

Leighton Buzzard Development Gala - Saturday 11th February 2017

Well done to all PBSC swimmers that competed in the Leighton Buzzard development gala at Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre against 2 teams from Leighton Buzzard, and teams from Henley and Flitwick Dolphins. The team finished 4th, which is an excellent result considering that as this was a development gala, there were many races the team scored no points for swimming too fast! It was a great opportunity for the younger swimmers in the club to gain valuable racing experience against other clubs in the area and to enjoy a night of exciting racing. Everyone put in great performances and many new PBs were recorded.

There were 10 individual races where swimmers achieved a time faster than the 'no faster than' times which demonstrates how much the swimmers stepped up their performances on the night. Well done to Grace Coyle, Jack Patrick, George Hooper (twice!), Katelyn Collins, Tilly Golding, Grace Sampson, Olivia Jones, Louise Savage, Patrick Doran and the girls and boys 9 year 4x25m Freestyle relays who all managed to break the upper limit times.

The team also had a number of fantastic first places from Peter Van Rensburg, Olivia Jones, Patrick Doran, Zowie Patrick, Zachary Kapterian and Grace Coyle. Second place finishes came from Louise Savage, Alex Crouch, Abigail Rock, Ido Gur Harosh, Thomas Harris, Kaylan Shah, Jessica Moore, the boys 11&under 4x25m Freestyle relay and finally the squadron. There were also strong relay swims from Talia Dockerty and a great 4th place finish for Alexander Ball.

A special mention to the swimmers who 'swam up' in older age groups than their own and put up a strong race. The team also managed to go through the gala without any DQ's which is excellent considering that some swimmers had never raced in this type of environment before. Thanks go to Chris Andrew for officiating, Carol Rock and Kim Jones for being excellent team managers and to Coaches Willem and Lauren. A big thank you to all parents who supported their swimmers and most importantly the swimmers themselves who all



swam amazingly well.