

Oakengates youngsters travelled to Leamington Spa for the 1st round of the Nuneaton District Junior (Diddy League).

The gala opened with the 10years 50 F/S Hollie George and Oliver Linder- Patton both being placed 5th, Oliver getting a P.B (Personal Best). Jordan Crook swam his BR well to get 4th (PB). Hannah Dodwell and Nicholas Reilly both got placed 5th in the Ba. Jessica Kenny did 25 Fly (PB) as did Aiden Reynolds. The Girls were placed 5th in the Medley Relay and the boys 3rd.

At half way Oakengates were lying in 4th position and looked to have a daunting task to catch up.

The 11year olds age group did extremely well pulling back points with Daniel Evans, 1st in the Ba (PB) and 1st in the F/S. Nadine Stackhouse also did the double getting 1st in both F/S and Fly (PB). Claire Bearman took an early lead in the 50 Ba and was never challenged. James Boyd also had double victories in the 50 Fly (PB) and the 50 BR. Laura Roberts was involved in a very close finish in the Br just touching 1st. The girls won their relays without difficulty and the boys were 2nd in both.

The 12 years did well, Alex Hooper winning 50Ba and F/S easily. Nathaniel Linder-Patton had a superb win in the 50 Ba. Oliver Freeman looked relaxed winning his 50 Fly, Amy Adams was 4th. Sam Adamson was well in front in the 50 Br to win easily. The boys won their relays and the girls came 3rd in both. The cannons 8x1 F/S were fast and exciting as usual especially as they won both.

The last event: The mixed cannon was indeed very exciting and very close with the lead changing throughout. Oakengates just missed out getting placed 2nd. The points table changed dramatically with Oakengates now in 1st position.