



MS Chess Club Captures Trophy

RIS has earned a fine reputation for fielding successful sports teams, producing impressive dramatic plays and hosting challenging forensic events. Seldom has an RIS team been recognized for its problem-solving talent in “head to head” competition with other international schools. Move over teams from the past and make room for the new geniuses of Ruamrudee– the Middle School Chess Club!

Since the beginning of September, the boys of the MS Chess Club have sacrificed their lunch hour to play chess amongst themselves. The fundamentals of the game and strategies for success have been practiced under the guidance of club sponsor Michael Hopkins. Their hard work and effort paid off during the afternoon of November 19 as the RIS team challenged TCIS and Shrewsbury in a Middle School Chess Tournament. A seasoned team of 10 students from Grades 6,7 and 8 played confidently and skillfully using chess clocks to keep each round of play to 20 minutes. All 30 students who participated in the competition showed insight into the time-honored game of the super bright.

Despite an occasional slip, the RIS team had secured the “Top School” trophy by round 5. A total of 30 chess players had started the competition but by round 6 only two players remained undefeated. After the dust settled in that final round, Peerapol “Sharp” Chiaranunt of Grade 6, won the “Top Student” trophy for RIS.

If there was a lesson to be learned from the tournament it was that complex thinking can be fun when you play chess.

