



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Pupil's Name: _____ Tutor Group _____

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Devizes School Website: www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk

DATES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 16th December – 7.30 p.m.

Sixth Form Presentation Evening

Tuesday 17th December – 7.30 p.m.

Carol Concert at St John's Church

Friday 20th December – 3.30 p.m.

Break up for the Christmas Holiday

Monday 6th January 2003

School returns from the Christmas Holidays

ADVANCE NOTICE

Monday 27th January – 7.00 p.m. Main Hall

Sixth Form Prospective Parents Evening

ARTIFICIAL SPORTS PITCH

Following some years of negotiation and liaison, the building of an artificial pitch will commence in January for completion by Easter 2003. The pitch and adjoining car park will be on land owned by the Governing Body of Devizes School and will be managed and maintained by Kennet District Council, Leisure Services Department.

Devizes School will have use of the pitch for four days each week during term time. Outside of our use the pitch will be used for other schools in the area, sports clubs and general community use.

It will provide a high quality surface which can be used for a variety of sports.

The facility will be of great benefit to the pupils of Devizes School and the Governing Body are pleased that the project is now coming to fruition.

M G Irons

for Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Students from Year 11 went to Wiltshire Air Ambulance Headquarters to present a cheque for £150. This was raised as part of a sponsored Basketball activity at the end of last term.

Thanks to all those who sponsored our students.

Well done to Leah Egginton of 11SXB our major fundraiser.

J A Smith



Year 9 Able Children Science

The idea was to find out how far a rocket could go. We started by getting in two teams. The teams were **Bethany**

Greenfield, Jessica Haddrell and Denise Langan with **Sean Harrison, Sebastian Bird and Martin Bell** in the other team. We measured a wall with two metre sticks then made a graph. We then went outside and stood 50m from a tree and measured it. We measured it by having one person hold another metre stick vertical. We went on to the tennis courts to fill a bottle $\frac{1}{4}$ water and fixed the rocket together and stood 40m from the rocket. I had the first go and Mr Lee helped me pump the rocket up. When it went up, he got soaked!! We measured how far the rocket flew by using the same method of measuring the tree. We went in and wrote up the results.

Thanks to Mr Lee for a great lesson. *Bethany Greenfield 9MDH*

The idea was to find out how far our water rockets could fly using just two metre ruler sticks.

First the six of us, **Jessica Haddrell, Beth Greenfield, Denise Langan, Seb Bird, Martin Bell and Sean Harrison** investigated in the Lab how high the wall was using a scale of 1 : 5.

Then we went outside and estimated a tree to be 25m tall from 30 metres away. We measured the height of the water rockets without getting too wet!



Year 11 Fundraiser

The highest water rocket flew 40m using a scale of 1.40 by putting the metre sticks at right angles. We then went back indoors to plot graphs. Thanks to Mr Lee for making Science seem more exciting
Jessica Haddrell 9KML

JUDO

Well done to those people who went to Kent at the weekend.

A big well done to

- Nathan Gorton** – Bronze
- Emily Dickson** – Bronze
- Jasmin Duxberry** – Silver

Well done to the other people who went but didn't get a medal.

N B Craddock

YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

Well done to the boys for getting to the semi-final of the County Cup. The team captained by **Nathan Moffat** weren't quite strong enough to compete with Ridgeway who came out 8-0 winners.
M D Hammond

LUNCH MENU

On Wednesday 18th December Christmas Lunch will be served and the menu will be:



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

*Roast Turkey with Stuffing
 Sausage*

**ROAST POTATOES, CARROTS, PEAS
 and Gravy**

**CHRISTMAS PUDDING WITH CUSTARD OR BRANDY SAUCE
 or
 Cheesecake**

Glass of Orange Christmas Cracker

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2002

£2.60

ABLE PUPIL IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAY

Twenty three students from Years 9 and 10 went for a personal development day with the Royal Gloucester, Wiltshire, Berkshire Regiment at Chepstow Barracks.

Students were involved in a number of tasks involving them developing their leadership and fitness, whilst experiencing some difficult and challenging situations.

