

National final success!

There was an expectant hush on the coach as we drove down to the National table-tennis finals at Hinckley on Saturday 23rd of March. Both teams were nervous but well prepared as the tournament began at 9.30 am. All of our supporters were ready to cheer our children on through all the highs and lows of three matches each of high quality table-tennis that lasted until 5.00pm.

Our boys lost 8-0 to Amherst from Kent, 6-2 to Earl's Hall from Essex and 5-3 to St. Peters from Nottingham. All of our boys played really well and we lost a large proportion of our matches 3-2 and on another day these would have gone in our favour. Even so being the 4th best team in the whole of England is an amazing performance.

Our girls began with a nail-biter against St Andrews from Plymouth. We led 1-0, 2-1, 3-2 but trailed 4-3. This meant that Promise had to win to give us the draw, which she did 3-0! We then beat St. Bedes from Widnes 6-2 and finished with a 7-1 victory over Greenway from Hertfordshire. This meant we had finished on 5 points the same as St. Andrews... This meant an anxious wait as they counted up the number of sets that we had won in the match between ourselves and fortunately we had 17 and they had 16 meaning we were champions for the first time since 1999!

Redlands would like to thank all of our players for their hard work and dedication that enabled us to reach the finals, our loyal band of supporters, who never stopped cheering and of course to our coaches Howard and Paul. Let's see if we can do the same next year!

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