

Banbridge PTL team met a tough Larne side last Saturday though they did not get it all their own way as many of the Bann swimmers had notable victories.

Group A girls and boys had excellent wins in their Medley relays with Lauren Armstrong, Jessica Robinson, Sophie Mount and Caitlin Kearney. The boys were Harry Dougan, William Pinkerton, Harry Farson and Daniel Kilpatrick.

In the individual events the girls had some tremendous swims with Lauren Armstrong first in Freestyle and third in her Backstroke. Jessica Robinson held on to first place in the Breaststroke with Caitlin Kearney coming third. Julia Knox had great swims coming second in the 100m IM and in the Fly with Sophie Mount in third place. In their last event the team of Julia Knox, Caitlin Kearney, Rebecca Pinkerton and Lauren Armstrong stormed ahead in the freestyle relay.

In the Group A boys Harry Farson had a superb gala coming first in the Butterfly, freestyle and 100mIM. William Pinkerton was well ahead at the touch in the Breaststroke with Daniel Kilpatrick in second place. Daniel also came third in the freestyle and William in the IM Rory McNiff swam well into second place in the Backstroke with Harry Dougan coming third. They completed their good run with a first place in the freestyle relay.

Group B girls met tough opposition with only Abbie McCullough taking second in the Fly and third places in backstroke and freestyle. The boys fought back with good wins in both relays with the team of Patrick McNiff, Michael Rafferty, Joel Milligan and Caolan Quinn. In their individual events they gained good placings with Patrick second in the breaststroke and third in the backstroke. Joel held on to second place in the Fly and third in the IM with Caolan third in the Freestyle.

Group C girls gave Larne some stiff competition with Megan McKenna first in the Butterfly and third in the freestyle. Jenny Wilson took second places in the Fly and IM with Allyce Nixon third in her Breaststroke and IM. They were unlucky to finish in second places in the relays in a very close finish. Scott Donnelly in the C boys had a splendid gala taking first place in his Breaststroke and second in his other four events.

The Larne Group D girls proved too strong for the local side but the boys fought hard and swam with sheer determination and were to be commended for their great performance on the night with the team of Cameron McDonald, Daniel Chambers, Graham Stevenson, Patrick and Conor Morgan. Patrick took second in his Backstroke and third in the Fly. Cameron came second in his Breaststroke with third in the IM. Daniel came third in the breaststroke with Graham third in his freestyle. In the last event of the night they were just piped at the touch. Well done to all the swimmers on the night for an enjoyable evening of competitive swimming.