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RECENT EVENTS

Junior Rapid Competition

On December 14th, 2024, the Melincryddan Community Centre in Neath hosted the Welsh Junior Rapidplay Championships, attracting over 50 young chess enthusiasts—a testament to the game's growing popularity among Welsh youth.

The tournament featured four sections based on age groups: Under 14, Under 12, Under 10, and Under 8. Each section was fiercely contested, with participants displaying impressive strategic thinking and sportsmanship.

Under 14 Section:

- Champion: Emma Kong
- Runner-up: David Belochkin
- Third Place: Elija Daniel and Victoria Halstian

Under 12 Section:

- Champion: James Choung
- Joint Second: Toby Reckless, Rowan Ridge and Adam

Sarwar

Under 10 Section:

- Champion: Raga Mandadapu
- Joint second: Sam Addison and Kadalardsan Balaji

Under 8 Section:

- Joint first: Ishaan Manugonda, Tristan Rosier-Llwyd and Dimitri Zograpos

The event adhered to a rapidplay format, with each player allotted 15 minutes per game plus a 10-second increment per move, across five rounds. This structure ensured a dynamic and engaging experience for all participants.

Special thanks to the arbiters led by Peter and Ian Eustis for orchestrating a seamless event, and to the parents and coaches who supported the young players. The success of this tournament underscores the vibrant future of chess in Wales.

THE TACTICIAN'S TEST



