

Regional School Games



A splash hit : BSAK climbed up the standings with their exploits in the pool.

Hosts swim their way to joint top

COBIS Junior Games overall winner will emerge today

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Hosts British School Al Khubairat 'A' (BSAK A) sealed the swimming championship after winning 11 medals at the Council of British International Schools Junior Games yesterday, and immediately went joint-top of the overall standings.

The Abu Dhabi school were fifth overall after day one of the games, but picked up three gold, five silver and three bronze in the pool events at the Armed Forces Officers Club.

BSAK A now share the top spot with Nigeria's St Saviours Ikoyi (SSI), who finished second in the swim competition with one gold, four silver and four bronze medals.

Egypt British International School (EBIS) sealed third spot (six gold and one bronze) thanks to a clean sweep in the boys' category.

For BSAK 'A', Molly Rooke

(breaststroke) and Cassandra Gottschalk (butterfly) triumphed, with team-mate Cora Bridgeman second in the fly. Gottschalk returned to win silver in the freestyle.

Ethan Collings (breaststroke, silver), Ebrahim Al Mussalam (butterfly, bronze) and William Nicholas (backstroke, bronze) picked up individual medals, while the team won silver in the boy's 4x50m freestyle and medley relays.

BSAK 'A' coach Michael McFarlane praised the efforts of his team.

He said: "The kids have been brilliant. They have trained really hard and some did extra sessions outside of school especially for this competition."

"Swimming is part of our curriculum so a lot of our students have experience of the sport."

Among the stand-out performers were EBIS students Abdul Rahman

Sabry and Ahmed Moatez, who won four gold medals each. Sabry, 12, won the backstroke and freestyle and completed his haul with wins in the medley and freestyle relays.

"In the past few weeks, we did a lot of training for this competition. And to finish the swimming event with these medals is something I'm extremely happy with," said Sabry.

And relay team-mate Moatez, 11, who finished first in the butterfly and breaststroke was delighted with his performance.

He said: "It feels really good to win these medals. All the races were tough because all the swimmers were good and we knew this before the start of the day."

The football tournament at Armed Forces Officers Club concludes the three-day competition today, after which the overall winner will be announced.



Home run: Tishe Deji Roberts of Temple School won the 50m breaststroke.



Golden boys: Ahmed Moatez (l) and Abdul Rahman Sabry of EBIS.



Well done: Two young swimmers are applauded for their efforts.



Proud moment: A winner displays her medal after the presentation.

Results: Swimming finals

Girls

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
4x50m Medley Relay	SSI	BSB	SGL
50m Butterfly	BSAK A	BSAK A	SSI
50m Backstroke	BSAK A	SSI	BSB
50m Breaststroke	SGL	BSN	PBS
50m Freestyle	BISC	BSAK A	SSI
4x50m Freestyle	BSAK A	SSI	EBIS

Boys

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
4x50m Medley Relay	EBIS	BSAK A	SSI
50m Butterfly	EBIS	SSI	BSAK A
50m Backstroke	EBIS	SSI	BSAK A
50m Breaststroke	EBIS	BSAK A	HAS
50m Freestyle	EBIS	BSN	BSAK A
4x50m Freestyle	EBIS	BSAK A	SSI

Standings

Swimming

Pos	School	Points
1.	BSAK A	200
2.	SSI	190
3.	EBIS	180
4.	BSN	170
5.	SCBSA	160
6.	SGL	150
7.	ISM	140
8.	BISC	130
9.	BSB	120
10.	PBS	110
11.	BISI	100
12.	HAS	90
13.	HAL	80
14.	GES	70
=	TSN	70

Overall after Day 2

Pos	School	Points
1.	BSAK A	360
=	SSI	360
2.	ISM	340
=	SGL	340
=	SCBSA	340
3.	BSN	310
4.	BISC	290
5.	EBIS	280
6.	BISI	270
7.	BSB	240
=	PBS	240
8.	HAS	190
9.	GES	180
=	HAL	180
=	TSN	180

KEY: British School Al Khubairat A (BSAK A), British School Al Khubairat B (BSAK B), British School Bucharest (BSB), British International School Cairo (BISC), British School Netherlands (BSN), Egypt British International School (EBIS), Geneva English School (GES), Haileybury Almaty (HAL), Haileybury Astana (HAS), Prague British School (PBS), Temple School Nigeria (TSN), St Catherine's British School Athens (SCBSA), St George's Luxembourg (SGL), St Saviours Ikoyi (SSI), The British Int. School of Istanbul (BISI), International School Moscow (ISM).



Joint effort: Sherif Adley of EBIS was part of the 4x50m victorious team.