

# IAPS Table Tennis Nationals

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022, two U11 boys, Jake T and Oscar H and four U13 boys, Ryan S, Luca R, Jake C and Aaron D represented St Faith's at the Table Tennis IAPS Nationals at Edge Grove School.

The competition was of high standard in both age groups with up to 60 boys competing per group age from different Schools.

The morning saw our U11s Jake T in Year 6 win his group after his three matches getting through to the play offs for the knockout stages, where he was unlucky not to go any further, and Oscar a year younger with some tough group games on his table but ending the day on a win in his 3rd/4th place group play off. Both boys battled excellently and I look forward to when they come back fighting next year.

The afternoon kicked off with a mixture of results for our U13 boys. Luca was on fire winning some great points, finishing second in his group and getting through to play offs where he was unlucky not to go any further in the competition. Jake C and Aaron had some tough group games and finished in the 3rd/4th play offs on their table in the group stages. Jake C had an excellent and steady last match to gain a win. These three boys all a year younger really showed resilience and ambition on the day and what an experience for them.

Ryan in Year 8 won his group and his playoff match unbeaten in games to get through to the last 16 boys in the competition. In the quarter finals Ryan faced a competitor from the host school Edge Grove where he won this match in two clear games. This saw Ryan go through to the semi-finals putting him in the top 4 boys in the competition. The semi-finals was a challenging game against a competitor from Cothill House but Ryan showed excellent creativity in his shots and independence to keep focused during this match and he won in games 2-1 (11-5, 4-11, 11-9) putting him through to the final of Nationals! Ryan knew this final was all to play for and he would enjoy himself whatever the outcome. This game saw some outstanding rallies against a competitor from St Andrew's. **Ryan ended that match as runner up and overall second place at the National finals, what an achievement! Well done!**

I am very proud of how all six boys dealt with the challenges of this National competition and all played some great Table Tennis throughout the day, enjoying the experience.

Thank you for all the support from parents on the day, and from other pupils and teachers at school taking part in Table Tennis club last term and teaching this sport during PE lessons.

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