



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Pupil's Name: _____ Tutor Group _____

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DATES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 6th January 2003

School returns from the Christmas holidays

**Monday 6th January to Monday 20th
January**

School and Public Examinations

ADVANCE NOTICE

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

Sixth Form Prospective Parents Evening

YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS FAIR

Congratulations to all Year 7 pupils who made the Christmas Fair a success. The stalls were well organized and fun. Everyone had a chance to have faces painted, eat cakes and marshmallows, hunt for Santa, splat Santa, and ride a skateboard in safety.

Thanks also to the Parent Group who provided a bran tub stall and the Young Enterprise group with their candles and T-shirt painting. The total raised was just over £240 so well done to all.

C E Herring

MATHS PUZZLE

Solution to puzzle in Newsletter 801:

There would be a total of 17 people on the plane, 16 passengers and yourself.

Thank you to all the solutions that have been handed in to SNG. Here are our winners:

Ben Langan 7TAD
Sarah Coombes 8SYB

Katherine Brailey 7AJA

This Week's Puzzle:



Father Christmas

Father Christmas has two children

- If I tell you that at least one of the children is a boy, what is the probability that the other child is a boy?
- If I tell you that the older of the two children is a boy, what is the probability that the younger child is also a boy?

S N Gear

JUDO CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Charlotte Giles** of 7JYR who got a gold medal in the Kent Open at Crystal Palace. Well done!

N B Craddock

P E TIMETABLE STARTING 6TH JANUARY

The only changes to the PE timetable are to the Years 9 and 10 programmes as all other years are still on 9 week activity blocks.

Monday

Period 1 – Yr10

MDH	Volleyball
KAG	Five-a-Side

Tuesday

Period 1 – Yr10

NBC	Five-a-Side
CEH	Football
SEM	Netball

Period 5 - Yr 9

MDH	Soccer
SEM	Volleyball
CEH	Hockey
NBC	Basketball

Wednesday

Period 2 – Yr9

MDH Soccer
 AJA Volleyball
 JRL Hockey
 NBC Basketball

Period 3 - Yr 10

MDH HRE
 CSS Netball
 JRL Soccer
 NBC Basketball

Friday

Period 1 – Yr10

NBC Netball
 CEH Five-a-Side

Period 2 - Yr 9

MDH Badminton
 SEM Gym
 CEH Soccer
 CSS Hockey

Period 4 – Yr 9

MDH Badminton
 AJA Gym
 JRL Soccer
 NBC Hockey

Period 6 - Yr 10

JRL Volleyball
 NBC Five-a-Side

S E Marshall

DEVIZES SCHOOL YEAR 7 RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Saturday 7th December the Devizes School Year 7 Rugby teams participated in their own annual tournament.

The Tigers team was drawn against Sheldon (Chippenham), Kings Hill (Cirencester) and Clevedon in their first round pool games. Unfortunately they lost all their pool games and their first round plate game scoring only one try by **Jamie Little**. Notable performances were the good tackling by **Andrew Collins-Frampton**, **Jacob Rogers**, **Jack Case** and **Scott Bryant** and the fine leadership by captain **Jacob Rogers**. Unfortunately injuries to **Scott Bryant**, suspected broken collar bone, and **Jamie Little**, back injury did not help the team in the plate competition.

The Lions, however, roared through their pool games, beating Culverhay (Bath) 4 tries to 0 (**Sam Priest** 1, **Luke Flower** 2, **Chris Webb** 1) Corsham 4 tries to 0 (**Luke Flower** 2, **Matt Tilley** 2), and Bulmershe (Reading) 3 tries to 0 (**Luke Flower** 2, **Matt Tilley** 1). They were then drawn against Bristol Grammar School in the cup first round. This was a very close game, which became a very tense battle of the forwards. The Lions eventually losing by the only try conceded all day. This put the team in the Plate competition with a first round draw against Hardenhuish (Chippenham), which they won 4 tries to 0 (**Luke Flower** 2, **Chris Botham** 1, **Matt Tilley** 1), a second round game against Malmesbury which began a close contested match but two tries by **Chris Botham** gave the Lions a place against Bulmershe (Reading) in the final. Bulmershe seemed to have improved throughout the day and kept the Lions under pressure until **Sam Priest** worked hard to get a try to gain a lead. Minutes later Sam snatched the ball from an opponent in front of the try line and went over for his second try of the game. The Lions finished 2 tries to 0 victors.

Lions played 7 won 6 lost 1. Tries for 19, tries against 1.

Try scorers: **Luke Flower** (capt) 8, **Matt Tilley** 4, **Chris Botham** 3, **Sam Priest** 3, **Chris Webb** 1. Other squad members **Angus**

Webster, Alex Surman, Henry Davies, Adrian Case and Jed Elliott.

Many thanks to all the parents who supported the team on the day and especially to Year 12 student **Andrew Flower** who has given up his time to help train, referee and coach the boys throughout the season.

