



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dates for the Week Ahead

Thursday 24th October – 4.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Uniform Committee

The next meeting of the Uniform Committee will be held at 4.00 p.m. on **Wednesday 23rd October**. If parents wish to have any questions/suggestions raised at that meeting, please contact me here at school.

J Reeves

Young Enterprise Masterclass – held at Chippenham on 8th October, 2002

The Masterclass is intended to give impetus to the start-up phase of Young Enterprise. This week students were given advice on financial planning, business planning, marketing and a practical team work session.

Many other schools also attended, and it was a good chance to find out what the competition is doing! They particularly liked the teamwork exercises as it gave them a chance to get really involved and solve problems similar to the ones they may face in the forthcoming months.

Young Enterprise students from Years 10 and 12 attended this class and will be debating what their next steps are in their meetings over the next week.

R P Croft

ICT News

I am very pleased that an increasing number of students are very keen to transfer computer work between school and home. Unfortunately, the ICT Department does not have the resources to issue free floppy disks to all students. Therefore, these are the options;

Students to bring in their own floppy disk from home

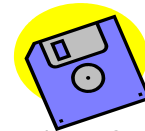
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students may purchase single floppy disks from ICT Technical Support (A3) at a cost of 30p each.

A Reminder to all Students

The ICT Clubs in C50 and A3 are on EVERY lunchtime from 1 p.m. – 1.40 p.m. All students are welcome to work on HOMEWORK and other 'meaningful' ICT tasks! The INTERNET is available on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes – again for school work and related research!

D O'Rourke



A Review of "The Tempest"

On the 2nd of October a group of sixth-formers studying English Literature travelled to Stratford-upon-Avon to see a production of "The Tempest" by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The play started a half past one and opened with a modern storm effect. There was a lot of movement on stage and music playing, which included drums and a ringing bell. Hanging ladders swayed from the ceiling and gave the impression that the King's ship was falling apart. The excitement on stage created a dramatic atmosphere for the audience.

The main characters of "The Tempest" are Prospero, Miranda, Ferdinand, Ariel and Caliban. Ariel and Caliban were both played by Afro-Caribbean actors which emphasised their positions as slaves. Miranda, played by Sirine Saba, was not presented as I expected. My impression of Miranda before seeing this production was that she was a very feminine and elegant young woman, but this production showed her to be loud and boisterous. Ariel was another character that I expected to be played differently. In this production Ariel was also loud and confident but I imagined him to be more gentle and fairy like. Caliban was played brilliantly. The actor, Geoff Francis, showed him as a normal but uneducated man through his actions and showed his physical distortions through his posture. Trinculo was a jester on the ship; he was a very funny character. The actor playing Trinculo was Welsh with a very strong accent, which made the character's humour funnier. The costumes were traditional to Shakespeare's time, which contradicted the modern set, but this made the play more dramatic.

The visual effects were amazing. The use of acrobatics during the storm on ladders and on ropes were great and the green men were used as props and spirits although it was quite confusing to watch and find out what they were.

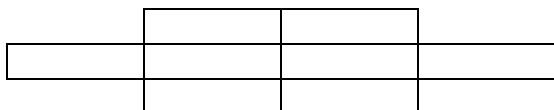
Overall we had a brilliant day. The play was great and it was good to see where one of the most influential people of our language was born.

Our thanks to Miss Holder and Miss Gifford for taking us and to Mrs Blake for organising the day.

Sarah Long 12JAH

Maths Puzzle

Place the numbers 1 to 8 (inclusive) into the box below so that no consecutive numbers touch vertically, horizontally or diagonally.



Check next week's Newsletter for the solution.

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LUNCH MENU for Week beginning Monday 21st October

Meal of the day - charge to pupils = £1.60 served in Lower School Dining Hall

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
CHICKEN PIE *ROAST POTATOES *BROCCOLI GRAVY	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE ** PEAS	BURGER ** CHIPS ** BEANS	ROAST PORK ROAST POTATOES **MIXED VEGETABLES **GRAVY	SAUSAGE & POTATO PIE ** CHIPS ** BEANS
EVES PUDDING **CUSTARD	ST PETER'S PUDDING	CHOCOLATE CAKE	FRUIT PIE ** CUSTARD	SYRUP SPONGE CUSTARD

also available - salads, vegetarian option, jacket potatoes

Breakfast is served from 8.15 - 8.45 am each morning

Karate Success

Trudy Gough in 11SXB has been going to Karate Club for four years. In April 2002 she won second place in the national championships for Kumite (fighting) which were held in Plymouth.

