

Development Gala 1 Omagh – 6th October 2019

Banbridge Amateur Swimming club sent a number of swimmers to the first development meet of the season. It was an early start for our swimmers who arrived at Omagh Leisure Centre before it even opened! Once they managed to get through the doors it was a very successful day for our swimmers. BASC provided a number of parents who volunteered on the day and coaches Ross and Caroline provided guidance and support to our swimmers throughout the day.

Session 1 got underway with the girls and boys 100m and 200m IM's, all children swam well in this event. Well done swimmers!

The following event was the 100m freestyle with Laura Hanna taking gold for the 12-year-old girls and Matthew McKeivitt taking silver for the 11-year-old boys and Luke Palmer followed suit with bronze. The 12-year-old boys event had Elliot Foster Bentham come third and in the 13-year-old boys Lorcan Cowgill took the gold! Brilliant swimming from the BASC swimmers.

Lorcan also took the gold in the 200 free and Brooke Schoenfelt took gold for the 11-year-old girls. Laura Hanna took bronze for the 12-year-old girls and Hannah Marshall taking silver for the girls 13-year category.

Backstroke races were up next with Rueben McDowell coming 3rd in 100 back for the ten-year olds. In the 11-year-old boys category Cillian Hoy came in second Luke Palmer came 3rd and BASC also had 4th and 5th in this race for Matthew McKeivitt and Josh Kernohan. Lorcan Cowgill took gold for the 13-year-old boys' category! And Laura Hanna took gold for the 12-year-old girls. Great swimming again from the club...

100 Breast stroke came next with Rueben McDowell and Alexander Ogle coming second and third respectively. The girls also performed well in this event with Rose Turley taking second and Aoife McGrady coming 3rd. Brilliant guys!

All swimmers swam fantastically well on this day and it was a great start to the season with many more Development galas to come.

Special mention must go to Lorcan Cowgill who performed exceptionally well, not only taking gold in all his races but using this gala to graduate from the Development Galas and move on to Qualifying galas.

Also Brooke Schoenfelt who received her IM tick and has moved out of development.

Thanks to the parents and coaches who make the galas a great experience for the swimmers.