This is a great finale for all Year 7 Rugby players, the first team to win a trophy at their own tournament. Hopefully many of them will continue to play after Christmas at Devizes Rugby Club in preparation for their first season of fifteen-a-side Rugby in September.

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WILTSHIRE SCHOOLS YEAR 10 BASKETBALL LEAGUE St Augustine's 39 Devizes School 69.

The Year 10 boys continued their fine season with a win over Trowbridge school, St Augustine's. Devizes gained a comfortable 10 point lead before the home side scored and looked as though they were going to notch up their fourth straight victory in comfortable style. However, the home side exchanged basket for basket until the end of the period to give a score of 21 – 10 to Devizes. Poor decision making and control by the Devizes players gave St Augustine's the chance to narrow the score in the second period and reduce the lead to 31 – 24 at half time. The second half started the same way as the first, Devizes gaining control straight away with excellent shooting by **Adam Croutear** and **Matt Harrison**. Strong defending by **Stephen Draisey**, **Adam Croutear** and **Liam Hill** also contributed to the third period score of 28 – 4 in favour of Devizes. However, once again the Devizes team sat back on their lead and lost the final period 11 points to 10.

Although this puts the Year 10 team on top of the local league with John Bentley who are their next opponents, they will need to play more consistently in the National Schools Championships if they are to progress further than the first round.

Scorers: **Adam Croutear** 22, **Matt Harrison** 15, **Stephen Draisey** 8, **Jon Reid** 6, **Liam Hill** 6, **Daniel Lyons** 5, **Ross Allen** 4, **Paul Pitman** 2, **Sam Ottaway** (Year 8) 1, **Ashley Stevens** 0. Playing record: Played 4, won 4 lost 0.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS UNDER 15B COMPETITION

The Year 10 team travelled to Woodroffe School, Lyme Regis to play in the first round of this tournament. After a stop at McDonalds and relaxing pre-match walk on the beach the team were ready to play their first game against Purbeck School from Wareham.

Excellent passing and shooting gave them a 14 – 0 lead which was increased to 20 – 4 by the end of the first period. **Liam Hill** led the scoring gaining 12 points and the whole squad of 12 had made valuable contributions by the end of the second period. In the third and final period of 3 (tournament rules) Devizes kept Purbeck at bay with a score of 14-2, giving a final score of Devizes 50 – Purbeck 14.

In the next game Devizes played the home side Woodroffe who were well rested and had the advantage of watching our game. Both teams exchanged baskets to start with even though Devizes clearly produced more scoring opportunities,

even though they could not score. The first period saw Devizes trailing 10 – 6 and a loss of 2 more points gave them a 6 point gap to make up in the last eight minutes.

Adam Croutear found the basket easier to attack and helped to reduce the gap to 0 with four minutes left. Both teams lost players in the closing minutes by ‘fouling out’ and it became clear that the team, which kept their cool, would win the game. **Liam Hill** was under pressure taking 6 consecutive free shots all of which he missed, however team mate **Ross Allen** tied the game in the last minute of the game with a confident free shot and then won the game with a steady close range shot with five seconds left. This gave the team a 35 – 33 win and a place in the final stages of the South West section of the Championships.

Scorers: Against Purbeck: Liam Hill 12, Adam Croutear 9 Daniel Lyons 6, Lee Pitman 4, Stephen Draisey 4, Matthew Harrison 4, Adam Grist 3, Ashley Stevens 2, Sam Ottaway 2, Jon Reid 2, Paul Pitman 2.

Against Woodroffe: Adam Croutear 14, Adam Grist 4, Ross Allen 5, Sam Ottaway 2, Stephen Draisey 2, Matthew Harrison 2.

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FANTASY FOOTBALL

We're fast approaching the Christmas break but, while you take some necessary time off to recover, the football programme will continue at full speed.

This is the last report of the year, but don't worry, as the points will still be updated on the website on a Monday morning, at www.schoolsfl.com. The first report of the New Year will be during the week commencing the 6th of January

and will contain all points accumulated over the Christmas period, December Manager of the Month winners and the first FA Cup tables.

Current status of Devizes School.

Top pupil: 7AJA (managed by **Luke Flower**) Top Teacher: Mrs Lucas

School National Position: 17th School Regional Position: 2nd

Year League Leaders

Year	Manager Name	Team Name	Form	Points
7	Luke Flower	7AJA	AJA	99
8	Aaron + Simon	Premiership Allstars	SJG	80
9	Tom Greenidge	The 9MDH Crew	MDH	90
10	10MLS	Sutton's Smashers	MLS	92
11	Scott Oneill	I'm Going to Lose	SXB	92
12	Mark Camacho	Team Deluxe	DOR	97
13	Michael Hardy	2 x 10 + 1 Hardy Dun	DOR	98
Staff	Mrs Lucas	Crisis		78

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