On October 25th she is going to Spain for two days of world competitions in Karate. She hopes to win a medal in the U16s "Brown and Black Belt" category.

We wish her luck.

S Barratt

Year 9 Rugby

The boys have graced the grass twice since my last offering. The first was another awe-inspiring walk over against Malmesbury where once again the match was stopped when we scored our 50th point. The boys' next match was against St Johns and this was more of a test. After a nail biting first half the score was "even *Miss Stevens*" at 7 all. Talk was talked at half time and the boys dug their heels in and played some fantastic Rugby Football. The game finished 29 – 14 to us. The team really came together against St John's under **Daniel Sloan's** leadership. There was good running by the likes of **Guy Perritt**, **Patrick Preece** and **Luke Hopper** who scored our three tries. A mention must also go to **Jamie Selby** for his Titan like tackling and **Luke Hopper** for his superb kicking. *T Strickland*

Congratulations to **David Flower** Year 11 for scoring a try in his first game for Dorset and Wilts County U16 Rugby Team.

Netball Fixtures

Another busy week of netball. The week kicked off on Tuesday night with Year 9 and Year 11 playing in the Area Netball Tournament at Sheldon and Hardenhuish.

The Year 9 have always been a strong team and performed well despite losing their captain **Jaicee-Leigh Matthews** earlier on in the day. However Jaicee still joined the team and was a great support and motivator throughout the tournament but was definitely missed. **Emily Francis** and **Ayesha Amor** were very strong in defence and linked superbly well with **Kelly Oakes** and **Charlotte Hillier**. Charlotte had a superb tournament and was often noticed by the coaches of other teams for her outstanding performances.

Tracey Barnes and **Amy Tucker** were outstanding as shooters and converted virtually every chance they were given. At times our netball was very special but occasionally we lost possession and when games are short we could not afford this.

Final position 3 out of 7. Won 3 matches, drew 1 and lost 2. It was a long evening with the tournament overrunning and us getting back late but an excellent team performance by all the girls. Jaicee just got back in time to receive her award for contribution to the Year group at the KS3 Awards Evening. Well done girls.

The Year 11 are coming together well as a team despite the Area Tournament actually coming out of their playing season.

They had a good win against St John's and managed to keep the score down against Hardenhuish, St Mary's and Marlborough College. However we didn't convert the chances in the circle. However we were not last. Thanks to Mrs Godber for her coaching and management of the team on the night.

Training for the other years and the Year 9 B team went well on the Tuesday because Wednesday saw five squads out playing against Hardenhuish. Year 7 had yet another excellent performance beating Hardenhuish with the B team narrowly losing out by 2 goals. Year 8 continue to improve and had an excellent game eventually drawing 11 – 11. **Jessica Moffat** and **Emily Dillon** were outstanding in defence linking with **Anna Schofield** and **Francesca Price**. **Rebecca Sainsbury** and later **Stacey Sloan** were outstanding in the centre. **Stephanie Jones** and **Kirstie Cripps** converted most chances. **Philippa Goodall** used her height to good advantage and the team moves the ball well up the court. We still need to use the outside of the courts more to our advantage and rely heavily on long passes when we have the ability to play a more definite game. Most improved team this year has got to be Year 8.

Year 9 put two teams together and have to be congratulated on their efforts in getting two out when on the day injuries and illness from the day before took their toll.

The A team took a paneling with only one player still in their correct playing position. A scratch team in the end but they held it together well. Despite the low flying seagulls and their good luck bomb it was a heavy defeat.

The Bs performed well with **Jennifer Harrison**, a great captain, converting chances in the circle. At times the netball flowed but at times we gave away possession after we had worked hard to secure it.

A big thank you to the following: **Jaicee Leigh Matthews** for her support of the team on both days.

All the captains for their commitment and organisation of the team.

Rachel Webb assistant coach and umpire of the Year 8B team.

Mrs Grist and Mrs Turner for their umpiring and words of wisdom to the girls.

Matches next week v St John's at home on Thursday night. Years 7, 8 and 9.

S E MARSHALL