



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Pupil's Name: _____ Tutor Group _____

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DATES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday 21st May – 6.30 p.m.

Governors' Meeting (A2)

DANCE PERFORMANCE

Pupils at Devizes School have been working really hard over the past few weeks to put on a dance show which was held on the 1st May. Girls and boys ranging from the ages of 11 - 15, put on a spectacular show with dances from Bollywood to America. Lots of effort was put in, and so we would like to thank everyone who took part or helped to make this an enjoyable evening.

Jessie Bryant 9MDH and Hayley Bull 9EMA



CAMP XTRA

Summer Camp 28/07/03 to 01/08/03

Camp Xtra Brochures have now been distributed to all pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, as well as other local schools. If you would like to book onto one of the activity courses, please bring your booking forms in as soon as possible as places are filling up fast.

Brochures are also available from Reception, Devizes Leisure Centre and Devizes Library.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE – WATERSPORTS – NOW FULL!

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Have you always wanted to learn an instrument, but didn't know which one or how to start?

See Mrs Hodder and you soon could be mastering the keyboard or strumming a guitar.

All applications for instrumental lessons must be in by June 2nd.

A E Hodder

Answer to the riddles in Newsletter No. 816

- (1) What is broken when spoken –
Silence.
- (2) What runs but never walks
gurgles but never talks
has a bed but never sleeps
and a head but never weeps?

Answer - A River.

This weeks Maths Puzzle comes from the recent Junior Maths Challenge:
A6BC

x 7

D9E98

In this multiplication each letter stands for a different digit. Which letter stands for 3?

A B C D or E

WRITING SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Philippa Goodall** (Year 8) who was runner-up in a national writing competition. Philippa had to write a story which answered the questions "Who am I?" and "What am I?" She wins a signed copy of the book *Varjak Paw* by S F Said. Philippa's story and the overall winning story can be read on the Young Writer Website at www.youngwriter.org.

If you are good at writing and would like to enter competitions, come along to B16 at lunchtime on Monday 19th May to collect details of all the current writing competitions (including one to win a trip to Alton Towers).

K S Blake

TENNIS ARE YOU READY?

Years 7 and 8 Wednesday lunchtime
Years 9, 10 and 11 Tuesday lunchtime
Thursday and Friday ANY Year.
Come along and play the game!

WILTSHIRE ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY)

What an unusual way to start my Easter holidays, from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th April I was at Oxenwood with the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY) to debate ideas that had been brought up. WAY is all about getting the voice of youth across to local politicians and business people. Whilst at Oxenwood we discussed the Wiltshire Youth Democracy Workers Activity Plan, Connexions Business Plan and the Transforming Youth Work Plan. We also did some team building activities including; night walking, camp fire, hockey, table football, volleyball, football and a 5½ mile walk from Wilton Windmill to Great Bedwyn and back. Some of the best parts of the weekend were the fact that everyone was treated as equals, it was a chance to meet new people, it was about having fun and sharing ideas, and who could forget that the food was great!!

Although this was not something I would have thought about doing before, if I have the chance I will definitely do it again.

On Tuesday 15th April I went to the PSA Board Meeting where we discussed the events of the weekend and then soon WAY is having its press launch. On 7th May there is an Open Meeting about WAY in Salisbury.

*Natasha Brooks 10JRL
School Council*

JUDO



Belgium International

Natalie South and **Danielle Maya** in Year 10 competed in Belgium recently. This was a big tournament and both were proud of their results. Danielle won a bronze and Natalie won a silver medal.

On Saturday 10th May, **Steven** and **Kevin Ottaway** and **Natalie South** competed in London. Steven won a silver and Natalie won a bronze.

On Sunday 11th May, **Abbie** and **Charlotte Giles**, **Natalie South**, **Danielle Maya** and **Laura McCullar** competed in Peterborough. Charlotte took a bronze, her sister Abbie did not receive a medal but fought really well. Laura and Danielle both took bronze medals – Natalie took a silver in the junior competition but received no medal in the youth event.

Well done everyone.

Natalie South 10KSB

BASKETBALL

Congratulations to **Matthew Jones** and **Sam Ottaway** of the Year 8 Basketball team who have been selected for the South West England Under 14 Basketball Squad. Both players have done very well to get to this stage and will have to keep up the good work to gain a place in the final ten players who will attend England trials in October.

C E Herring

SPORTS FIXTURE LIST – SUMMER TERM 2003

DATE	SPORT	OPPOSI-	YEAR GROUP
Thurs 22nd	Rounders	Sheldon	Years 7, 8, 9
Tues 3rd	Rounders	Hardenhuish	Year 7, 8, 9,
Tues 10th	Rounders	St John's	Years 7, 8, 9
Thurs 19th June	Rounders Tourn- ament		Year 7 - Home
Thurs 3rd	Rounders	Stonar	Year 8, 9 and

YEAR 8 HOCKEY REPORT: SPRING 2003

A large number of girls played in 4 matches; winning 1 match and losing 4. All the matches were played with determination and many of the goals scored against us were against the run of play. Next season we need to concentrate on our shooting skills to enable us to make good use of the excellent attacks made.

6 matches were played at the Under 13 tournament; 2 lost and 4 drawn. Again, we attacked well, using a team who had not played together, including two Year 7 pupils to make up the numbers.

On Sunday 11th May, **Becky Sainsbury**, **Frankie Price**, **Kayleigh North** and **Sarah Coombes** attended U14 County trials. It wasn't easy for the girls to display the full range of their skills. Congratulations to **Becky**, who has been chosen to attend further sessions in September.

Well done to all the girls who played for their commitment and determination. We are very much looking forward to training and playing on the new Astro turf pitch next season. Thank you to all parents who have supported and encouraged these girls.

