



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Pupil's Name: _____ Tutor Group _____

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DATES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday 2nd April – 6.30 p.m.

Governors' Meeting (A2)

Thursday 3rd April – 7.00 p.m.

Friends of Devizes School Meeting

BEATING THE BOUNDS OF DEVIZES

**Sponsored Walk (about 7 miles) in aid of the Mayor's
M.S. Appeal**

Sunday 27th April 2003

Starting at 10.00 a.m.

From the Sports Club

**Entry/Sponsorship form from the Town Hall, Youth
Centre and Leisure Centre**

This annual sponsored walk will be held again on Sunday 27th April starting from Devizes Sports Club at 10 a.m. Councillor Ray Taylor, who inaugurated this walk during his Mayoral year in 1997, is hoping that this event will be well supported. Monies raised will be donated to the Mayor's Appeal Fund.

Except where built over or access is difficult, the walk will follow the historic Parish boundaries of Devizes, an approximate distance of 7 miles. Allow 3 hours to complete (11 kilometres). There will be a variety of walking conditions and gradients (none severe) and few obstacles.

Refreshments will be available en route as well as back at the Sports Club. Maps of the route will be provided and a certificate presented to those who complete the walk.

This should be an enjoyable and interesting walk whatever the weather. Register, get sponsored and help the Mayor to help M.S. sufferers. Donations will also be accepted.

How to register

Collect entry and sponsorship forms from the Town Hall, Youth Centre or Leisure Centre. Return the entry forms to any of these distribution points before Saturday the 19th April or bring them on the day.

SKI TRIP 2003

Photographs of the recent Ski Trip to Austria and also a video of the trip are now on the School Intranet site. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of any of the photographs please see Mr Mullings in the IT Department.

THE WAR IN IRAQ

The prospect of war in Iraq has caused great debate and division over the past few months across the world. Now the war has started and we are exposed to constant news updates, opinions and tensions will naturally be heightened.

The strong feelings that exist on both sides of the debate are fuelled by television, radio, newspaper and the internet. Anti-war groups have been particularly keen to involve school pupils and students in walkouts and other forms of public demonstrations against the war. Our principle concern is that the encouragement of pupils to leave school during the day to protest in large groups puts them in an at-risk situation where we can no longer guarantee their well-being in terms of basic health and safety. I would ask those who wish to express their views about the war to do so at times and dates that do not disrupt the school day. Parents must be aware of this and we ask for your support in this important matter.

Devizes is a diverse community and one that exists within a military setting and a good number of our school community have strong links with the armed forces. We should be sensitive and mindful of the fact that there will be some families both in school and within the wider community that have close connections with people in active service in the Gulf. In these difficult times these friends, pupils and colleagues need our support, whatever our feelings about the war.

Now is the time for thought and we hope that all the people involved in the war are quickly and safely returned to their own communities and that peace and normality can return to their lives as soon as possible.

*Malcolm Irons
Headteacher*



READ ALL ABOUT IT!

You've read a book recently. You thought it was fantastic/average/terrible! You've told your friends/family/teacher about it. Now you're looking for a better/even better/truly marvellous book to read next!

So, get involved with the new book review Intranet page. Design a logo, submit a book review – or both.

Logo designs and book reviews to Mrs Lee in the Library please!

J Reeves

CONGRATULATIONS ON KEYBOARD RESULTS

The following pupils have recently taken their Trinity Board Keyboard Exams and there are some good results:-

Laura Hooper Grade 1 with Merit

Tanya Lucas Grade 3

Andrea Rutt Grade 1 with Merit

Rachel Wheeler Grade 1

A E Hodder

SPORTS NEWS

Year 8 Inter-Tutor hockey and football matches will take place Periods 5 and 6 on **Thursday 3rd April**, so please bring the correct kit.

Year 7 Swimming Gala will take place on **Monday 31st March** Periods 5 and 6. All Year 7s are to bring swimming kit!

Extra Fixture

John Bentley away on **Tuesday April 1st** Years 7, 8 and 9 Hockey and Years 10 and 11 Netball. Return 6.15 p.m. £1 for the coach.

