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GALA REPORT

HOME COUNTIES RD1 – 14th JANUARY 2012 – LEIGHTON BUZZARD (TIDDENFOOT)



What an exciting start to the Home Counties, lots of swimmers that hadn't met before this competition and swimmers swimming-up due to large numbers being at the Watford L3 meet.

Head Coach, Kevin decided that this league would provide the opportunity for those swimmers who had not competed in the Arena League, where possible, providing great competition experience introducing some new faces to Maxwell team competitions.

The start was delayed as we waited for Luton A and B teams to turn up, when they didn't arrive we got off to a good start in the open 100IM's with Girls Team Captain **Corinne James** and Boys Vice Captain **Jack Rowland**. It was loud and there was plenty of noise from **Kenyon Denton** until his voice had gone!!

Tom Nolte swam a fantastic 100m fly, **Ellie Picillo** an amazing breaststroke, putting a big smile on her face and **Charles Bose** a great backstroke. Also a big well done to **Laura Cox** for what was her first time competing for Maxwell.

We went into the final relays 2 points behind the leaders Linsalade Crusaders and sadly stayed second, but we fought hard keeping the relays very tidy.

Great team spirit, pom poms flying, leaving Maxwell poolside well after the other teams had gone home singing out the Maxwell song led by Club Captain **Tom Elgar** – great voice!! And parents were smiling on the balcony. We still need to work on their singing as they were a bit quiet!

Thanks to all the officials, coaches, swimmers, club captains and parents who came along. A very enjoyable evening. Bring on round 2 on February 11th.

Mandy James, Maxwell Team Manager