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UK Chess Challenge tournament attracted a large entry of 70 children, with players all the way from Year 2 to Year 6.

All of the children were on fine form and every one of the 10 main titles was strongly contested.

For many of our players, the UK Chess Challenge was their first tournament experience. The Year 2s have only just mastered the basic moves of the pieces, but they all played well throughout their tournament debut.

Jayden Wang won all his games and comfortably earned the Best Boy title. Zoyaa Soni played very well too and is the new Year 2 Best Girl.

The Year 3 was very closely contested. Dara Jafari, Paari Muthukrishnan and Hugo Kelly all shared the Best Boy title and Scarlet Yang earned the Best Girl title.

Henry Stanley dominated the Year 4 section, with seven wins from seven games. This was more than enough to earn him the Best Boy title. Manha Abdullah had a great day too and she is the Year 4 Best Girl.

The Year 5 section very strong and perhaps the closest of all of the day's contests. Can Sezen eventually battled his way through to the Best Boy title and the Best Girl title was shared by Lolwa Soliman and Kaira Nalawade.

Monty Van Niekerk was on great form and powered his way to the title of Best Boy in the Year 6 section. Nikita Suryadevara and Anjali Ramisetty shared the Best Girl title.

Well played, everyone, whether or not you became a champion on this particular occasion. All of our players and staff helped to make it a fabulous festival of chess.

In former years, players had to achieve a certain number of points to qualify for the prestigious Megafest stage of the competition. This year, entry is open to

