

## St. Paul's Chess League – 2012



This year's chess league was a fantastic success, with over 40 competitors taking part. After some great work by Mr. Harte last year the children were well-prepared and excited about this year's challenge. They all practised very hard at home and everyone played excellent chess, improving each week. They were also very sporting and encouraging to one another. After the exciting early rounds, the final eight children competing in the quarter-final were Piotr, Daniel, Royale, Colm, John, Adam, Seán and Dylan. We had some cliffhangers, a couple of narrow victories and many very interesting moves before the final duo was decided. Adam Murphy squared up against Piotr Baczkowski in the final on the 8th of March 2012 with Room 12A watching on. In an enthralling match, both players did themselves proud and showed outstanding skill. In the end, Piotr narrowly manouvered his queen and rook to checkmate Adam's king, despite some excellent defensive work by Adam, who is only in second class. What an achievement! Piotr is well-known for being a chess supremo, and it is obvious that he will be someone to watch out for in future. We had a great league, with a fantastic final, and 12A and the rest are already looking forward to next year's edition!

Written by Mr. Wallace

A huge thank you to Mr. Wallace for all his hard work with the chess league!



