

TEAMWORK 'A' GALA
TRINITY SCHOOL, CROYDON.
18th July 2009.

Our last event before the summer break took us to Trinity School in Croydon to compete against teams from Orpington, Redhill & Reigate & 1066 Swimmers from Hastings.

My team sheet changed throughout the day on Saturday with a number of unfortunate late withdrawals due to sickness. However, with a few last minute adjustments on poolside 20 minutes prior to the event starting we got off to a great start with both Grace Ladley & Luke Saheed swimming 'personal bests' in their 50m Backstroke events.

Individual wins were hard come by with a strong Orpington 'A' team winning 29 of the 47 events during the evening. We did gain four individual successes courtesy of Grace Begley-Hunter, 15/U 100m Fly, Sally Nicholas, 15/U 100m Breast & Andrey Brightwell in both the 11/U 50m Breast & 50m Free. Relay success was gained in the 15/U medley relay (Michelle Fewster, Sally Nicholas, Grace Begley-Hunter & Chloe Pembroke) and the 11/U medley relay (Luke Saheed, Andrey Brightwell, Charlie Knight & Yalun Zhang). With a host of second & third places achieved during the evening we battled hard with Redhill & Reigate for runner up spot only losing out at the very end in the Tandem events which scored double points.

Congratulations to Matthew Earle (100m Breast), Rhys Williamson (100m Fly), Alice Gleeson (50m Breast), Stephen Bathie (100m Free), Sophie Pembroke (50m Fly), Amy Farthing (50m Free) & Ellie Thomas (100m Back) who all swam personal bests in their individual events.

A huge 'WELL DONE' to all the swimmers for their effort and enthusiasm during the evening, and a big 'THANK YOU' to my team of poolside helpers.