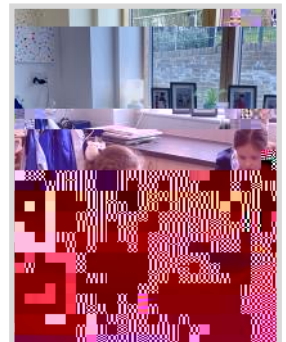
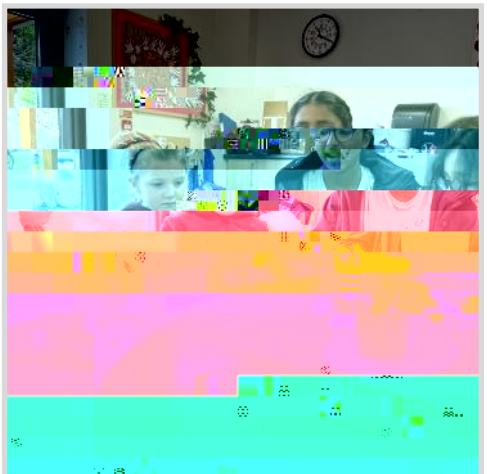
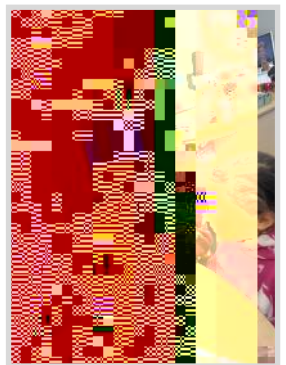
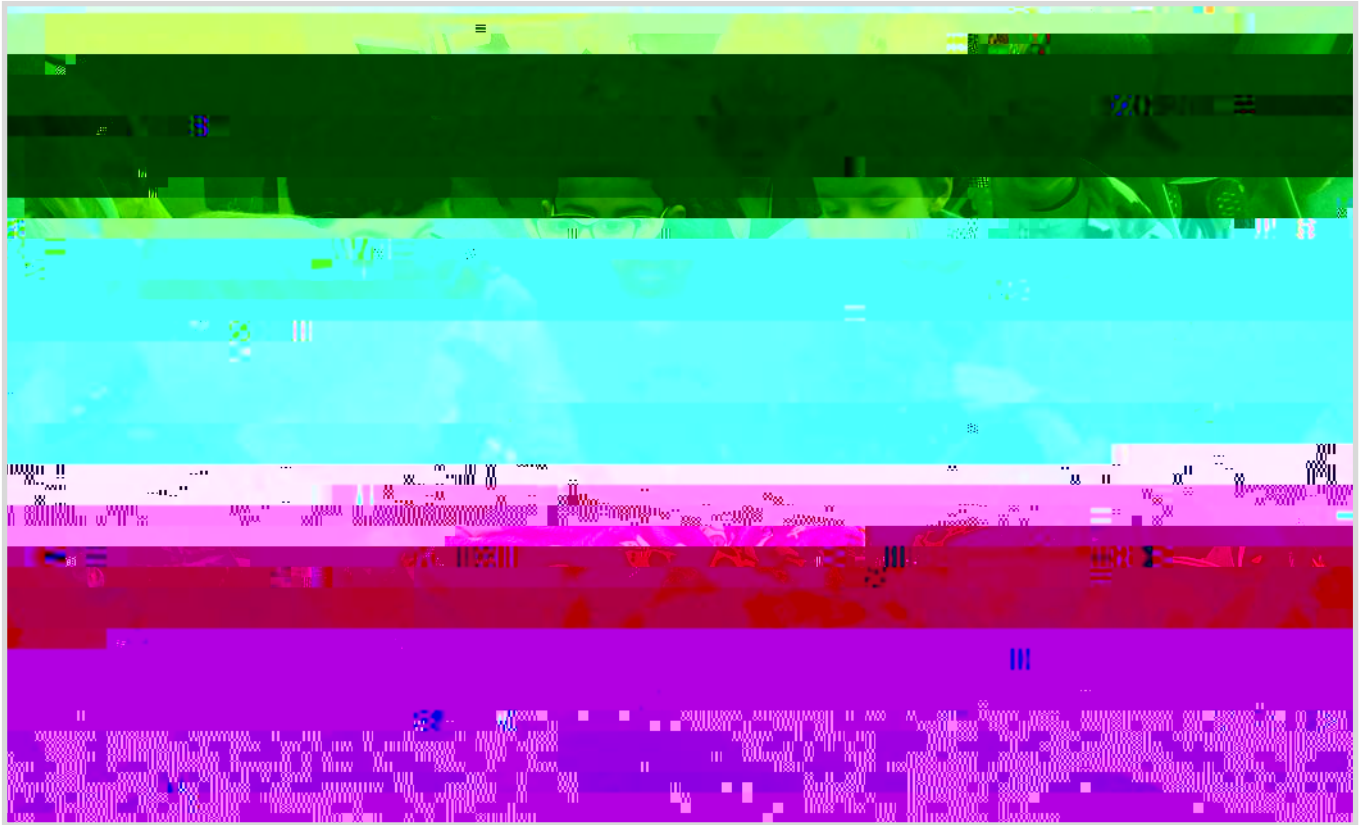
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