

The **MTTTL Junior Table Tennis Tournament** was held (despite snow showers) on Saturday 17th March 2018 with 18 youngsters (15 boys and 3 girls – aged 10-17 years) participating and only two abstentions.

The number of events was simplified (Cadet Singles, Junior Singles culminating in a Junior Doubles) with the aim to maximise the number of games each person played.

In the **CADET EVENT** without top seed Scarlett O'Neil who was unavailable through illness, it left a very open competition with many close matches. Victory was finally secured by the very talented 12 year old **KATIE O'DWYER** with narrow wins over second placed LENNON MacLORG, third placed JACK JORDAN and fourth placed SCARLETT LENNON.

In the **JUNIOR EVENT** it was all about **JAKE BUCKLEY** the No. 1 seed who dominated only losing one leg in his semi final success over MAX DAY and then continued to beat fellow Premier Division player HARRY JONES (returning from injury) 3-0 in the final. Harry otherwise did not lose a leg although it was close in one winning 20-18 in the third to ALEX LOW in the other semi final.

JACK PERHAM beat LENNON MacLORG (having gained revenge over Katie earlier) in the class 2 Junior final, newcomer **LEON ZHANG** beat LIAM COAKE in the class 3 Junior final and **SAM WHITE** defeated SCARLETT LENNON in the class 4 Junior final.

In the **JUNIOR DOUBLES EVENT** it was a straight knockout from the Quarter Final Stage with the two stand-out pairings of **JAKE BUCKLEY/MAX DAY** and HARRY JONES/ALEX LOW (the defending champions) meeting in the Final. In a great match JAKE and MAX won 11-9, 8-11, 13-11, 11-8.

There are a number of improving youngsters, so look out for them in the League in the future. Thanks to Malcolm Kay and Roger Chipperfield (who also presented the trophies) for all their help on the day.