

BRIGHTON DEVELOPMENT GALA FEBRUARY 5TH 2011

Again Worthing received an invitation to attend this Gala along with Beacon, Lewes, Eastbourne, Brighton Dolphins and Brighton Swimming Club.

This is the third time this Gala has run and Worthing has competed in all three.

The aim of the Gala is to select swimmers who will benefit and Develop from swimming in this Gala. Where possible those swimmers who competed in the Puffin Gala had a chance for another swim, however with different age groups meant that not all swimmers could compete and older swimmers would be asked.

The evening got off to a flying start even more so than normal as we had a very keen swimmer who was to go in the second event just could not wait and went storming down the lane just as the boys relay team touched to secure second place in the first heat. This just shows how keen we at Worthing really are.

The evening produced much excitement as we continued to be placed in second or third and also first. The points totals were often called out and Worthing were leading the way out front.

With positioning in the top 3 of each event was great to see as some young swimmers were eager to make a good impression on the night. Good swims from the 10 years age group up all the way to 16 years and under. A solid team performance from all. A special mention to Lisa Cooper who competed for the first time in Individuals and surprised herself by being in the top 2 places over 50 metres, Calum Mclellan for giving everything in a heat that resulted in him not being able to speak for 5 minutes when he was then required to swim again.

Thanks to Ben Curtis who was very ill but was ready to swim as he knew we had already had 9 pull outs and 3 no shows and still wanted to support the team if needed. However he stood down with some other swimmers standing in to swim more events.

A big thank you goes out to all who secured our second victory in the three years this event has been running. A well deserved victory. Special thanks to Karen and Mathew for helping poolside. To Katie, Ian and Mark for officiating and to all the parents for bringing their children along to swim for Worthing.

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