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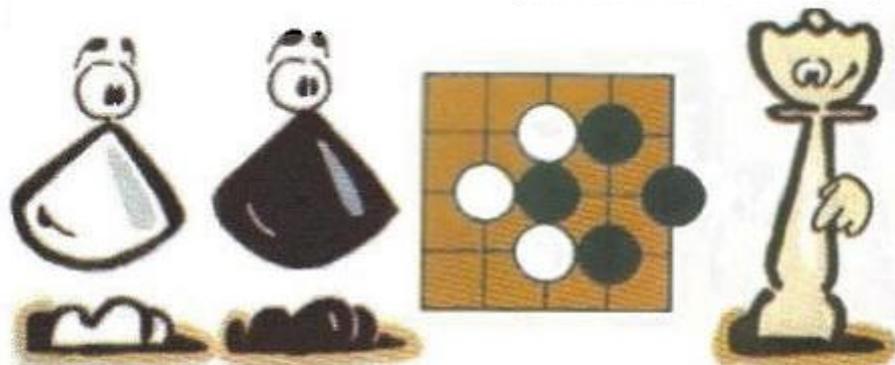
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**Left: Hai! Go -
Journey to Japan**

**The European
team outside the
Nihon Ki-in in
Tokyo (see report
on back page)**

**Welcome to the fourth edition of KisekiGo News
for schools and young Go players**

Let's learn the rules!



We did at the UK Go Challenge 2010

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The UK Go Challenge is on again

See www.ukgochallenge.com

Youth Grand Prix 2009



Congrats to the winners:

- 1. Matthew Hathrell**
- 2. Roella Smith**
- 3. Michael Webster**

**Matthew and Michael are now students,
so we will get some new winners in 2010.**

**Don't forget you get points for playing, and for
wins, at any UK tournament during the year.**

Dogs that play Go?



This is the album cover of a record by a musician called "The Mole".

The record is called "One Foot Either Side of the Ladder".

We don't think the dogs are actually playing!

Have you seen Go pictured in an unusual place? Let us know if you have.

British Youth Go Championship 2010

This was on 14th March at Loughborough Grammar School. It was played in the library, which was a really cool place with some good books to look at between games! Loughborough won the Castledine Trophy. Tian-Ren Chen beat Mazhar Warraich in the crunch game, which also decided who would be both under-16 and youth champion and who would be second. Jamie Taylor from Leeds won the under-18 section and also the 13x13 knockout. Jack Drury, Thomas Meehan, Barney Shiu and Sophie Broad also won their age groups.

Winton & Go

We are very lucky that Winton Capital Management are supporting youth Go in the UK. Their support provides £500 for the prizes in the UK Go Challenge finals and much more beside. They also support adult Go at the London Open tournament and so on.



Game at the British Youth Go Championships

Above you can see Tian-Ren Chen (left) playing Mazhar Warraich in the crucial game at the 2010 BYGC. Mr Paul Smith is recording the game so it can be analysed after. Do you ever record your game so you can analyse it after? You should try to get someone better at Go than you to point out any mistakes and better ways of playing. To record the game you need a grid on your paper and write the numbers of the moves on as they are played, or use game recording software to do the same.

Boring Stuff (For Teachers)

Don't forget the BGA's britgo.org website has a lot of useful things, both in the Junior and Youth sections. There is information about online Go, problem sheets and other resources, advice, links and much more.

We recommend you take out BGA school membership to make the most of the facilities available.

Please contact any member of the BGA's Youth Committee if you have any queries or needs. Don't forget we can arrange a visit fairly easily to most places in the UK, as we have volunteers all over the country.

UK Go Challenge 2009

Last year we had the sixth UK Go Challenge.

The finals were at Milton near Cambridge in June.

Tian-Ren Chen from Loughborough was under-14 and overall winner.

Crystal Zhang from Grantham was the best girl.

Annalise Nwaodor from St. Mary's in London won the new Challengers section.

Top schools were again Aston and Milton Primary.

A record 55 young players took part in the finals. They mostly qualified at 10 school heats, but you could also play if there was no heat at your school.

Don't miss the fun this year!

**What handicap did God give Moses upon Mount Sinai?
Two stones!**

Hai! Go – Journey to Japan



Roella practices her chopstick technique



The UK Team gets to play Ms Koda 3p



Tian-Ren and Mazhar play Mr Oki 7p

The Europe-Japan Youth Visit 2009

Last October the UK was very lucky to be able to send a team on a Go visit to Japan. Three champions (Mazhar, Tian-Ren and Roella) and one father (Roella's) made up the team. They stayed a week in Tokyo. They went to the Nihon Ki-in (Japanese Go HQ) to experience how the professionals play, visit the shop and Go museum. Roella was even interviewed on TV.

They had lots of tasty Japanese meals, so they had plenty of chance to practice eating with chopsticks.

Also they went sightseeing to the electricity museum, visited a shrine and went up the Tokyo Tower. They also visited several Go clubs and salons, where they were lucky to meet and even get games against professionals, who reviewed the games afterwards.

It was a fun, if tiring, trip. Maybe if we get to send a team again in a few years, will you be there?

Could your school have a Japanese or Oriental theme day?

You could get people to show you Japanese or Oriental things, such as music, origami, karate, and of course Go.

KisekiGo has been the Go expert at many such days.