



**BRAIN BOXES** From left, Troy Wadsworth, six, Libby Proctor, seven, Sophie Thompson, six, and Matthew Waldock, seven from Alverstoke Infants School who won the maths quiz

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# Children measure their maths skills in schools quiz

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PUPILS got quizzical in a maths challenge.

Bedenham Primary School in Gosport hosted the quiz for several other schools across the area, the second year that it has been held.

For Key Stage 1, Alverstoke Infant School finished in first place for the second year running.

Year 2 pupil Matthew Waldock, seven, was on the winning team this year and last.

He said: 'It's amazing to win another trophy.'

'When they were reading the places out I had my fingers crossed hoping we would come first.'

Alverstoke Infant School teacher Holly Griffiths, said: 'It's a brilliant activity for the children to do, I'm so happy that they have won again this year.'

Newtown Primary School took third

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place and Crofton Hammond Infant School finished second.

Steven Bullen, deputy head at Castle Primary School, said: 'It is important to raise the profile of maths.'

'This day gets them interested in the topic as well as becoming competitive.'

The children were given activities to show off their skills as part of a team including a maths trail, puzzles and the challenging quiz all to gain points and win the maths shield.

Tracy Potter is the executive headteacher at Bedenham Primary School and Holbrook Primary School.

She said: 'I put all the questions together which I enjoy doing and I hope the children liked them.'

'The day is to challenge the children and show them that maths can be fun.'

'Our hope' is that they enjoy the day and have a good time learning about the

subject.

'We will certainly be doing the quiz again as it has been a big success.'

For the Key Stage 2 quiz, Elson Junior School finished in first place, with Castle Primary in second and Peel Community Junior team two taking third place.

The youngers were joined by pupil from Brune Park Community School who helped add up the scores and pass out the papers.

Peter Smyth from Brune Park Community School said 'The student were invited to come here today.'

'They like to attend the quiz and help with it.'

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### SAMPLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1) Which of these numbers are odd?

4      8      11      25      34      44

2) A jug holds 3 litres and a glass holds 1/2 a litre, how many glasses of water fill the jug?

3) I have five sides and five corners - what shape am I?

4) Which of these numbers is divisible by 8?

5      19      28      36      48      52

5. I think of a number, double it and subtract 7 and I get 43. What was my original number?

ANSWERS: 1) 11 2) 6 3) Pentagon 4) 48 5) 25