



MEDWAY GALA 2 HELD AT MOTE PK MAIDSTONE 1/4/17

Beachfield swimmers arrived at Mote Pk in Maidstone on April Fools Day to find that it was true the Medways had come to Maidstone. BSS had a slightly larger team this time than in Gala 1. BSS had 36 swims in the heats and harvested 26 personal bests with some stand out swims from Kayla Moerman taking 13 seconds off her 100 fly time picking up a Kent q time for 2018, Elle Nikhwai swimming for BSS for the second time taking 5 seconds off her 100 fly also collecting a Kent q time. Jodie Mitchell swam just outside pb earning 5th place in the open, Charlie Johnson and Ollie Durrant swam well in the men's open fly earning pbs and just missing out on points.

In the Girls 10 yrs 100 IM Faith Harris took 11 seconds off her 100 IM and made the finals where she proceeded to knock off another 3 seconds off her heat time and picked up a point for the club. Kara Mitchell knocked 10 seconds off her pb making the final but moved to soon on the block in the final and got disqualified. Jess Hummel also swam well, being first reserve for the final. Daisy Richards knocked 3 seconds off her pb made the final in second and took the 5 points in the final.

The Girls 12 yrs 100 free saw Holly Richards swim to an amazing 17 second pb, Tarryn Marsh reduced her pb by 8 seconds, Kirstie Foster took a second off her pb, Caitlin Ebbage swimming for Beachfield for the first time, made the final in first place and won the final taking 6 points for the club and the Medway record last broken 12 years ago in 2005.

In the Boys' 100 free Ben Fox took 7 seconds off his pb, Fraiser Beckham knocked off 5 seconds with Freddie Dolman and William Fitzpatrick also swimming well. William picked up an injury and swam bravely in the boys 12/13 free relay before retiring, unfortunately unable to take up his place in the individual final as well.

In the Girls' 15 yrs 100 free Genny Hunter swam strongly. Lauren Fox took 8 seconds off her pb and Tilda Durrant made the final in first place and took second in the final but more importantly took half a second off her pb breaking a two year duck in this event.

The girls 14 Yrs 100 brst and Elle Nikhwai made the final in second place, replicating the result in the final shaving a few tenths off her pb. Next event was the Boys 14 yrs 100 brst which had Brandon Harris shaving a few tenths off his pb going in to the final in top spot and taking gold in the final. Isaac Davis took 8 seconds off his pb making the final and picking up two points. Charlie Morris also made the final with a one second pb and taking a valuable point in the final.

The girls 4X25 relay team consisting of Caitlin Ebbage, Grace Dolman, Kirstie Foster Holly Richards won their heat and went in to the final winning a silver.

Jodie Mitchell took gold in the Ladies 50 bk with a 4 tenths of a second pb.

Kaelia Boosey swam very well for the first time in the girls 11 yrs 100 Bk, followed by Kayla Moerman lopping off a massive 13 seconds off her pb. She took another two seconds off her heat time to win a bronze. Alice Brown also knocked 15 seconds off her pb

Grace Dolman shaved two seconds off her PB in the girls 13 yrs 100 fly making the final and taking home a bronze medal. Alfie Page swam to a 11 second pb in the boys 13 yrs 100 fly along with Sam Dickinson who took a bronze in the same event

The Ladies open Bk saw Genny Hunter swim very well followed by Elle Nikhwai taking 3 seconds off her 100 pb and Caitlin Ebbage knocking off a second from her pb picking up a silver in the age and a bronze in the open to Lauren Braddon and Anna Broomfield.

The last event of the evening heats was the Men's open 100bk Freddie Dolman was on pb, Isaac Davis impressed again with a 12 second pb.

The club made 10 finals from 14 with 14 swimmers collecting 3 Golds, 6 silvers, 5 Bronzes, 2 fifths and 3 sixths.

Well done all

Pete