

Otterham School at North Cornwall Swimming Gala

Weds 8th November at Camelford Leisure Centre



This event is the qualifying event for the Cornwall School games and the team with the overall best combined times went through. The times for each of the following events: Frontcrawl, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Relay are combined.

The competition was for Year 5 boys and girls and Year 6 boys and girls. Children were only allowed to swim in one event plus a relay. These were one length each.

As a small school we were unable to fill all the events and had to use children from younger age groups to "swim up" age groups. We were up against 9 other schools many who are big schools where there are many more children to choose from.

Our competitors were:

Yr 6 Boys:	Event:	Actual Yr Group:	Time:
Charlie Prout	Front Crawl	6	22:34
Jake Luckhurst	Backstroke	5	28:29
Sam Coles	Breaststroke	4	32:13
Oscar Adams	Butterfly	5	17:58
Yr 6 Girls:	Event:	Actual Yr Group:	Time:
Katie Sanders	Frontcrawl	5	24:35
Phoebe Martin	Backstroke	6	22:53
Daisy Hockin	Breaststroke	5	28:50
Ruby Coleman	Butterfly	6	18:23
Yr 5 Boys:	Event:	Actual Yr Group:	Time:
Jack Grandison	Breaststroke.	4	53:23
Sam Coleman	Butterfly	4	27:41
Yr 5 Girls:	Event:	Actual Yr Group:	Time:
Adrianna Czura	Frontcrawl	5	21:58
Hannah Reed	Backstroke	5	24:20
Tilly Forbes-Pearce	Breaststroke	4	34:35

The year 5 Boys and Girls came a creditable 6th in their respective relay races. The Year 6 Girls team finished 9th in their relay with the Year 6 boys coming 7th.

It was wonderful to see the effort made by Otterham children in what is a tough competition especially when swimming against children who are older. All a great experience for them. Each of them now has a time to work against which will be a massive encouragement as they progress in their swimming.

Oscar Adams came 4th in his Butterfly swimming against Year 6 pupils. Ruby Coleman finished 5th in her Butterfly.

For many of our team this was their first experience of a competitive swimming gala. Jack Grandison only learnt to swim last year and was really excited to be a part of this event. It was a nerve wracking afternoon for some, especially Katie Sanders, as they waited for their turns; but all did their very best and were a credit to the school and wonderful ambassadors too!

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