

Blazing Boldmere



Leamington swimmers travelled to Boldmere competing in a weekend gala where both Level2 and Level3 events run concurrently. The squad clocked up an impressive 90 pbs helping to secure 29 medals.

In the level 2 gala, Ruby O'Brien, 14, had success with silvers in the 50m and 100 free, a thundering 100m event secured a place in the exciting skins final, six finalists compete in a medley of 50m races with the slowest eliminated until last man stands,

with plenty of encouragement from the spectators Ruby survived two rounds resulting in her first cash prize.

Sarah Brades 16, showed her outstanding class in the backstroke, gaining a trio of golds in the 50m, 100m, and 200m events with Hannah Pickett, 15, not too far behind in third place in both 100m and 200m races whilst Felicity Dempster, 13, took silver in the 50m back for the intermediate age group.

Fourteen year old Jack Dennis's storming performance saw his 200m breaststroke pb tumble 12 seconds earning him bronze with another in the 50m breast in 38.38. Teigan Parker, 12, produced a pb to gain bronze medals in the 50m and in the 100m breast with 1.26.36 whilst younger brother Connell, 10, earned silver in the 200m back in 3.01.96 and bronze in the 50m back adding a further silver in the level 3, 50m breast. Phillip Warren, 13, winning ways continued with a hat trick of golds for the 50m fly with 33.19, and in the level3 200m fly and 50m breast slashing 6 seconds of his pb.

A stash of medals went home in the level three gala. For the 10 year olds, Charlotte Hughes produced an eight second pb to take gold in the 100m free adding silver in the 100m back just behind Lauren Cox in gold place. Lauren also took bronze in the 200m medley. A rewarding 200m back event saw three Leamington girls, Evie Nicholas, Constance Hodge and Thea Carden all taking their place on the podium. Evie went on to snatch victory in the 200m free by only 3 hundredths of a second before adding a further silver in the 50m free in 37.50. Sophie Woodland easily took gold in the 100m fly slicing a huge nine seconds from her best time, for the boys Callum McWhirter secured silver in both the 100m and 200m free events. The youngest swimmer rewarded with a medal was nine year old Ben Shuttlewood with a bronze in the 200m breast.

The intermediate category saw eleven year olds Edward Jolly picking up gold medals in the 100 and 200m free, a silver in the 200m back, and finishing with two third places in the 200m medley and 200m breaststroke. Third places were also achieved from Ben Court in the 50m back and Aran Shuttlewood in the 100m back.

Sophie Hodgson,13, won a well-deserved gold in the 200m free and fourteen year old Sophie Hutchinson clocked up a 3 second pb in the 100m free to take bronze whilst Grace Cain gained bronze in the 200m medley. Lilly O'Brien,12, took home an array of medals propelling herself to gold in the 200m back leaving the rest of the field behind, adding silvers in the 100m back and 50 fly finishing with a bronze in the 200m medley and the Chapman sisters Jenny, 16, and Sarah, 12, both took bronze medals home for their 200m breaststroke races.