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CHESS NEWS

As the English Chess Federation seems reluctant to do much for junior chess outside of the South East of England, the Notts Primary Schools Chess Association (NPSCA) organised the first Midlands and Northern Girls Championship, which took place last Sunday at the excellent venue of Nottingham High School.

Unsurprisingly, Nottingham girls were in the majority, but, nevertheless we had entries from Leicester, the Wirral, Bolton, Manchester, Yorkshire and Huddersfield. There were 4 sections for girls under 14, under 12, under 10 and under 8. The games were played over 5 rounds, with trophies on offer for the first three places in each.

In the U14 section there was a tie for first place between Alana Leung and Asta Knight, both members of West Nottingham Chess Club, with scores of 3.5/5; third place was taken by Mathilde Wilson-Drummond, also of WNCC. Mathilde scored 2.5

The Under 12 section was by Millie Kotecha of Leicester, who won all 5 games! Second was Gauri Khanna of Nottingham Girls School, who scored 4/5, losing only to the eventual winner. And third place was split between Ellie Lyons (Notts), Nethuli Saram (Wirral) and Angelica Rowe (Yorks), all with 3 points each.

The Under 10s championship was also a tie; this was between Alexandra Arlachova and Poppy Dawson-Best, both of Notts; each scoring 4/5. There were 12 entrants for this section.

The very youngest group was for the under 8 year olds. Though there were only 4 entrants for this group, and these few were obliged to play against some under 10s for the last two rounds, there was some promising chess talent on display. Once again there was a tie for first place, with Olivia Chen of Leicester and Thisumi Jayawarna of Manchester both scoring 3 points from their 5 rounds, but the Manchester girl secured first prize for her slightly better progressive score. Nevertheless, both youngsters both went home happily clutching their attractive and well-deserved trophies!

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