

EPSCA Zonal Tournament

Played at RGS on Saturday, 5th February



Photo by Laura Smith

Under-9 Section

1. RGS 'A'	23
2. NPS 'A'	19
3= RGS 'B'	12
3= NPS 'B'	12
5. RGS 'C'	11½
6. RGS 'D'	8
7. St Teresa's	7½
8. King's, Tynemouth	7

The top four teams qualify for Prestatyn

After RGS U-9 'A' team narrowly beat NPS'A' by 3-2 the issue was never in doubt. Keshav, Arif, and Nathan all scored full marks; Eashan and Dan 4 and William 3. A great team effort. The other year 4 team, the 'B's also qualified for Prestatyn. Jonathan had a tough time on board 1, but Ethan (4/5), Joe, Aaron and Raiyan (all 3/5) did enough for the team to scrape through. The genuine year-3 teams, 'C' and 'D' failed to qualify, only by half a point in the case of James Moreby's 'C's. James, Liam and Mark all scored 3/5 and will form the basis of our U-9 team to play in the Prestatyn Plate competition. Megan and Louis top-scored for the 'D's, but the team struggled against mainly older opposition.

Under-11 Section

1. RGS 'A'	25
2. RGS 'C'	14½
3. St Teresa's	13½
4. NPS 'B'	13
5= RGS 'B'	12
5= RGS 'E'	12
7. King's, Tynemouth'A'	11
8= NPS 'A'	10½
8= RGS 'D'	10½
10. RGS 'F'	10
11. King's, Tynemouth'B'	6

The top six teams qualify for Prestatyn

The U-11 section was truly dominated by the RGS 'A' team. All the members of the team, Anthony, William, Daksh, Joseph, Manav and Parth scored the maximum 5/5. It was a great effort by the team, 4 of whom are still in year 5. RGS 'C' team recovered from their 5-0 defeat at the hands of the 'A's in Round 2 to take second place. Team captain, Alex, led from the front with 4/5; Hamish, Rory, Abel and William all scored well. Omkar, 'B' team captain, also scored 4/5 and with Finlay, 3/5, the team just scraped through into the qualifying positions. The 'E' team, mainly girls, was very lucky in the draw in that they didn't have to play against our 'A' team. (King's School were very unlucky in this respect – they needed only 1 point in the last round to qualify but came up against RGS 'A') Rosalind and Laura, both 4/5 and Cameron 3/5 carried the team through. The 'D' and 'F' teams struggled but only missed qualification by 2 points. Joel and Christopher, for the 'D's and Matthew and David for the 'E's did best for their teams.