

## Report from Juniors – March 2024

Report from Bridge4Schools website : The 2024 Spring Junior Bridge Camp was held in Cheltenham on 23rd and 24th March this year. Over 70 children and adults attended over the 2 days from beginners to internationals and enjoyed a fun mix of lessons and competitions. The competition results can be seen on the Gloucestershire county Bridge Association website. On Saturday the juniors played in a joint competition with members of Cheltenham Bridge Club and some of them were heard correcting their elders- a risky business.

Dinner, bed and breakfast, supplied by Cheltenham Ladies College was of the usual high standard and 32 full sized pizzas followed by ice cream for lunch helped the afternoon concentration enormously. First place and the salver were won by Sophie Morris aged 9 and her partner Joseph Hedges aged 13 against much older and theoretically stronger opposition. Well done to both of them. Saturday evening competition was won by Thibauld Croznier and David Sargeant and the exciting late night speedball was Cecilia Birdsall and Ben Cadge. All winners received a plaque and large Easter egg.

The Junior expenses for 2023-2024 are £500, equivalent to the float given to Juniors a few years ago. The treasurer has the breakdown of this figure and is mainly for costs for items directly related to Oxfordshire Juniors, room hire for the OJBC, travel for tutors and grant to student for attendance at one of the junior events and duplicating boards. There is no need for a float for future years.

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