

Swim Meet Report

Buccaneer Invitational Meet at St. Mary's Saturday and Sunday 13th & 14th October



Twenty two teams, including ten teams from Philippines, Beijing and Taipei participated in the St. Mary's swim meet on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th October. There were thirty seven BST swimmers who all swam superbly over the weekend.

Congratulations to Fei (Y8) who broke two area records in the 50m and 100m Backstroke. Nana (Y10) showed the team her strong passion and commitment for swimming. She performed her best both days even though she was feeling unwell. Minami (Y10) keeps on improving her PBs, taking two seconds off in the 100m freestyle and three seconds off in the 200m Backstroke. Emily (Y10) swam for us for the first time and showed us her strong breaststroke in the 100m, finishing in third place. Jiho (Y7) was very strong at the meet. She took six seconds off her PB in the 100m Freestyle and three seconds off in her 100m Breastroke. Rosie (Y7) swam 200m Freestyle for the first time at the competition. She looked nervous before the race but she swam very well and came back to the team area delighted with her performance. Carla (Y6) also swam the 200m IM for the first time and performed brilliantly. I was delighted to see her coming back from the race with a nice big smile on her face. All of the Y4 girls did really well in the 25m Freestyle. They all kept their head down, kicked very hard and moved their arms fast in the water. Y7 girls, Isabel, Marta and Yui swam 100m Freestyle with all of them achieving their PB.

Koh (Y6) took four seconds off his own PB and achieved second place in the 100m Breastroke and Yuichiro (Y7) took four seconds off in the 100m Breastroke finishing in seventh place. Yuma (Y10) did his favourite events, 100m and 200m Breastroke. He swam through strongly and smoothly, finishing both races in second place. Cameron (Y7) showed his fantastic technique in the 100m Backstroke and achieved a PB. Jack (Y10) worked hard in the 200m Freestyle taking three seconds off his PB. Harold (Y7) attacked the water constantly in the 50m Freestyle, with Keishun (Y5) taking three seconds off in the 50m Breastroke.

We had ten relay teams participate across two days of competition. The Freestyle and Medley relay. 15-18 boys Medley relay, Yuichiro (Y7) , Yuma (Y10), Taisei (Y12) and Jin (Y8) worked very hard to keep up with other teams. 11-12 boys Medley relay was very exciting to watch. Alfie (Y7), Taisuke (Y6), Keishun (Y5) and Halord (Y7) performed well in this event with all team swimming neck and neck all the way to the finish. In the 11-12 girls freestyle relay, our A team and B teams were placed next to each other in the same heat. All the girls demonstrated excellent team work. The whole team swam very hard and they were supporting one another during the race. I was delighted to see how much their swimming has improved and how strong their friendship as teammates has become.

Our next swim meet will be at ASIJ for our primary swimmers and at Yokosuka for both secondary and primary during term 1b.

Well done, everyone!

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