



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Pupil's Name: _____ Tutor Group _____

No 826

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

DATES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 23rd September

7.00 p.m. - PACT Meeting

Wednesday 24th September

7.00 p.m. - Devizes School Parent Group Meeting

Thursday 25th September

7.00 p.m. - Year 10 Course Information Evening

FORTHCOMING EVENT

Wednesday 1st October – 7.30 p.m. – Main Hall

THE TEMPEST

Tickets £2.00



CORRECTION TO PUPIL HANDBOOK

AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Please note the dates of the October half term holiday in the current Handbook are incorrect. The correct half term holiday dates are Friday 24th October (Teacher Development Day) to Sunday 2nd November, 2003.

DRAMA AND DANCE NOTICE

All students who have Drama and Dance in either the Middle School Hall or the Main School Hall must wear trainers. The alternative is to work barefoot. This is for their health and safety.

M P Leigh

YEAR 12 BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP – 21ST – 25TH JULY 2003

At 8.00 a.m. Monday morning, ten sleepy Sixth Formers turned up to squish into the trusty minibus with Emily Gile's huge bag! (We were only going for five days!) Our destination Devon. Four hours later we arrived and were pleasantly surprised. The week was spent getting soaked, clambering over sand dunes and playing pool. Overall it was an enjoyable four days and we actually did learn something!!

Felicity White 13SPL and Kim Croutear 13MLS

Developments and Events over the summer

New York may be the 'city that never sleeps' but Devizes School hasn't had a lot of rest over the summer either! Extensive building work, school trips, summer schools and summer camps have all been keeping the school well and truly open over the break.

The refurbishment of the science block started in early July and has really progressed well over the first two months. We already have two newly refurbished science labs that we expect to start using next week. By the end of this half term we should receive back three further classrooms including two ICT rooms and another science laboratory. Pupils and visitors can already see a big difference to the state of the stone work and the signs of the impressive entrance lobby at the front of the building.

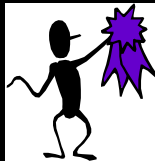
One of the completed science labs before the arrival of the furniture.

The Artificial Turf Pitch, opened officially at the end of July is now fully operational. The PE staff and the pupils are making very good use of this marvelous new facility.

Camp Xtra took place during the first full week of the summer break. Over 150 pupils enjoyed a full and exciting week of Sports Arts and ICT activities. Camp Xtra was a great success and my thanks to all staff, pupils and sponsors for making this such a resounding success. In addition Devizes School had both Numeracy and Literacy Schools for another week for some of our new Year 7 pupils.

M G Irons

CONGRATULATIONS



The first group to complete the Youth Award Programme achieved great success in the summer moderations.

All students on the course gained their Bronze Awards. Ten students reached the Silver standard and four with determination and hard work completed Gold.

Gold

Robert Mitchell, Matthew Taccuso, Tara-Jane Hogarth and Samantha Hopgood

Silver

Nicola Burry, Robert Handscombe, Lee Phillips, Emma Smith, Emma Galvin and Jemma Wakefield


Bronze

Terry Austin, Daniel Beswick, Duane Warner, Vicki-Anne Williams, Stuart Ellis, Lloyd Godden, Andrew Hamilton, Nathan Moffat, Adam Spanswick, Dominic Stokes and Jason Topp.


Well done to all.


C S Stevens


THE SCHOOL'S FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE


 FOOTBALL so you reckon you know it all well here's your chance to prove it! Fantasy League, the inventors of Fantasy Football, have created the ultimate football challenge, SCHOOLS FANTASY LEAGUE and once again, Devizes School has joined the competition.

 Spend £60 million on your magnificent 11 and score points based on their actual performance in the Premiership. YOU could become the School, Regional or even National Champion!

 WIN medals, trophies or certificates and be the top manager in your class, your year, your school, even your country!! Who knows, Manchester United may even offer you Sir Alex Ferguson's job at the end of the season!

 Add up your points and see how well your team is doing. You'll be having fun, whilst improving your mental arithmetic skills at the same time. The league is backed by the Government's MATHS YEAR 2000 project.

 It costs just £3.50 to enter and everyone who joins gets a free bungee watch.

 The competition proved to be great fun and was a great success last year. There were some very close finishes in some of the year leagues. **Michael Hardy** (13DOR) was last year's overall school winner. His winners trophy is currently on display in A9.


