Fife Schools Championships Michael Woods Saturday 1st December 2018

Many Step Rock swimmers took part in the recent Fife Schools swimming championships competing for their Primary and Secondary Schools and many proudly went home with medals and pbs.

In the Primary Schools 50m events,  Sam C (1st breaststroke, 2nd butterfly), Corey (1st backstroke and freestyle), Fraser (1st butterfly, 3rd freestyle) and Finch (4th freestyle) raced superbly, and have been put forward to represent their schools at the prestigious Scottish Schools Championships on 26th January. All swimming in the 12-and-under age category, the boys now have a nervous wait to see if their qualifying times rank in the top 20 in Scotland, and if so they will be invited to race at the 50m Tollcross pool, in Glasgow. Finch was also part of the Anstruther team who won gold in the 200 free relay; together with teammates Sam J, Archie and Rowan, they will hope to have qualified for the Scottish Schools relays event later on in the year.

In the Secondary Schools events, Angus (backstroke) and Russell (freestyle) also had excellent swims. Racing to a new personal best and bronze in the 100m event, Angus has been put forward to swim in both this event and the 200m, in which he took silver behind Bell Baxter's Adam Young. Russell's new PB of 1:02.89 for 100m free saw him top the podium, and he too, will hope that is good enough to gain entry for the Scottish Schools. Flying the flag for the girls, Isla T, who narrowly missed out last year in the 50m butterfly, has this year been entered for the 100m butterfly after deservedly winning bronze.