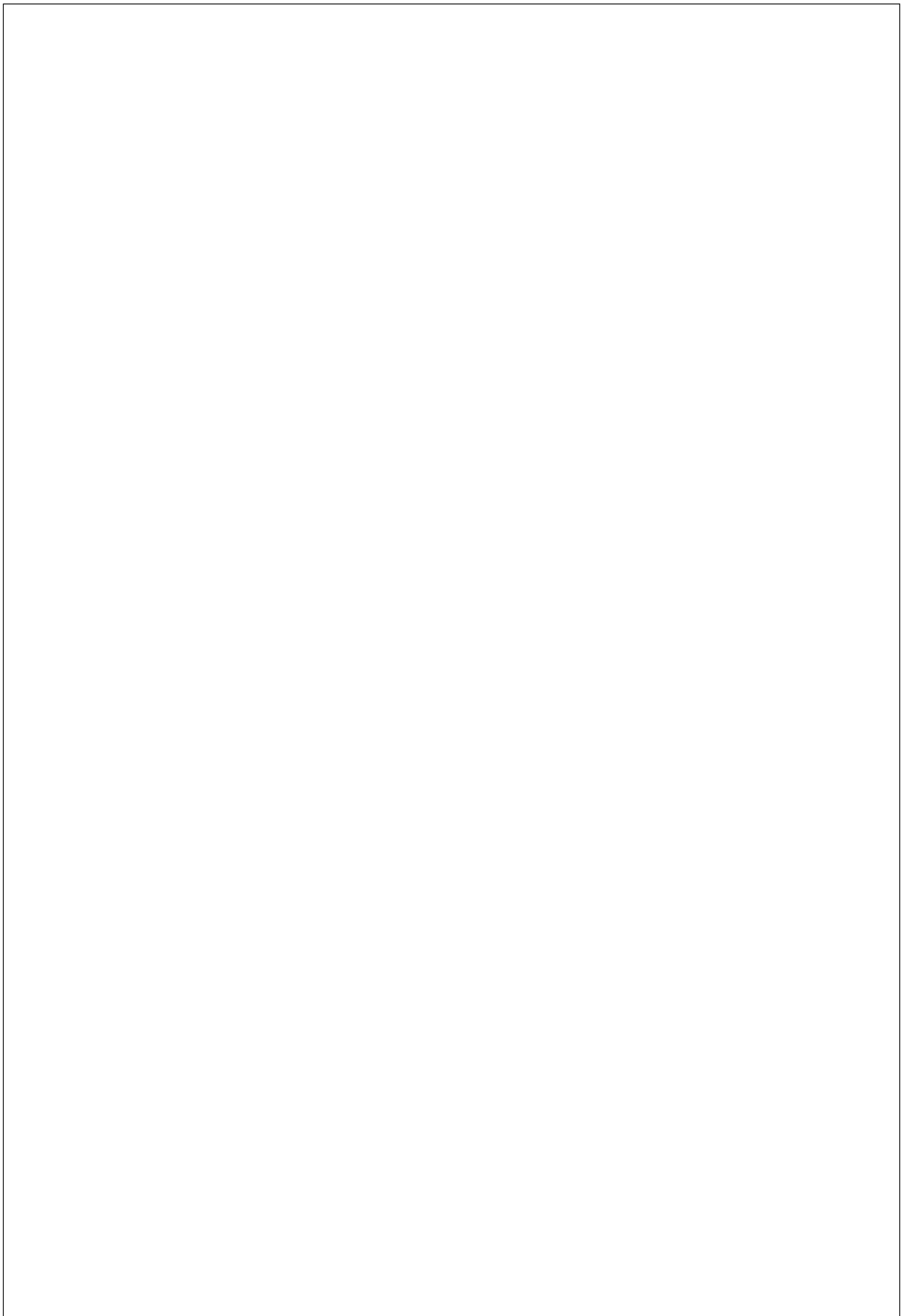
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Form captains, all house captains and most school captains were present (5H Form Captain and the Y3 Form Captains were absent).

