

# The Friars Cup

Results from the tournament played at Austin Friars School,  
Carlisle, on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December

## Primary Schools Section

1= RGS Aardvarks	15½
1= RGS Bears	15½
3 Inglewood	14½
4 Kingmoor	13
5 RGS Dragons	12½
6 RGS Foxes	12
7 RGS Gorillas	11½
8= Glebe	11
8= RGS Crocodiles	11
8= Stanwix	11
11= Cummersdale	10½
11= RGS Elephants	10½
13 Belah 'A'	9½
14= High Hesket	9
14= St Monica's 'B'	9
16 St Monica's 'A'	8½
17= Thursby 'A'	8
17= Thursby 'B'	8
19= Rockcliffe 'A'	7½
19= Rockcliffe 'B'	7½
21 Thursby 'C'	7
22 Crosby/Rockcliffe	4
23 Belah 'B'	3½

This was a finely fought section with everything unclear until the final round. Two local schools, Inglewood and Kingmoor, fought manfully to hold off the invaders – RGS from Newcastle and Glebe from Ayrshire. The battle between the RGS Bears (A Year 5 team captained by Jack McHugh) and the Aardvarks (Year 6; captained by Gavin Minty) was also intense and neither side was fully happy to share the trophy. The RGS strength in depth is shown in that none of their seven teams scored fewer than half marks

## Secondary Schools Section

1 RGS Avocets	19
2 Austin Friars 'A'	13
3 RGS Drakes	11½
4= Greenwood Acad.'B'	11
4= RGS Condors	11
6 RGS Buzzards	10
7 RGS Eagles	9½
8 Astley High	9
9 Greenwood Acad.'A'	8½
10 Austin Friars 'B'	8
11 William Howard	5½
12 Austin Friars 'C'	4

The top RGS team (Jonny Lai, Theon Rogers, Dan Lai and Tom Glover) had won this trophy for the past two years and it soon became clear that there was nobody here to challenge them for top place.. They had won with a round to spare, losing only one game all day. Greenwood Academy from Kilmarnock have beaten hem in the past, but were disappointing this time. Sadly Astley High School from Blyth were without their best player and failed to mount their expected challenge.

This is the tenth annual Friars Cup tournament to be organised by Syd Cassidy at Austin Friars. Almost 150 children took part and mountains of hot dogs and oceans of fizzy drinks were consumed throughout the day. The whole event was greatly enjoyed by all who went there.

For Syd's own report on the event go to the Cumbria Chess Association website and go to Junior Tournaments.