

Richmond Dales April Fools LC Meet

This was a Level 1 meet held at the John Charles Aquatic Centre in Leeds, being a Level 1 meet it gave the opportunity for swimmers to achieve qualifying times for entry to Regional and National Events. Twenty clubs, based throughout the country, were represented by some 500 swimmers. As you can appreciate, with the rewards being great, the competition was fierce.

Over the weekend, 50 members of Middlesbrough competed and even though the competition was fierce all members of the club performed admirably winning 53 gold medals, 35 silver and 26 bronze. In addition, 3 club long course records were broken – 100m freestyle (Pearl Lightwood), 100m backstroke (Millie Bozbayir) and 200m breaststroke (Thomas McDermott). Very well done.

Our gold medallists were as follows:

Millie Bozbayir 400IM, 100m butterfly and 200IM (10 year olds)

Oliver Smith 200m freestyle, 200IM, 100m backstroke, 50m butterfly and 100m freestyle (9 year olds)

William Morris 200m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m breaststroke and 400m freestyle (10 year olds)

Isobel Keetley 100m backstroke, 400m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle and 200m backstroke (9 year olds)

Evie Dilley 100m backstroke and 50m backstroke (11 year olds)

Danielle Horner 100m backstroke, 400m freestyle (13 year olds)

Isaac Buchan 100m butterfly, 50m freestyle (9 year olds)

Jessica Scott 50m butterfly, 200m breaststroke, 50m breaststroke (9 year olds)

Pearl Lightwood 50m butterfly, 100m freestyle, 200freestyle (10year olds)

Violet Hearfield 200m breaststroke, 50m breaststroke and 50m backstroke and 100m breaststroke (10year olds)

Rebecca Keetley 200m breaststroke, 800m freestyle (13 year olds)

Toma Saha 1500m freestyle, 400IM and 400m freestyle (11 year olds)

Ellie Baister 400m freestyle (12 year olds)

Thomas McDermott 200IM, 50m backstroke, 200m backstroke, 100m backstroke, 50m butterfly, 200m breaststroke, 50m breaststroke and 100m freestyle (10 year olds)

Libbi Upton 100m butterfly (9 year olds)

Daniel Andrews 50m butterfly (16 years and over)

Ella Proud 200IM and 100m breaststroke (9 year olds)

George Crawford 50m breaststroke (16 years and over)

Rebekah Worthy 50m backstroke (15 year olds)

As previously said ALL the swimmers need to be congratulated for some outstanding performances and races. In the 400mIM, Rachel Bradley just missed out on a gold medal failing by less than a second after giving the winner some 7 seconds start over the first 200m. A great race. In the 200m breaststroke, Rebecca Keetley swam a great last 50m to get up on the line to win by 0.02 seconds – she was over 2 seconds down after 150m. Another great race. Finally in the 50m backstroke Violet Hearfield, in a “blanket finish”, managed to clinch the gold by 0.04 seconds. Outstanding.