

THE YARM CHESS FESTIVAL 2010

RGS took 33 children down to Yarm for their 16th Annual Chess Festival. Rather disappointingly St Teresa's and NPS, who had played last year, were not there, so that only 3 schools took part in the Primary School Section. Things were even worse in the Secondary section where neither last year's winners, QEGS, Wakefield, nor last year's runners-up Trinity, York, were there. So that tournament was simply between the three RGS teams and 4 from Yarm.

That being said there were nearly 80 children there all enjoying a pleasant, cheerful and competitive tournament. The RGS 'A' teams in both sections won the top prizes; our Secondary team by the narrowest of margins, but our Primary team (largely from year 5) with considerable ease. Note that the 'E' team who came third is an Under-9 team!

Here are the final scores in each section

Secondary (Over-11) Teams

1. RGS 'A'	16½
2. Yarm 'A'	16
3. Yarm 'C'	15
4. RGS 'C'	12
5. RGS 'B'	11
6. Yarm 'D'	7½
7. Yarm 'B'	6

Primary (Under-11) Teams

1. RGS 'A'	18
2. Yarm 'A'	12½
3. RGS 'E'	11½
4. RGS 'B'	10½
5= RGS 'F'	10
5= Yarm 'B'	10
7. RGS 'C'	9½
8= Whale Hill 'A'	9
8= Whale Hill 'B'	9
8= RGS 'D'	9
11. Yarm 'C'	8
12. Yarm 'D'	3

In the Primary Section, special congratulations to Manav Gupta, William Wilkinson (both RGS 'A') and Rory Fraser (RGS 'D') who scored 5 wins in their 5 games; and Eashan Ragbir (RGS 'E'), also unbeaten on 4½. Here is the happy cheerful RGS party

