

IAPS U10-U13 Regional Swimming Gala

This week we hosted one of the IAPS Regional Swimming Galas at The Leys Pool which showcased a large number of talented swimmers from across the area. Schools attending included St John's, King's Ely, Town Close, Culford, Cothill House, Bedford Girls', The Beacon and St Faith's. The high standard of competition in both the relay and individual races was clear to see and, no doubt, we witnessed several swims that are of national qualifying standard. What I enjoyed the most about the whole event was the way all pupils conducted themselves whether they were preparing for their events, racing or cheering on their team mates; it was lovely to see such a wonderful display of gamesmanship and competitiveness.

Many of our pupils exceeded expectations; and their achievements are listed below. We now wait to hear if any of our individual swimmers or relay teams have qualified for the National Finals in June. We should know in about three weeks' time. Thank you to all the St Faith's staff and parents who came to help – it was a fantastic afternoon's swimming.

Team – Lilian M, Hannah W, Darcey G, Stephanie B, George S, Reuben C, Niall G, Jeremy P, Mateo V, Ewan S, Harper R, Archie B, Maxim H, Noah N, Daisy H, Ava B, Phoebe B, Polina F, Jacob C, Tomas V, Emily H, Amelia S, Ania K, Nadine A, Alex P, Josh W, Jonny H, Nick H, Adam H, Chris H (Capt) Amelia S (Capt), Jemaira V, Lucy B, Izzy B, Beth M.

Personal Best Times:

Mateo – 18.76 25m Backstroke (**New School Record**)

Reuben – 22.16 25m Breaststroke

Stephanie – 17.34 25m Freestyle

Ava – 41.45 50m Backstroke

Daisy – 37.78 50m Freestyle

Polina – 46.12 50m Breaststroke

Ania – 32.80 50m Freestyle

Nadine – 42.53 50m breaststroke

Jacob – 42.76 50m Backstroke

Emily – 41.55 50m Backstroke

Adam – 35.71 50m Freestyle

Amelia – 41.14 50m Breaststroke

Lucy – 37.79 50m Freestyle

U10 Boys' Medley Relay 1.27.20 – Niall, Reuben, Mateo, George **New School Record**

U11 Girls' Freestyle Relay 1.10.86 – Ava, Daisy, Polina, Phoebe **New School Record**

Mrs Critchley