



### **MEET REPORT, MEDWAY GALA 3 AT MEDWAY PK SAT 28/4/18**

As the sun was shining on the playing fields outside the swimming pool on this late April spring evening, all the primary members of each of the Medway clubs lucky enough to swim met up at the Medway Pk pool, which we all know for its lovely dual aspect windows, the sun's wavelengths clubbing together, delivering all secondary light and transparency to all the lucky primary club Medway members, basking in its light, before we resume again in September.

BSS fielded a team with 35 swimmers, punching above its weight up against teams from BLSC with 53 swimmers and Maidstone with 95 swimmers.

BSS achieved 25 personal bests from its 35 swimmers with golds taken home by Brandon in the 15 yrs 100 bk, breaking his own Medway record for the second time this year and taking a silver in the men's open 100 brst again, breaking his 15 yrs Medway record and a record in the open boys' record in the 100 brst as well. Lois took gold but just missed out on the Medway record 3 tenths of a second in the girls' 15 yrs 100 bk. The girls' 9/11 4x25 free team consisting of Daisy, Kara, Jess and Faith took silver.

Some great swims followed from Olivia Pieri in the 50 free to win bronze which also saw Ophelia Brown race well and Jack Marsh swim for the first time in the boys 10 yrs 50 free. Chloe Reynolds swam to a huge 13 second pb in the girls 13 yrs 100 bk. Tarryn took a second off her pb in the same event. Not to be outdone by his sister, James Pieri took 5 seconds off his pb in the 13 yrs 100 bk, followed by William "Fitzy" Fitzpatrick 2 sec pb, and Freddie Dolman. Genny Hunter swam a very nice breast to pb as well, as did Tilda, TJ and Lily all taking chunks off their previous bests in the woman's open 100 brst. The last swimmer in the event for BSS was Polly Thomas who was off her pb. Sam Dickinson and Brother Ed swam well in the men's open 100 brst which Brandon took a silver in, and a gold in the junior competition. Ed got a sixth-place medal in the men's event.

Julia Baykun shaved 6 seconds off her 100 fly pb. Amelia Hopper we think was dq'd for twitching on the block, the next heat saw Lily Durnford take 4 seconds off her 100 fly to come 6<sup>th</sup> overall and in the last heat, Leonie Hopper swam well and Grace Dolman sliced 6 seconds off her 100 fly previous best to end up joint 4th.

BSS had one swimmer in the boys 100 fly, Sam Dickinson breaking his two-year duck with a rewarding 2 second pb, displaying marvellous resilience to just keep going, well done Sam for sticking at it. Sam took bronze just behind Josh Baar who took silver (the latter representing Sittingbourne though due to the longest serving club on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> rule).

Lois took gold in the girls 15 yrs bk just 4 tenths off her pb giving her a boost ahead of Youth regionals in a week's time. A big pb followed from Sophie Rolfe in the 50 fly and Jessica as well. Daisy won a bronze medal, with Faith and Kara swimming well. Aadhithyan was just off his PB in 50m Fly where Max swam well to come 4<sup>th</sup> with a 2 sec PB.

Alice Brown took 9 seconds off her pb in the girls 100 im, Lilly Rose -Burke swam a nice race in the same event taking home a second pb. Kayla Moerman swam despite a shoulder injury shaving 4 seconds off her pb and 5<sup>th</sup> place- very brave, Kayla well done. Last to swim was Lilly's twin brother Jack Burke who took a big 4 seconds off his pb in the boys' 12 yrs 100 im

Well done all. I make it about 50 Medway points this time for BSS. See you next time, keep smiling!

Pete.