 Get your teams ready and then purchase an entry form from Mrs Kerr in A9. The closing date is **Friday 3rd October**. Hurry you've not got long!!

WHAT TO DO NEXT


 Collect a manager pack from Mrs Kerr in A9..


 Choose your Fantasy Team, remember;

- Maximum team value £60 million (that's £10 million more than last year to help with all of those expensive Chelsea players!!)
- No more than three players from the same club (1 more allowed than last year).
- Teams must be in a 4-4-2 formation.

 Give £3.50 to Mrs Kerr in exchange for an Internet voucher. Vouchers contain a unique login code allowing you to enter your team online. **YOUR TEAMS MUST BE ENTERED ONLINE AND YOU WILL NOT BE GIVEN A VOUCHER UNLESS YOU HAVE PAID YOUR £3.50!!**

 Sit back and watch your team rocket up the league! Scoring starts from Saturday 18th October.

 There will be three transfer windows during the year where you will be able to change your team..

-  For your £3.50 you will receive:
- A FREE bungee watch
 - A customised weekly report
 - Monthly SMS texts on your team
 - School/Year medals and trophies
 - Manager of the Month certificates
 - Weekly 'On Target' game on the web site.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPOSITION</u>	<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	
Tues 23rd Sept	St John's	Year 10 – Away	Year 11 - Home
Weds 24th Sept	St John's	Sixth Form – Away	
Thurs 25th Sept	St John's	Year 8 – Home	Year 9 – Away
Tues 30th Sept	Wyvern College	Year 7 – Home	Year 8 – Away
Thurs 2nd Oct	Malmesbury	Years 8, 9, & 10 – Home	
Sat 4th Oct	John Bentley Tournament	Year 7 – Away	
Thurs 9th Oct	Corsham	Years 7 & 11 – Away	Years 8, 9, & 10 - Home
Thurs 16th Oct	Hardenhuish	Years 8 & 9 – Home	Years 10 & 11 – Away
Weds 22nd Oct	John Bentley	Years 8, 10 & 11 – Away	Year 9 – Home
Thurs 6th Nov	Hardenhuish	Year 7 – Home	
Sat 8th Nov	Sheldon	Years 7, 8 & 9 – Away	Years 10 & 11 – Home
Sat 29th Nov	Devizes Tournament	Year 7 – Home	

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8.00 am			BASKETBALL Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 Gym 1 CEH	
	BADMINTON All Years Sportshall MDH RECREATIONAL HOCKEY All Years Astro NBC/SEM/ADR BREAK-DANCING Years 7, 8 & 9 Gym 1 AJA	5-A-SIDE Years 7 & 8 Sportshall MDH/NAM BADMINTON All Years Gym 2 SEM DANCE Year 8 Studio 1 AJA	HOCKEY LEAGUE Years 7, 8 & 9 Girls/Boys Astro NBC/SEM TAEBOIKICK BOXING All Years Gym 1 Outside Instructor DANCE Year 9 Studio 1 AJA	VOLLEYBALL All Years Gym 2 NBC/MDH BASKETBALL Years 8, 9 & 10 Sportshall CEH/NAM DANCE Year 8 Studio 1 AJA
LUNCH TIME 12.55 - 1.30 pm				FOOTBALL LEAGUE Years 9, 10 & 11 Astro MDH/NAM SYNCHRO TRAMPOLINING All Years Gym 2 SEM AEROBICS Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Gym 1 Outside Coach GIRLS' 5-A-SIDE Years 7, 8 & 9 Sportshall NBC
AFTER SCHOOL 3.30 - 4.45 pm	TENNIS COACHING All Years Tennis Courts Outside Coach	JUNIOR NETBALL Years 7, 8, 9 Sportshall SEM/SJD/JYR SENIOR HOCKEY Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 Astro NBC RUGBY All Years Pitches NAM/MDH/CEH/JRL/TXS TRAMPOLINING All Years Gym 2 REH	JUNIOR HOCKEY Years 7, 8 & 9 Astro NBC/AMH/SEM BASKETBALL FIXTURES & TRAINING Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 Sportshall CEH/NAM GIRLS' BASKETBALL All Years Gym 1 (5 - 6.30) Outside Coach	TENNIS Years 7, 8 & 9 Tennis Courts Outside Coach BOYS' BASKETBALL Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 Sportshall CEH BADMINTON All Years Gym 2 PXW/KER