

ISGA '4 Piece' Boys' Gymnastics Finals

On Sunday 19th January the boys competed at Priors Field School, Godalming in the ISGA '4 Piece' National Championships. This is the premier event for the boys as they have to do set floor, voluntary floor, set vault and voluntary vault. It was an absolute pleasure to spend time with the boys and they were on dazzling form despite only training for ten days since the start of term. Boys' gymnastics is definitely becoming more competitive and with the introduction of individuals being allowed to enter without a team at U13 level, it makes it more difficult to be crowned National Champion.

In the U13 Boys, Viraj S defended his title to become **National Champion** against two incredibly strong performers, one from British School of Brussels and one from Claremont Fan Court. With both of these club gymnasts in the competition, Viraj had to really raise his game and won with an impressive 37.35, with second and third scoring 37.15 and 36.05 respectively. Our team, which comprised three U9 boys, also won the team trophy to become **National Champions**. George H performed admirably to medal in 4th with 34.30 and Freddie J and Freddie C gained medals for 5th and 6th too. Our scores were as follows:

Viraj S	37.35	1 st National Champion
George H	34.30	4 th
Freddie J	32.30	5 th
Freddie C	31.45	6 th
Immanuel N	30.00	7 th
U13 Team	136.05	1st National Champions

In the U11 Boys' competition, we faced the best opposition ever with four incredibly strong teams going head to head. We had already beaten St George's, Weybridge in the National IAPS 'Two Piece' in November, but now we also had to beat Port Regis, British School of Brussels, Haberdasher's and Claremont. The boys were superb throughout and the judges were hugely impressed with their skills and application. Max B scored an incredible 38.50 to become **National Champion**, but Harry G was also in fine form scoring 37.45 to finish 2nd. Reuben L performed excellently to finish 5th with 36.90. Our team then had to wait nervously to see if we had won the team trophy and luckily we did to become **National Champions** with British School of Brussels 2nd and Port Regis 3rd. It is a testament to all of our five boys that we managed to win and huge congratulations must go to Wilfred D who scored 35.25 and Noah H with 34.05 to help us win this amazing competition.

Max B	38.50	1 st National Champion
Harry G	37.45	2 nd
Reuben L	36.90	5 th
Wilfred D	35.25	
Noah H	34.05	
U11 Team	148.10	1st National Champions

The last team to compete on the day were our U9 Boys who have yet to be beaten in any gym competition. The boys were in no mood to be charitable and performed exceptionally

well to win and become **National Champions** as a team. The day finished with the added flourish of Ollie W winning the Individual title, albeit joint 1st with a boy from Claremont. Our scores were as follows:

Ollie W	36.35	1 st = National Champion
Kit W	36.05	3 rd
Jake T	35.95	4 th
Will H	34.70	5 th
Jamie LF	33.60	
U9 Team	143.85	1st National Champions

It is not often a school wins all the team titles and the individual ones too, which makes the boys' performances so special. Huge thanks to Miss Butler for assisting me on the day and of course Mrs North for all she does in terms of making the routines, running the competitions and coaching the boys. Thank you also to the parents for their commitment and dedication in ensuring the boys get there and represent the school in the very best manner. The boys were a credit to the school and fantastic ambassadors. Now we have two further weekends of Sport's Acrobatics and Milano Team Trios so good luck to all involved.

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