A M Hutchinson

GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – FRIDAY 9TH MAY.

On Friday the 9th of May during periods 5 and 6 in the afternoon, Devizes School's Years 7 and 8 Girls' Football teams took to the field to play a series of games against 3 teams from St John's Secondary School in Marlborough. Devizes were feeling particularly nervous as this was to be their first tournament played this year and although spirits were high a certain anxiety still lurked amongst the players. All in all Year 8 played 3 matches and Year 7 played 1.

Although Year 7 played exceptionally well during their match unfortunately it wasn't to be and the end score resulted in a 1-0 win to Marlborough. However, good defence from players in the team prevented Marlborough from scoring further more goals. All in all well done Year 7 and let's hope to see a win sometime next year. The Year 7 team was **Megan Evans** (Captain), **Elizabeth Porter**, **Jamie Cowdry**, **Rebecca Smith**, **Samantha Keller**, **Victoria Hyde**, **Georgina Hollis**, **Hannah Butcher** and **Rebecca Tipping**.

Year 8 played 3 eight minute matches drawing the first 0-0 and the second 1-1. When we hit the field again we lost 2-1. Fantastic goals were scored by **Paula Forrester** and **Kirstie Cripps**. Unfortunately this was not enough and St John's went away with a win. The team played to an excellent standard and the tournament was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We must give thanks to all of the people who made the tournament possible and the Ref who had come especially from Wootton Bassett.

The team was: **Paula Forrester** (Captain), **Becky Sainsbury**, **Kirstie Cripps**, **Emily Nash**, **Eleanor Musgrove**, **Emily Dillon**, **Jasmin Duxberry**, **Rachel Ellis** and **Stacy Sloan**.

Match report written by Eleanor Musgrove and Emily Nash (8TJW)

FANTASY FOOTBALL

THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER IT IS NOW!

The league season has finally reached an end and it's time for the awards to be handed out. It's been an excellent season full of drama and I hope that you've enjoyed the game.

The winners of Devizes School league are listed below and their medals will follow shortly. As you can see, long time leader **Michael Hardy** hung onto the title after a late challenge from **Mark Camacho**.

2002/03 SCHOOL CHAMPION

Michael Hardy 2 x 10 + 1 Hardy Dun Yr 13 351 points

Runner Up

Mark Camacho Team Deluxe Yr 12 343 points

Third Place

Jeremy Wiltshire g.best boys Yr 8 328 points

Top Teacher

Mr Rogers Westbury Wanderers 314 points

FA Cup Winner

FA Cup Winners will be announced after the Cup Final on 17th May.

Year Winners

Name	Team Name	Year	Points
Charlotte Pegrum	Charlies Champions	7	293
Jeremy Wiltshire	g.best boys	8	328
Tom Greenidge	The 9MDH Crew	9	289
Delvin Keane	The best	10	294
Chris Dyke	The Invincibles	11	291
Mark Camacho	Team Deluxe	12	343
Michael Hardy	2 x 10 + 1 Hardy Dun	13	351

Several of the year leagues changed hands in the last week and there were some very dramatic finishes.

In Year 7, **Charlotte Pegrum** (7JYR) hung on to claim the title with 293 points. She finished 8 points ahead of **Jack Case** (7AJA) and 17 ahead of **Chris Webb** (7JYR).

An amazing 27 point haul in the last week by **Jeremy Wiltshire** (8AMH) saw him snatch the Year 8 title away from **George Dyke** (8TJW). George's 24 points were not enough as Jeremy claimed the title by only 2 points. The table finished:

1st	Jeremy Wiltshire	328 points
2nd	George Dyke	326 points
3rd	Mr Trowbridge & Eight Maths	297 points

There was another close finish in Year 9. **Tom Greenidge** and the **9MDH crew** scored 14 points in the last week to pinch the title from **Chris Allen** (9EMA) and **Lee Pitman** (9KML). Tom finished with 289 points, Chris with 286 points and Lee with 277 points. Lee and Chris's disappointing last week (2 and -1 points respectively) probably cost them the title.

There was some big scoring in Year 10 in the last week. However **Delvin Keane** (10MLS) hung on to regain his title that he won last year in Year 9. The table finished;

1st	Delvin Keane	294 points
2nd	Paul Pitman	284 points
3rd	Rob and Steve	268 points

The most dramatic finish was in Year 11. **Chris Dyke** (11MJT) scored a fantastic 31 points in the last week to take the title from **Simon Cook** (11EJH), by 5 points. Simon's 'Dragon Lords' only managed a disappointing 1 point in the last week after he looked certain to claim the title last week. Chris finished with 291 points, Simon 286 points with **James Squire** (11GXH) 279 points in 3rd.

In the Sixth Form, long time leaders **Mark Camacho** (12DOR – 343 points) and **Michael Hardy** (13DOR – 351 points) claimed their respective titles.

The staff league was won, convincingly in the end, by **Mr Rogers**. He held off a late challenge from **Mrs Villalobos** to finish 30 points clear. This is the first year that the staff league has not been won by a member of the Maths Department! Final table;

1st	Mr Rogers	314 points
2nd	Mrs Villalobos	284 points
3rd	Mrs Lucas	277 points

There will be presentations of certificates, medals and trophies to all winners in assemblies this week.

There will be one final report next week to announce the winner of the F.A. Cup league. **Stuart McAlpine** looks a strong contender for this title. He currently holds a 9 point lead over the chasing pack of **Kieran Lomax**, **Simon Cook**, **Martyn Drake** and **James Muir**.

Thank you to all who took part and well done to all our winners. Commiserations if you didn't win, start getting your team ready for next year!!
C N Kerr