

## Mini Meet Success For Sharks

Fifteen of Sandbach Sharks swimmers have been competing one weekend in every month for the last six months at Grand Central Swimming Pool, Stockport. The series of mini meets, organised by Stockport Metro as part of their link programme, has been attended by young swimmers from clubs all over the north west & Cheshire, including: Romiley, Marple, Stockport Metro, Dane Valley, Dukinfield, Droylsden, and Sandbach

The team from Sandbach are some of the youngest of Sharks swimmers, with the maximum age limit to compete being twelve. The series of meets culminated in two consecutive weekends of finals, with Sandbach sharks walking away with 6 of the medals on offer. Emily Williams and Marcus Cooke (pictured) both achieved greatness, with Emily winning gold in the 10 year old girls 50m freestyle event & Marcus achieving gold in the 9 year old boys 25m freestyle. They both followed their wins up nicely with silver & bronze medals in other events.

There was fantastic team spirit displayed by all our swimmers. A special mention must go to those swimmers who improved tremendously over the six month period, they include Amelia Thompson ,Oliver Lord, Charlotte & Amy Keeble, Emily & Alice Head. Well done swimmers!

Each one of the Sandbach Sharks team showed consistent improvement, with every competitor achieving personal best times in consecutive months of racing. Stephanie Bell narrowly missed medals, achieving 4<sup>th</sup> place in all of her events, apart from a very frustrating disqualification after achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 12 year old girls 50m breaststroke. Thankfully, swimmer Mark Peart was on hand to provide much needed sympathy in the form of a Victoria sandwich cake, baked to mark his last entry to a mini meet, as he'll be beyond the age limit qualification to compete next year! Well done to all our Sharks!

