

DASC at Gateshead & Whickham Summer Splash **4,5 July 2009**

A group of 6 girls and 6 boys from Top, A and B squads competed at the Gateshead and Whickham Summer Splash on 4th, 5th July. Darlington swimmers again produced some excellent swims, and achieved a total of 19 new Personal Best times in 41 swims, with almost every swimmer producing at least one.

We had two swimmers competing for the first time in such an event – **Michael Patan and Liam Carrigan**. They made a fabulous start to their swimming careers, producing great swims and hopefully learning lots from the experience.

Some of our swimmers were in action all weekend and swam best times in many of their events. **Michael Cole-Robinson** came 1st in 400m Freestyle, 2nd in 100m Butterfly, and 3rd in 100m IM. **Richard Murray** came away with multiple PBs, coming 2nd in 100m IM, 50m Butterfly and 200m Freestyle and 3rd in 50m Freestyle and 200m Breaststroke. **Richard Coxon** came 2nd in his 100m Freestyle and set a new PB in 100m IM. **John Van Mourik** had problems with his goggles in several races but swam his first 200m Breaststroke.

Robyn Wilkinson swam 400m Freestyle for the first time coming in 1st place, and was also 1st in 200m Backstroke and 2nd in 100m Backstroke. **Alana Prior**, in the 9 years agegroup, came 1st in 50m Breaststroke and 2nd in 50m Backstroke. **Kate Troy** came 2nd in 200m Backstroke. **Ineke van Mourik** recorded PBs in 200m IM and 200m Butterfly, as well as swimming her first 400m Freestyle. Also competing in three events each were **Helen Murray and Bridget Upton** with some swims they can be pleased with.

B squad coach, Emma Hughes, said, 'It was a very good performance and I am happy to see swimmers getting great PBs. You represented the club well. You can't do much better than that! Well done!'