Form captains were asked to collate any ideas their forms had that they wanted to raise at council level about anything to do with clubs and activities in school. Ideas were collated on a Google Jamboard during form time on Monday. These were then shared in small groups before Mr Stone went through each of them.

then selected a number of ideas that would be discussed further with Mr Stone (Clubs and Activities Coordinator), as well as shared with Mr Sawyer and Prep MT by the School Captains in their weekly meeting for further discussion.





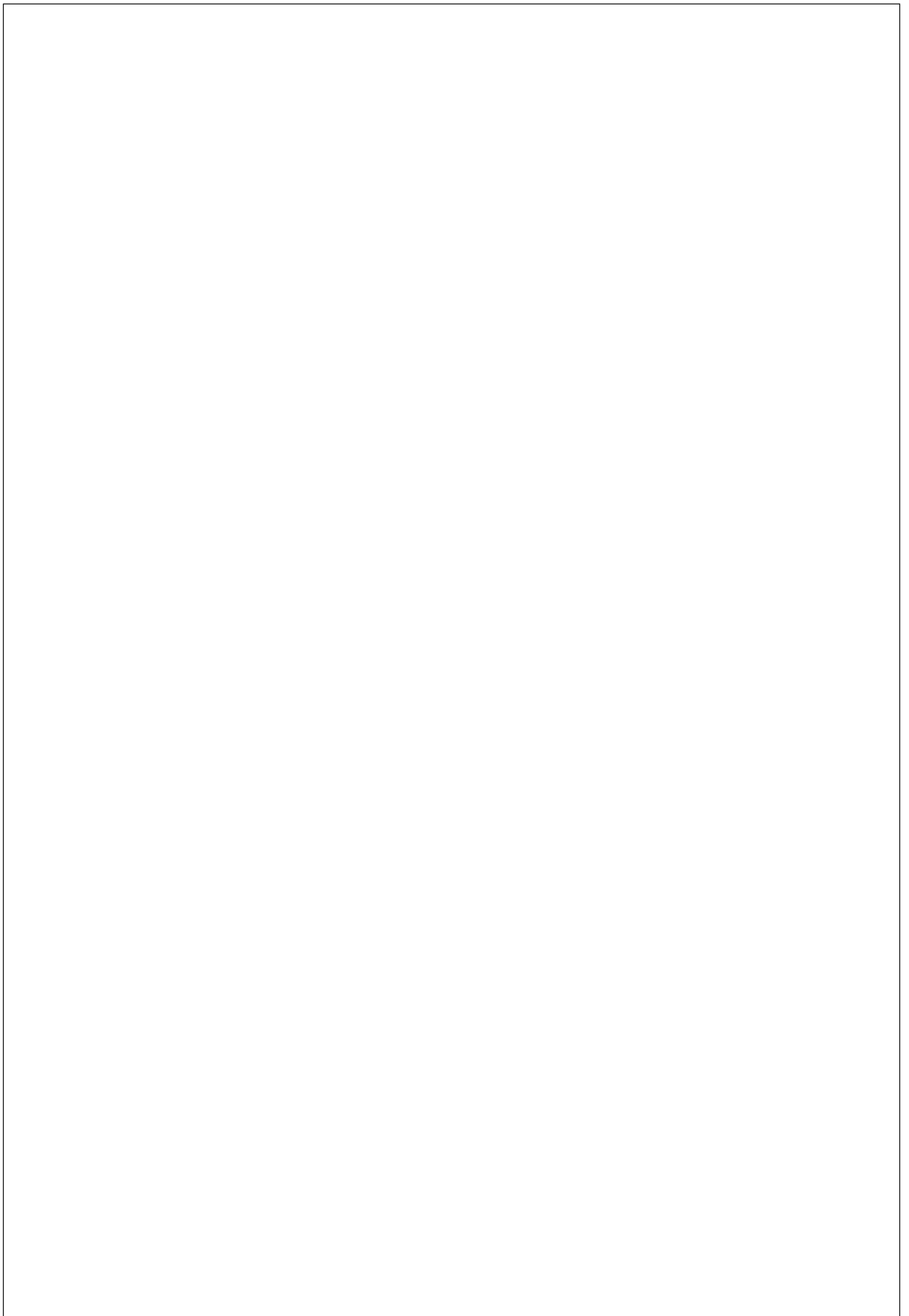
Well done to Dora's team who won the Shield competition at the HMC netball tournament. They beat Hill House, St Peters A, Ashville, Dame Allan's and Barney in this event. A brilliant team effort.

