



Junior School Chess Club

- All boys and girls can enjoy playing chess
- Chess helps to develop memory, concentration and planning
- Chess can be enjoyed by all generations and throughout a person's life

What is Chess? *When asked, "What is chess?" the Caliph of Baghdad replied "What is life?"*

A board game of strategic skill for two players, played on a checkered board. Each player begins the game with sixteen pieces that are moved and used to capture opposing pieces according to precise rules. The object is to put the opponent's king under a direct attack from which escape is impossible (checkmate). It is one of the world's most popular games, played by millions of people worldwide at home, in clubs, online and by correspondence.

Why Chess? *"The game of Chess is not merely an idle amusement." Benjamin Franklin 1870.*

Chess has been proven to increase the cognitive abilities, rational thinking and reasoning of all children. Chess promotes logical thinking, instils a sense of self-confidence and self-worth and improves communication and pattern recognition skills.

St. Andrew's Junior School Chess Club 2012/13

St. Andrew's has a strong chess tradition. This year the Junior School Chess Club will again be coached by Michael Crowe. Michael is a highly experienced and well regarded coach. He is a founder of "Chess for All" www.chessforall.net which is an all-encompassing primary schools chess program aimed at ensuring that pupils are given an opportunity to play chess on a regular basis. St. Andrew's hopes to run at least one Chess for All supported coaching and open competition during the year.

Team competitions include the Chess for All schools trophy and the Leinster Junior Schools league. It is hoped that St. Andrews will enter at least one team (of four) this year in both tournaments. Other opportunities to play competitively include the Leinster Junior Grand Prix and the Grand Master Grand Prix (won in 2012 by a St Andrews student).

When: Mondays 3-4pm

COMMENCING MONDAY 10th September

Cost: €70

Please bring cheque, payable to "Michael Crowe", to your first session

Who: P1 - P6

BEGINNERS AND ALL LEVELS WELCOME.