

## **Four Seasons at Gloucester on 16 April 2016**

A great evening of racing for Cinderford swimmers who won the 4 Seasons gala with 191 points to Hereford on 153 points, Gloucester on 140 points, Tewkesbury on 131 and Lydney 99 points. The event had an abundance of PB's with swimmers putting in terrific performances and their parents shown a great display of both ability and determination.

The 9 year and under girls relay team started proceedings with Daisy Stuart-Gunter, Faye Bullock and Amelia Latham in their first gala joining Caitlin Scott-Murphy to clinch 2<sup>nd</sup> place before the 10 year and under girls: Scarlett Urry, Grace Clarke, Phoebe Taylor and Izzy Norris achieved their 2<sup>nd</sup> place as did the 10 year and under boys: Ed Brittain-Long, Sam Gallagher, Chris Hadfield and Connor Fennell and the 12 year and under boys: Huey Freeman, Finnley Thomas, Finlay Stuart-Gunter and Danny Jones. Not to be out done the 11 year and under relay teams both won their freestyle relays, for the girls: Lily Brice, Phoebe Taylor, Erlina Ainsworth and Amelia Urry and for the boys: Thomas Cottrell, Cameron Day and Brad Creed.

The individual races started with 9 year olds Caitlin Scott-Murphy and Connor Fennell winning the 25m freestyle both with PB's and Grace Clarke and Sam Gallagher finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> with PB's in the 10 year olds 50m breaststroke of 3 sec and 8 sec. Amelia Urry won her 50m backstroke with a PB, Finlay Stuart-Gunter won his 50m butterfly and Maya Powell improved her 50m butterfly by 2 sec to achieve a 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In the 25m breaststroke Caitlin won for the girls and Broden Powell finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 4 sec PB. Erlina and Chris both took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 50m backstroke, Erlina with a 2 sec PB, Amelia Urry won her 50m butterfly and Maya won her 50m freestyle race.

In the 25m backstroke Caitlin again won her race and Phoebe took 4 sec off her time to achieve 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 50m butterfly with Chris winning his race. In the 11 year and under 50m freestyle Amelia Urry and Brad Creed won their races Brad with a PB and the 50m breaststroke saw Tamzin Latham take 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Broden won the 25m butterfly with a 4 sec PB and Erlina took first place in the 50m freestyle with Sam Gallagher improving his time by 4 sec. Lily Brice won the 50m breaststroke with a 5 sec PB and Huey Freeman PB'd to achieve 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the boys, Finlay Stuart-Gunter and Tamzin (with a PB) won their 50m backstroke races and Maddie Ryder improved both her 25m freestyle and backstroke times.

Next were the final relay races where Cinderford swimmers strengthened their winning position. The first of these races saw the girls 9 years and under medley team win their race and the boys: Connor Fennell, Broden Powell and Sam Chilton come 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the 10 year and under relays the girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with the boys winning their race and the 11 year and under girls medley team also took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The final event of the evening saw Cinderford just pipped into 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 8 x 25m freestyle cannon but an elated team taking the honours overall with plenty of fresh faces and some excellent results.