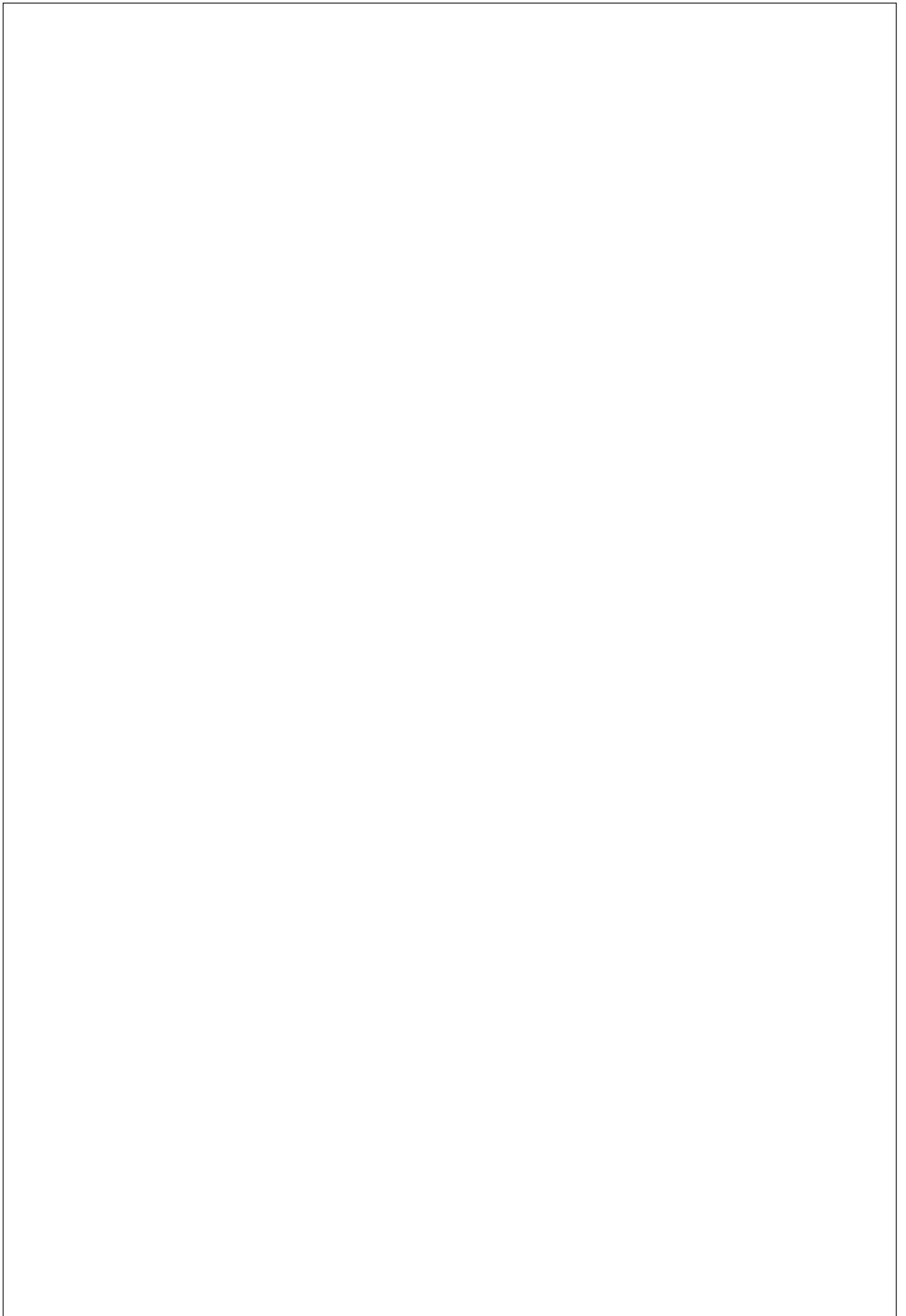
Well done to Violet's team who finished 3rd out of 30 teams in the HMC netball competition. They won 6 games, drew 2 and lost just 1 game throughout the day. A great effort from the nine girls!

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

It was 2:00 on Friday 3rd March when we were playing St Peter's. It was a home game so Yarm walked down to the Senior School to play on the astro. We were warming up when we saw St Peter's getting their coach and getting shin pads on and we split into 2 games. The line-up of the game was Ethan Cowley in goal, Samuel Edgar in right defence, William McDonald in centre defence, Seb Dalby in left defence, Rehan Krishnamoorthy as right wing, Noah Abbas as centre mid, Joe Williamson as left wing and Auden Ashwell as striker.

The game started off as a Yarm kick-off. The ball was passed by Noah to Rehan. The ball was then passed to Seb who dribbled





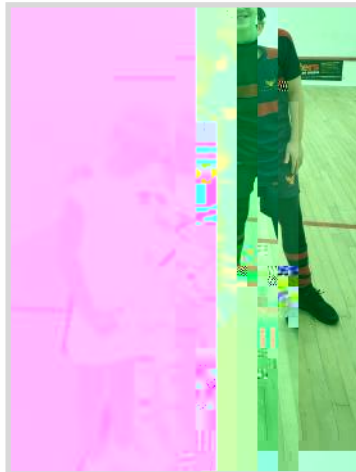
Prep site. Staff will be in attendance from here to supervise the children to the disco.

Parents can collect their children at 7.30pm from the Prep School. If the Prep car park becomes full, please use the Senior School car park as an alternative and walk up to the Prep site. Please complete the online consent form by Monday 13th March to secure a place for your child at the disco. Please note: the disco is only open to Prep School children.

Thank you as always for your support.

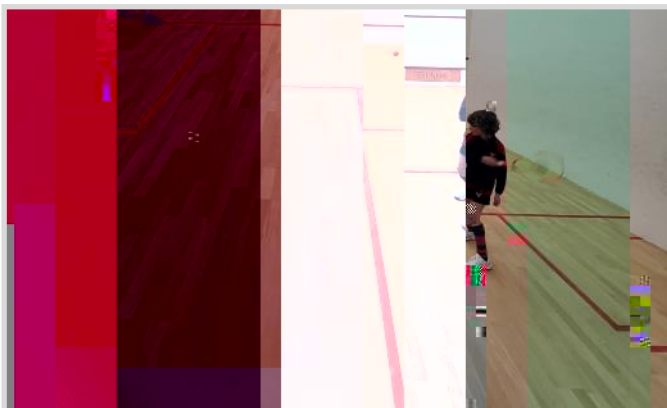
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Our Prep School Squash Club meets after school every Thursday, under the tutelage of Johnny Buckton at Yarm Squash Club. It has been great to see how the children are developing their skills and beginning to employ them in matches too, all while having fun with their friends.



