

Swim Meet Report

Jolly Roger International Swim Meet, St. Mary's Saturday, May 19th



St. Mary's hosted the last swim meet of the year. There were two hundred and seventy five swimmers participating from fourteen teams.

Huge congratulations to Leo (8) who broke four BST school records and achieved the highest point score in his age group. He swam 50m across all four strokes, breaking his PB's in each event.

Y3 girls', Lola, Madeline, Lulu and Sophie-Rose swam the 200m medley relay demonstrating excellent team work. The whole team swam very well and were supporting one another excellently during the race. I was delighted to see how much their swimming has improved.

Primary boys', Yuichiro, Taisuke, Koh and Leo also performed brilliantly in their relay event. Even though their race was at the end of the day, they still performed their best finishing in over all third place. I was delighted to see their excellent stroke technique on display. A fantastic effort.

Fei, Isabel, Rosie and Aemi swam in the 11-12 girls relay finishing in second place. Their race started with Fei's beautiful backstroke then Isabel's smooth breaststroke, Rosie's powerful butterfly and Aemi's freestyle sprint to the finish.



Our younger girls' relay team also performed well. Chloe, Karen, Carla and Sienna finished in second place with just a seconds gap between them and first place. Chloe produced an excellent backstroke turn, Karen demonstrated her strong breaststroke with Carla swimming beautiful butterfly technique and finally Sienna finishing with her improved freestyle. Great work everyone!

Alfred (Y10) who has been out of competition practice for a while put fantastic effort in his 50m freestyle and took a couple of seconds off his previous PB. Radu (Y8) continues to improve. All his extra practice is certainly paying off. He took six seconds off on his 100m freestyle and two seconds off in the 50m freestyle. Yuma (Y9), the best breastroker in our team, attacked the water constantly and finished both the 100m and 200m breaststroke in second place. Jack (Y9) worked hard in showing excellent technique and power in his 50m and 100m freestyle events.



Nana (Y9) performed in her favourite event, the 400m freestyle and swam through with a smooth stroke. Minami (Y9) also swam her favourite event, the 100m backstroke demonstrating beautiful stroke technique and underwater streamlining to finish in second place. Minami also achieved second place in the 50m freestyle. It was the first time for Lilia (Y7) to swim in the 100m butterfly during a competition. She worked very hard and finished the race bravely. Backstroker Fei (Y7) who has just recovered from a shoulder injury achieved first place in both the 50m and 100m backstroke.

Our next swim meet will be on June 3rd at Yokosuka Base. This will be our last gala in the school calendar which we will attend as a whole swimming team this year. Let's train hard and prepare for the races ahead of us.

Well done, everyone!

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