

## YARM CHESS FESTIVAL

This, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Yarm Chess Festival, was held at Yarm School on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The splendid event was organised by Andrew Killick for the school and controlled by Sean Marsh, former Cleveland Junior organiser.

26 teams of 4, i.e. over 100 children, took part and all seemed to have a thoroughly enjoyable day. RGS, Newcastle, took a busload of 7 teams down to the event and Whinfield Primary School, Darlington with 3 teams was another NJCA school taking part.

### Secondary School Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	R.G.S. 'X'	18
2 <sup>nd</sup>	R.G.S. 'Y'	15
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yarm 'A'	12½
4 <sup>th</sup>	R.G.S. 'Z'	10½
5 <sup>th</sup>	Yarm 'B'	3
6 <sup>th</sup>	Yarm 'C'	1

Rather a disappointing competition this, with teams from only two schools. The top RGS'X' team (Jonathan Lai, Daniel Lai, Theon Rogers and Xinzhou Huang) won convincingly enough, but, surprisingly RGS'Z' had led the competition after 3 rounds. However they failed to score even half a point in the final two rounds against their own 'X' and 'Y' teams. Daniel Lai and Theon Rogers both scored 5 wins out of 5 for RGS'X', as did Ross Mills for RGS'Y'

### Primary School Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	Yarm 'A'	20
2 <sup>nd</sup> =	R.G.S. 'A'	17
2 <sup>nd</sup> =	R.G.S. 'C'	17
4 <sup>th</sup>	Whinfield 'B', Darlington	16½
5 <sup>th</sup> =	R.G.S. 'B'	14½
5 <sup>th</sup> =	Links, Eaglescliffe	14½
7 <sup>th</sup> =	Yarm 'B'	14
7 <sup>th</sup> =	Whinfield 'A', Darlington	14
9 <sup>th</sup> =	Yarm 'C'	12½
9 <sup>th</sup> =	Yarm 'F'	12½
11 <sup>th</sup> =	R.G.S. 'D'	12
11 <sup>th</sup> =	Whale Hill 'A', Middlesbrough	12
13 <sup>th</sup>	Yarm 'E'	10
14 <sup>th</sup> =	Whale Hill 'C', Middlesbrough	9½
14 <sup>th</sup> =	Whinfield 'C', Darlington	9½
14 <sup>th</sup> =	Yarm 'D'	9½
14 <sup>th</sup> =	Yarm 'G'	9½

18 <sup>th</sup>	Yarm 'H'	8½
19 <sup>th</sup>	Lythe, Whitby	8
20 <sup>th</sup>	Whale Hill 'B', Middlesbrough	3

The Yarm 'A' team, led by Thomas Mavin who scored 6/6, won comfortably in this section In a play off to see who got 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place certificates RGS 'A' beat RGS 'C' by 4-0. The RGS 'A' and 'B' teams were year 6 teams, the RGS 'C' and 'D' teams were year 5. For RGS George Bilclough and Tom Stephenson (both 'A') and Gavin Minty (on top board for 'C') scored 5/6