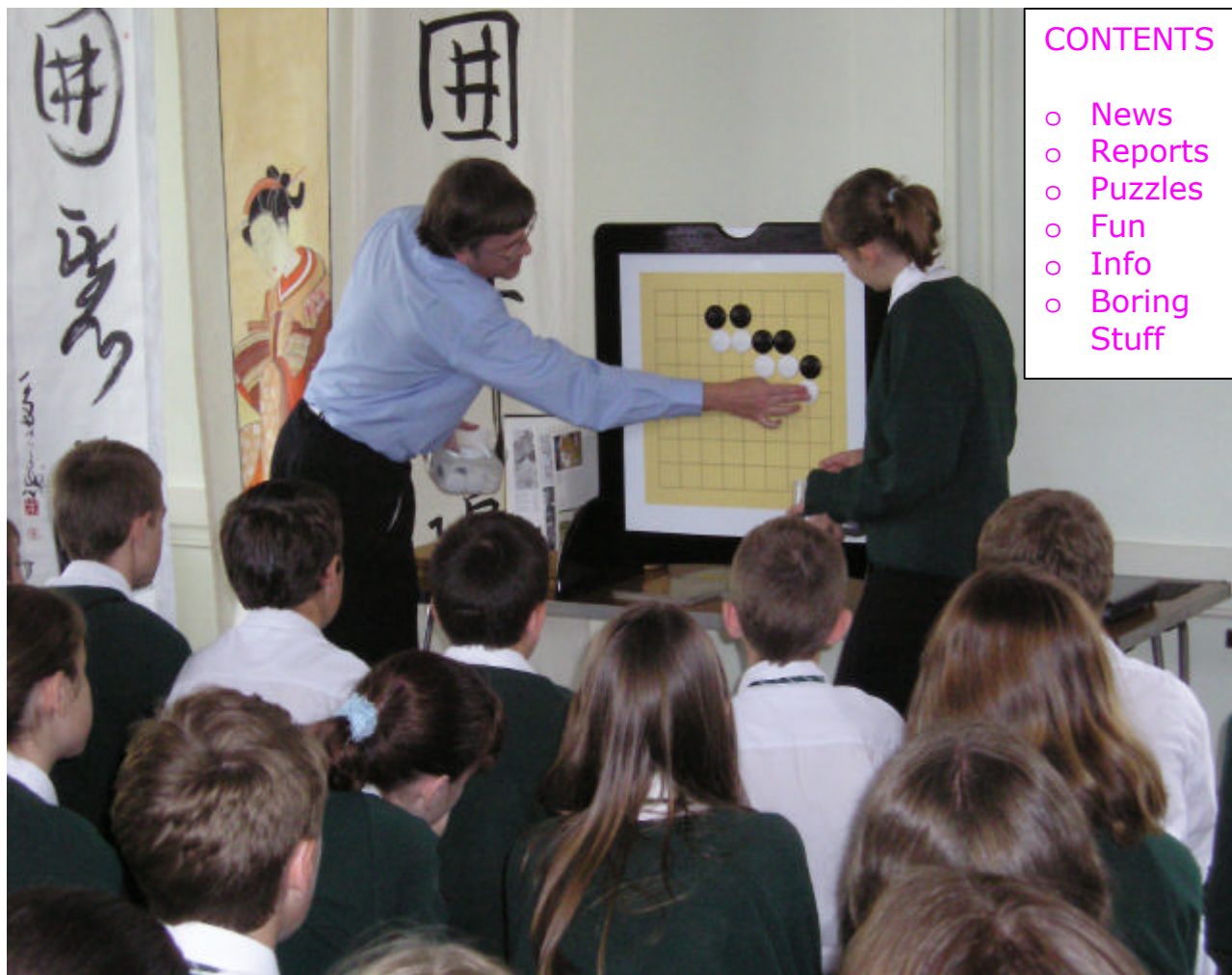


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Welcome to the first edition of KisekiGo News
for schools and kids!