The commando task involved two groups of students either side of a very windy and deep ravine having to transport 4

jerry cans to one side and 4 tyres to the other using only 2 planks, 1 piece of rope and 2 barrels. Students and equipment were lost to the ravine and many trucks ended up with only 2 tyres and no petrol. However all the groups worked well together and listened to each other's suggestions as well as leading the group.



Quad biking was a real favourite and many students made their own course (**Douglas Dickson**) leaving the well designated route on many occasions. The Small Arms Training definitely showed the hot shots amongst the group and **Adam Grist** was definitely the top gun of one group. Miss Marshall couldn't hit a

barn door at 10 paces despite having a tripod to her machine gun!! Just lifting those rifles demonstrated the skill of the soldiers never mind reloading under fire, and when under attack at night.

Paintballing was another favourite and there were many success stories here including Miss Marshall who managed to hit something.

The assault course tested fitness, team work and overcoming personal fears and all groups performed well, leaping over water, scaling the high ropes and jumping over and off walls. Many of the group were definitely related to monkeys flying over the high bars with the greatest of ease.

The culmination of the day was a team log run and assault course challenge. 8 people on a log seemed fine until going up and down a deep wet embankment whilst negotiating obstacles on the way.

A big well done to all the students who gave their all on the day and worked as a team throughout the day.

All arrived safely back, wet tired but having enjoyed the day.

S E Marshall

YEAR 7 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Last weekend Devizes School hosted the Year 7 Area Netball Tournament and Devizes were able to put two teams into the competition. Hosting the event meant that students had to arrive a little early at 8.30 a.m. in time to set up. The weather was kind and 16 teams and lots of spectators filled the netball courts.

Devizes had some excellent wins and a very exciting match in particular against a semi-finalist Stonar School eventually drawing 2-2. The B team had a difficult draw but pulled off some excellent games and a good win. It is impossible to pick out individual students as all gave 100% for 7 games of netball over and cold and tiring morning.

A big big thank you to the Sixth Form and Year 11 students who gave up their Saturday mornings to run the tournament, coach and manage:

Megan Stevens, Jessica Chamberlain, Charlotte Underwood, Rachel Webb, Margaret Hudd

Well done to all of the players on a good finish to the season and an excellent start to next year.

S E Marshall

RUGBY

Year 9 Rugby. Congratulations to the Year 9 Rugby team who took part in a tournament at Chippenham Rugby Club on Wednesday 4th December. They played seven games and were unbeaten in all seven games. The boys drew four games and won three, coming joint second behind Wootton Bassett.

The team captained by an inspirational **Daniel Sloan** performed exceptionally well scoring 12 tries and only conceding 2 with **Andrew Cook** scoring his first try since Year 7. A special mention to **Benjamin McLoughlin** who was the only player to play in all seven matches and is leaving the school to move to Germany.



Back row left to right: Mr Hammond, A. Cook, M. Penfold, P. Preece, S. Oliver, A. Townsend, J. Matthews, M. Moore, J. Bunting, B. McLoughlin

Front Row left to right: C. Barter, G. Perritt, D. Dickson, T. Roberts, T. Smith, L. Hopper, R. Scratchley

Missing from picture: D. Sloan, M. Hamlin, A. Grover, J. Selby

DEVIZES 4TH ANNUAL RUGBY TOURNAMENT

A special thanks to everyone who helped with the Rugby Tournament on a very cold Saturday in December. Sixteen teams competed in a very successful day of Rugby. Congratulations to Bishop Wordsworth who were the overall winners of the Cup. Our own team got their name on the Vase for the first time with a win in the final over Bulmershe. Wootton Bassett were winners of the Plate. *M Hammond*

FANTASY FOOTBALL

The Christmas Quiz is open on the website until this Thursday. There's the chance to win a football shirt and other prizes

This week's results:

Manager of the Week – Martyn Drake 11EJH
'Duchies Reserves' – 22 points

Top Pupil – Michael Hardy 13DOR 2x10+1 Hardy
Dun - 96 points

Top Teacher –Mrs Lucas ' Crisis' - 67 points

School National Position – 21st

School Regional Position – 2nd

C N Kerr