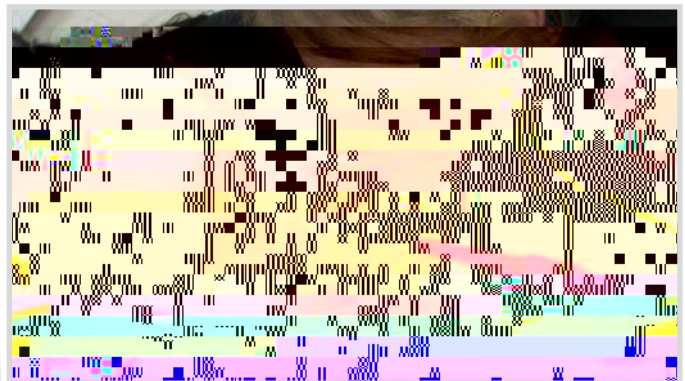
Last week, half of the group played a mini tournament, while the other half enjoyed some coaching. Well done to Brian Franks who won the tournament, just ahead of Florence Phillips. The roles will be reversed in the next session, with those who did not play in the tournament having a go this time.

Mr Stone



Year 4 have been making switches as part of their 'Electricity' topic in science.

Miss Ward



Bookings are now open for the upcoming Easter Holiday School which will run from Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April. Our Holiday School is for Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School children only.

Due to the increase in entry fees and other costs involved with Holiday School, the price per child per day will be £40. Please note, payment will only be accepted once places have been confirmed by myself via email and will be taken via BACS or via childcare vouchers if you are eligible

Once places have been confirmed, parents have 72 hours to amend or cancel any bookings, after this payment will be expected in full within 7 days. If payment is not received after 7 days any confirmed places will be reallocated.

We are pleased to confirm that for a trial period of 12 months we will be accepting payment of the holiday school charges via childcare vouchers should you wish to use this method of payment. Childcare vouchers are offered by some employers for their staff as a tax efficient method of paying for qualifying childcare. For those parents who do not have access to this type of scheme via their employer the Government provides a similar scheme called "tax free childcare". For more information including eligibility criteria

please visit <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>. If you would like to pay via childcare vouchers/tax free childcare please ensure that you indicate this will be your method of payment on the booking form and then make the payment via your childcare voucher provider for the exact amount of holiday school payment due.

Yarm School is already registered with the following schemes, so should be available as an option for childcare provider when you request the vouchers: Enjoy Benefits, Allsave, Kiddi vouchers, Edenred, Computershare, Fidelity, RG Childcare, Care-4, Sodexo, Tax Free Childcare (Government Scheme).

If your employer runs a scheme not listed above please [contact Julie Robson in the Finance Office](#) prior to requesting vouchers via your employer.

Please note that these vouchers cannot be used for school fees or extras and any payment in excess of the holiday school charge will be refunded to your tax free childcare account less an administration fee.

As per the Nursery January Termly Letter (January 2023), your child must be toilet trained and not in pull ups to attend Holiday School due to the nature of the activities and excursions.

The timings for the days will remain as usual from 8am to 5pm. A timetable of the trips has been attached to the booking email and a further email will be sent out if any specific clothing/equipment is required closer to the start of Holiday School.

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If there are any changes to your plans at any time, please

Last weekend I participated in the Harrogate Competitive Music Festival. I am extremely proud to say that I won First place in the Grade 1-3 Elementary Lever Harp category and Yarm School Harp ensemble (who I played in as well) won first place. I particularly enjoyed playing Sea Breeze - my first solo piece - as I got wonderful comments from the adjudicator.

All the performers played brilliantly and I thoroughly enjoyed watching the other categories. From this experience I learnt the importance of taking a breath and preparing yourself before a performance.

I am very grateful to my teacher (Miss Paterson) for supporting me with both my practice and my performance.

Akansha M.

Our Tuesday after school table tennis club continues to prove to be both popular and great fun.



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