What kyu are
you?



The UK Go Challenge is back

See www.ukgochallenge.com

Youth Grand Prix 2006



Congrats to the winners:

- 1. Ken Dackombe**
- 2. Will Brooks**
- 3. Kay Dackombe**

Mystery Object!

The mystery object is in a museum. You can find out what and where in britgo.org. Check out your local museum to see if it has something about Go. Quite a few do.



New Version of an Old Poem?

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The British Youth Go Championship

March 25th 2007

Loughborough Grammar School

See www.britgo.org for details

SIG!

SIG is the Schools' Internet Go server. It allows you to play against other schools, without going anywhere. Other servers (e.g. KGS) often cannot be used in schools. Get your school playing on SIG and you can play in the School Go League.



Boring Stuff (For Teachers)

British Go Association - Youth Services

Here is a list of some of the things which the British Go Association does for junior players and school clubs. If you are interested in any of these, please get in touch with your local BGA Youth Representative, or else the Youth Development Officer.

- * The BGA Education Officer can organise Go workshops. These workshops are popular and have introduced Go to over 10000 children and teachers. For more information contact Peter Wendes - www.zenmachine.co.uk
- * The Schools Go League is played on using the Schools' Internet Go server SIG (www.archduke.demon.co.uk/goserver.html). Contact League organiser Mike Lynn at mikelynn@barston92.freemove.co.uk.
- * Both the BGA website junior section www.britgo.org/junior and the /youth section for organisers have lots of information about Go in the UK.
- * The BGA can usually find local Go players to visit your Go clubs.
- * The BGA has produced a series of puzzle sheets to help juniors to improve. There are certificates for players who complete each of the three levels. See www.britgo.org/junior/improve.html.
- * The BGA can also issue grading certificates to juniors who achieve particular kyu grades.
- * Juniors who are serious about improving their Go can take part in the Shodan Challenge (www.britgo.org/events/shodan/). They will be assigned a strong player who will help them to improve.
- * Juniors who have performed well in tournaments are offered professional lessons as part of a BGA mentoring scheme.
- * At www.britgo.org/junior/emailgroup.html you can see information about the BGA's Youth Go email list.
- * There is an infrequent newsletter for schools available from the web site.
- * Of course all the other BGA services for members are available for School Clubs that become members.

UK Go Challenge 2006

Last year we had the third UK Go Challenge.

On the left you will see William Brooks from Cambridge Junior Go and Chess Club. He won the national finals in July at Loughborough Grammar School. He is now a 3 dan.

Maria Tabor was the top girl; she is 4 kyu.

26 young players took part in the finals. They qualified at 10 school heats. The picture on the right shows action from the heat at High Wycombe.

Don't miss the fun this year! The finals will be in Cambridge during National Go Week.

(Dans are the senior grades and kyus are the junior grades)

What is the best advice ever given when playing a board game?

Do not pass Go!

(in Monopoly)

Geisha!

A geisha is an entertainer. She has to be very good at arts such as singing, dancing, tea ceremony and even playing games like Go



Last year a geisha and maiko came to England. They were at a Japanese festival in Masham in North Yorkshire.

The maiko is a student geisha. In this picture you can see her dressed up with her teacher and car driver.

The Japanese festival was much fun. Coolest were the men (and women) with very sharp samurai swords.

But there were other cool things there too: origami, Japanese writing, dolls, art, costume, martial arts and, of course, Go. School kids thought it was all great.

The geisha and maiko were filmed for BBC television, but sadly they missed filming the best bit – Go!

Could your school have a Japanese theme day?

You could get people to show you Japanese things, such as tea ceremony, origami, kimono, karate and of course Go.

The Japanese embassy can help find experts on Japan to visit you.

KisekiGo has been to Japanese days at Waingels College in Woodley, Berkshire, and Bohunt School in Liphook, Surrey.