

Northern Inter-League Junior Final 2013

After an early 6.45am set off time up to Leeds on Sunday 6th of October to compete in what is considered the 'tougher' Northern Junior Inter-League Final Boldmere's Junior A Team managed to produce a fantastic result to finished 4th, just 6 points behind Southport, to secure a place in the Arena Junior Inter-League Grand Final at Corby on November 24th for an incredible 5th time. They will be joined by the top four from the Southern Final.

There were some impressive times set with 23 PBs, unofficial PBs, 29 top three finishes and 4 relay club records .

In the individual events nine year old Oliver Carless continued his excellent form by steaming into first place in both the 25m Freestyle with a PB of 16.08 and 125m Backstroke whilst Luke Butcher gained a 3rd in the 25m Breaststroke.

For the 9 year old girls Nadya Sterling swam strongly in a very tough race, finishing 3rd in the 25m Butterfly (PB 19.49) and Irisha Powell touched in 3rd place in the 25m Breaststroke also with a PB of 24.89.

In the 10 year old and under age group Acer Woolley impressed with a 1st place in the 50m Freestyle then took second place in the 50m Butterfly. William Cooper and Jamie Dark both placed 3rd in the 50m Breaststroke and 50m Backstroke (PB 40.07) respectively while Abbey Turnbull also maintained the pace by finishing 3rd in the 50m girls Freestyle.

The 11 year olds maintained the momentum by finishing 3rd in the majority of races with Ben Smith knocking over a second off his time in the 50m Backstroke (PB 35.86) in his first official swim as an 11yr old, then coming 3rd in the 50m Freestyle. James Goodwin also gained a PB (35.59) in the 50m Butterfly. Erin Davies also swam up to the 11 year old girls finishing 4th in the 50m Breaststroke.

There was another superb performance from Leo Karski for the 12 year old boys taking 2nd place in the 50m Butterfly (PB 32.17) and the 50m Freestyle with Roan Griffiths maintaining his form with a 2nd place in the 50m Backstroke. The 12 year old girls also fought hard gaining valuable points for the team with Aristeia



Knight finishing 4th in the 50m Breaststroke.

True to their superb form this season, the 12 year old boys won their individual team Freestyle relay keeping their lead throughout and finishing 3 -4 m clear of 2nd place. All of the individual 12Yr/u team relays gained club records as they were swimming 50m for the first time in these events. There was also an outstanding win with deafening cheers of support from the crowd in the final 8 x 125m Mixed Freestyle relay to end the competition on a high note.

It was a cracking all round performance demonstrating the usual strength and depth of the team with 10 out of 17 top 3 finishes in the relays. There were 3 new team members in the 9 year old age group making their debut performance in the relay teams in this high level gala – Ellis Taylor, Tess Ward and Rachel Nash. Other members of the relay teams who did not have individual races but produced valuable relay leg swims were, Leo Butts, Mollie Goldstone, Sol Langston, Defne Balu, Molly Sherriff and Taleb Givens.

Star of the Gala again went to EVERYONE including the Junior Head Coach Nigel Kelly and the poolside team for their support and encouragement to the swimmers which was a massive achievement in light of necessary changes to the team and tough opposition including last years National Winners.

