

Oakengates swimmers travelled to Droitwich for the first round of the Mercian league and produced some excellent swims.

Jessica Tonks 10/u went out fast on her 50ba to win comfortably with a personal best time (p.b). Laura Roberts tried the same tactic and also produced a super win (pb) in 50 br. Katie Bevington literally flew the 25m fly to win with a pb. The girls with help from Hannah Dodwell won both their relays.

For the 12/u Nathaniel Linder-Patton swam a controlled 100 ba to win with a pb. Chelsea Norris was 3<sup>rd</sup>, also pb, for the girls. Christopher Reilly had a good race 100 br to finish 2<sup>nd</sup>, Amy Adams swam well to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> (pb). In the 50 fly Oliver Freeman had a spectacular win (pb), Rosie Stewart did well to get 3<sup>rd</sup> (p.b). Aaron Marsh completed his 100f/c in fine style to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> (pb). The boys won their relays with ease and the girls were 3<sup>rd</sup> in both.

In the 14/u category, Alex Humphries went out fast in 100 ba to lead all the way to the finish and get a pb. Jennifer Adamson too swam well to get 2<sup>nd</sup> for the girls. In the 100 f/c Ian Martin and Amy Brentnall put in 100% effort to get pbs and finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the 100br Victoria Reilly did not quite get her winning form but came in a pleasing 2<sup>nd</sup> as did Ashley Simcox for the boys.

In the open category Duncan Taylor had an excellent swim 100br to finish 1<sup>st</sup> just outside of his pb and Leigh-Anne Linley also had a good win. Pete Morgan was involved in a fast and furious 100 f/c to finish 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Overall they were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> just behind joint winners Worcester and Nuneaton. Three swimmers recently competed in the Birmingham open with pleasing results- Nicola Martin swam a well paced 200 ba to get a midland qualifying time. Sam Adamson also did well in 200 br to also get a midland time. Fay Jackson already a qualifier bettered her time by over 3 seconds in 200ba.

In the midland youth championships held at Coventry 3 swimmers from the club qualified. Swimming in the 50m pool proved challenging but Fay Jackson (15) swam a well paced 1500m to get a good pb. Gemma Rawlings (16) swam well in 100 ba to qualify for the final, she was placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall. Andrew Little (18) swam a fast 1 length (50m) f/c to get a pb.