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St Joseph's Gymnastics Report (Spring Term) by Mr D. Ferris (Sports Co-ordinator)

Four boys & five girls from the Prep' department represented the school at the 'Midland's ISA Voluntary Floor & Vault Gymnastics Championships at St Dominic's School, Brewood today. The boys were defending their 2011 title as U'11 Champions and it was the girls' first competition where they had to perform their floor routines to music.

St Joseph's boys were the very first team to perform at 9am and threw down the gauntlet with their very best performances on both the floor & the vault. All 4 boys posted combined scores of 16.0 or greater and were confident of doing well. It was then a case of watching all the rest and awaiting the result. Oliver claimed joint individual Silver & Jordan won the Bronze medal with Elijah surprisingly finishing in fourth place, but we were hopeful of winning Team Gold. We were pipped however into Silver by Shropshire rivals Castle House, who claimed individual Gold, joint Silver & 5th place. The boys were disappointed to lose their title, but were proud of their personal performances.

The U'9 Girls team did not perform until later in the afternoon. The girls were a little nervous, but gave a very good account of them-selves and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Furthermore, Isabel just missed out on the individual Bronze medal position, finishing 4th out of 22 gymnasts. Thanks go out to Mr Hood for editing & recording the girls' music and Miss Harper for putting together the girls' floor routines.

With both ISA gymnastics competitions now out of the way, our attention turns to putting the advanced squad through their BSGA badges.