel M (PB).

200m Butterfly

Girls

What a gruelling event, however our girls were not put off with Libbi and Ella (9 year olds) and Katie and Olivia (10 year olds) winning gold and silver. In the 11 year age group Millie won silver and Ellie B won silver (13 year olds) all with great PBs.

Boys

In the 9 year age group Oliver S won silver with James winning silver in the 13 year age group. Chase and Cade both won golds in the 12 and 14 year age groups, again all had great PBs.

100m Freestyle

Boys

A very competitive event with 107 swimmers across the age groups. Isaac (PB) and Oliver S (PB) again got the boys off to a good start winning gold and bronze respectively and in the 10 year age group Lewis (PB) won silver. Thomas and Toma (PB) carried on the medal streak winning gold and silver respectively with Chase (PB) a silver in the 12 year age group. Oliver H managed to beat the 1 minute barrier – a great swim!! to win gold and James bronze in the 13 year age group.

Girls

This was the final event of the meet and as with the boys very competitive with 111 entries. Our girls, like the boys have shown great stamina over the course of the two days and the girls were not about to let the final event go out in a whimper. In the 9 year old section all the girls swam as if it was the first event of the meet to fill 6 out of the first 8 places – well done young ladies – Isobel K, Jessica and Ellie winning gold, silver and bronze respectively with Amelia, Charlotte and Isobel D (5th, 7th and 8th) ALL with great PBs. In the 10 year age group Pearl and Sefi (PB) won gold and silver respectively and in the 11 year age group Evie (PB) won gold. In the 13 year age group Danielle and Sadie won silver and bronze. To ensure the MIDDLESBROUGH SWIMMERS WENT OUT WITH A BANG, the 15 years and over completed a clean sweep with Rebekah, Emma and Lucy winning gold, silver and bronze respectively. A great way to finish.

It is evident from the number of PBs gained over the weekend that you all wish the season was not coming to a close. I am certain that you will finish the rest of the season in fine form and ALL be back next year stronger and fitter to continue your development into OUTSTANDING SWIMMERS – Keep up the hard work and success will follow.

I would also like to congratulate Pearl Lightwood. If my counting is correct SHE entered 11 events and won gold in them all – very well done young lady.

In addition, three psychological time barriers were broken at the meet with Oliver Hall going under the 1 minute barrier for the 100m freestyle, Cade Darby going Sub 5 minutes for the 400IM and Evie Dilley also going under the 5 minute barrier for the 400m freestyle – three great swims.

Mind you it has to be remembered that not all of you can win medals but if you are continuously having PBs this is success in itself and should give you the confidence that you are progressing in the right direction and I am certain medals will follow.