



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Pupil's Name: _____ Tutor Group _____

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Dear Pupils and Parents,

You will all be aware of the terrible and tragic deaths of Matthew and Danny Hughes, and their sister Teegan and mother Dawn last Friday.

Last Friday was a very difficult day for all of us at school as we shared the grief and sadness of our devastating news. Our thoughts were with their family and with their friends both in and out of school. Spontaneous tributes to Danny and Matthew were organised by pupils and placed messages and flowers under the trees in the school quad. These were taken in over the weekend and returned on Monday morning when more tributes were added. They will remain there until next week following the funeral on Monday.

It is at times like these that communities come together to support one another and the events over this week have confirmed to me that there is great strength at school and pupils/students, staff and support agencies have pulled together brilliantly to help one another during this time.

Danny's and Matthew's Aunt and Grandparents have visited the school and were greatly touched by the floral tributes and written messages/memories for Danny and Matthew. They have expressed their thanks to you for your thoughts and support.

Danny and Matthew were great characters at school. They will be remembered with deep affection for their lively and energetic contribution to school life. Warm hearted, generous and with a great sense of fun, both Danny and Matthew were loyal and supportive friends to many pupils at school.

The weeks ahead will not be easy for many at school. Thoughts and memories will remain for a long time. It is important that we all come to terms with our loss in our own way.

The funeral is being arranged in Basingstoke on Monday 25th November at 3.45 p.m. Representation from the staff, pupils and governors will be at the ceremony and tributes will be laid on behalf of all at Devizes School. At the same time at school on Monday afternoon we will mark the occasion with respect in an act of remembrance.

We are beginning to plan a memorial service to celebrate Danny's and Matthew's lives later in December.

M G Irons

DATES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 25th November – 7.15 p.m.

Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Timothy King** in Year 11 who was awarded most improved junior player at North Wilts Golf Club at the weekend.

An outstanding achievement for a student who has only been playing 18 months and who through tireless practice and commitment has reduced his handicap by 9 over the last few months.

Well done Tim.

P E Department

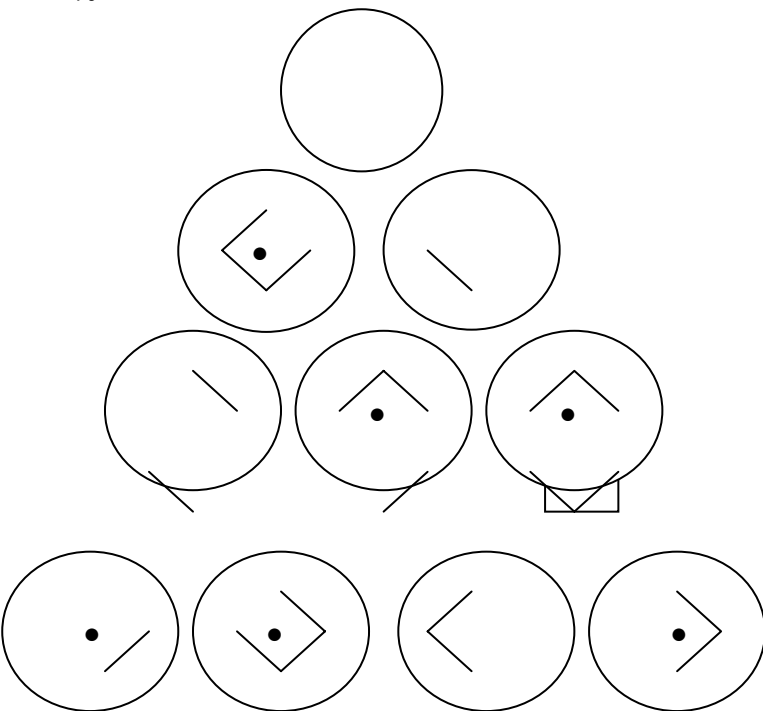
MATHS PUZZLE

Solution to last week's puzzle:-

14	1	12	7
11	8	13	2
5	10	3	16
4	15	6	9

The grid is called a magic square, where each row, column and diagonal adds up to 34.

This week's mind bender is posed by **Nicholas Rose** and **Hazel Gough**. Can you find which symbol should appear at the top of the pyramid?



FANTASY FOOTBALL

As you are probably aware, the first of our three transfer windows began on Monday and all players will need a new password to view or change their team. The transfer window will remain open until 5 p.m. on Monday 2nd December and each entrant can change up to four players from their team during that time. The new players will become active for matches from the 5th December.

At the moment, I have not received the new passwords. I have e-mailed Fantasy League to let them know this, so hopefully this should be resolved this week.

So if your star striker has let you down once too often, or your favourite midfielder appears to have sunk without trace (Inamoto!!), now's the time to let them know who the boss is and show them the door!

Manager of the week this week was **Matthew Jones (8TJW)** whose team Mattmeister United scored 19 points. The current league standings are as follows;

Top Pupil: 10MLS – Suttons Smashers 75 points

Top Teacher: Mr Hammond – Zee Greatest 48 points

School National Position – 47th

School Regional Position – 5th

Top Year Pupils

Year

Pupils

7

Jack Case (7AJA)

8

Kimberley Sainsbury (8SYB)

9

Thomas Greenidge (9MDH)

10

10MLS

11

Simon Cook (11EJH)

12

Mark Camacho (12DOR)

13

Michael Hardy (13DOR)

Staff

Mr Hammond

BIG SUCCESS FOR MUSICIANS AT EISTEDDFOD

Two students **Claire Starling** (Year 10) and **Naomi Ibbetson** (Year 11) took part in the Devizes Eisteddfod last Saturday with fantastic results.

Claire won the String section (gaining distinction) on her violin and was selected to play in the winner's concert. She also gained two more distinction marks for Clarinet and Recorder duet with Naomi. Naomi also did well in the vocal duet (gaining distinction), in song from the shows, vocal solo and recorder solo she gained good merit marks.

Well done to both as the standard was exceptionally good this year.

A E Hodder

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Naomi Ibbetson** on winning the following classes at this year's Devizes Eisteddfod:-

Poem 17 years and under and the William Salmon Cup for Literary Classes.

The Poem Naomi submitted was as follows:-

Flint Arrowhead

The watery winter sun shone down upon the figure of a man,
Striding out over the downs,
Looking for his prize –
Bending, picking, dropping, bending, picking, dropping –
Until he found it.
A cold piece of flint, hard and shiny in the mid-afternoon sun.
In it, he saw the hunt:
A deer being brought to earth,
Felled by the delicate but lethal arrowhead.
He would style from this stone.

He crouched low.
Knapping at the flint,
Deftly working around the curved edges,
Precisely crafting around the fork-shaped end,
To enable it to join onto the shaft.
When it was finished it was dark as the bark of a tree,
As sharp and as thin as a needle.

Used again and again to fire through the air,
Always racing to kill, to kill,
And destined to be buried deep in the earth.
Silent and cold,
Till brought to the light by far-off, distant hands.

K S Blake