N B Craddock

FANTASY FOOTBALL

With only eight games left in the Premiership this season, competition in the Fantasy Football leagues is really hotting up!

Long time school leader, Michael Hardy (13DOR) who was as high as 4th in the country only a month ago, is in danger of being overtaken by Mark Camacho (12DOR). A couple of bad weeks for Michael has seen Mark close the gap to just four points

YEAR 8 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Devizes v Sheldon

Devizes started well with a good first basket from **Daniel Lock**. After that the first and second periods went well with some superb defending from **Leigh Ottaway** and **Daniel Sainsbury**. **Sam Ottaway** and **Harry Williams** did well bringing the ball up, which led to a 39 – 14 lead to Devizes, at half time.

After that things went horribly wrong for Devizes as they threw away position, but Devizes managed to stay in the lead with baskets coming from **Simon Oldham** and **Matthew Jones**. In the fourth period things finally started looking up as a gap opened up between the teams.

Overall it was a cliffhanger of a match but the final score was 65 – 50 to Devizes. All players put in a full 100% even if they didn't score.

Sam Ottaway 27, Daniel Lock 14, Matthew Francis 8, Matthew Jones 8, Harry Williams 4, Simon Oldham 2, Daniel Sainsbury 2 = 65 points

Sam Ottaway 8TJW

BASKETBALL CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Leigh Ottaway, Sam Ottaway and Matthew Jones**, all in Year 8, who play for the Gloster Comets Under 14 basketball team, who have won the South West England Basketball championships.

C E Herring

Devizes School Overall League Table.

School	Manager	Team Name	Form	Points
1	Michael	2 x 10 + 1	13DO	256
2	Mark	Team Deluxe	12DO	252
3	George Dyke	Just Bring It	8TJW	233
4	Jeremy Wilt-	G. Best Boys	8AMH	231

Year 8 appears to be a two horse race between **George Dyke** (8TJW – 233 points) and **Jeremy Wiltshire** (8AMH – 231 points).

Year 9 is dominated once again by **9MDH** (who won the tutor competition last year!). Current leaders still in contention are:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Manager Name</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Tom Greenidge + 9MDH	9MDH	220
2nd	Chris Allen	9EMA	213
3rd	Lee Pitman	9KML	213
4th	Tom Greenidge	9MDH	202

Year 10 looks like once again being won by **Delvin Keane**, although **Mr Trowbridge's 'Ten Maths'** class and **Paul Pitman** have both closed the gap considerably this month. Long time leaders **10MLS** are down in 7th place.

The most exciting year league has to be Year 7. There are only 9 points between 1st and 9th with any one of these pupils still in with a chance of winning.

Year 7

<u>Posi-</u>	<u>Manager Name</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Sam Kington	7TAD	191
2nd	Chris Webb	7JYR	190
3rd	Charlotte Peagram	7JYR	189
4th	William Nichols	7DXN	189
5th	Jack Case	7AJA	187
6th	Alex Surman	7AJA	187
7th	Graeme Nash	7JYR	186
8th	Matthew Tilley	7AJA	184
9th	Alexander Browne	7TXS	182

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1st	Delvin Keane	10MLS	203
2nd	Mr Trowbridge 'Ten Maths'	10RXT	194
3rd	Paul Pitman	10LMG	189
4th	Philip Hardy	10CJM	185

Year 11 also looks like a two horse race between **James Squire** (11GXH – 216 points) and **Simon Cook** (11EJH – 214 points) **Chris Dyke** is in third place with 206 points.

Mark Camacho and **Michael Hardy** are well clear in the Year 12 and 13 leagues respectively.

The staff league is still being keenly fought. There's a battle going on in the mid-table positions, with only 9 points between 6th and 14th. However, at the top, **Mrs Lucas** has a 12 point lead over **Mr Rogers**.

The final transfer window is still in progress and is running right up until 5 p.m. on **Friday 4th April**. With things so close at the top of all the leagues, this final opportunity could be vital to your chances of winning.

Current status of Devizes School:

Manager of the Week: Martyn Drake 25 points.

Top FA Cup Score: Stuart McAlpine 59 points.

School National Position – 51st

School Regional Position – 5th.

C N Kerr