



# DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday 15th October – 7.30 p.m.

DACC Meeting

## 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.

*J Reeves*

## NONONSENSE



Nononsense had its first formal meeting this week (Tuesday 7th October). We would like to thank David Baker of Labrintyth Training and Rachel Hams from Hams Transport for their invaluable advice.

Having done research during Open Evening we are selling Helium balloons of all shapes and sizes for all occasions from birthdays to Christmas.

If interested please do not hesitate to contact us: Telephone – 070920038711

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*Daniel Bull* (Managing Director)

## THE PARENT CENTRE – HELP YOUR CHILD TO LEARN

[www.parentcentre.gov.uk](http://www.parentcentre.gov.uk)

The Parent Centre aims to help parents and carers understand their child's education and what they can do to help.

It has information about schools, the school curriculum, topical information about education issues, advice on how to get the best out of parent's evenings and meetings with teachers.

The site will be launched officially in October 2003, but you can look at it now on [www.parentcentre.gov.uk](http://www.parentcentre.gov.uk).

## FOOTBALL CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Matthew Penfold, Patrick Preece, Chris Allen and Luke Hopper** who were all selected for the Mid-Wiltshire U15 Football Squad. Training starts next Monday for them and they have their first game on Wednesday.

*M D Hammond*

## BASKETBALL CONGRATULATIONS

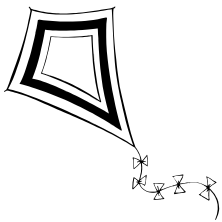
**Sam Ottaway** age 13 has been selected to captain the South West England U14 Basketball team at the National Inter Regional Basketball Tournament at Nottingham on 25th and 26th October. This tournament is also a trial for selection of the England Basketball team that will compete in European competitions.

Sam was selected following training sessions held at Taunton and Exeter involving fifty players initially.

Sam also plays National League Basketball with Team Gloster U14 who he also captains. Sam played his first game for the Team Gloster U16 team on Saturday, beating Ware Rebels 65 – 41.

*C E Herring*

## ART CLUB



### New Activities

**Thursday 16th October**

Kite Making with Miss Repton in B26.

**Thursday 23rd October** – No Art Club due to Year 11 Parents' Evening.

Sign up with Miss Lay or Miss Repton before the 16th October to gain a place.

## YEAR 7 RUGBY

The Year 7 team experienced their first competitive tournament against John Bentley and Hardenhuish.

Against John Bentley the Blues lost 10pts to 5 (James Oakes scoring) and the Whites won 35 – 0, Scorers Jamie Cottrell, Tom Peart, Jake Roberts and Jake Waters.

Next was Hardenhuish where Blues lost 15 – 0 and the Whites lost 10 – 5 (Scorer Jake Waters).

All learnt a great deal and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

**Blue Team:** Jordan Emm, Ollie Whitaker, David Young, James Oakes, Jack Hopper, Jamie Rose, Jordan Dixon, Ashton Schorah, Mark Griffiths, Matt Timblin.

**White Team:** Kieren Chivers, Danny Vallis, Jamie Cottrell, Tom Peart, Joe Duxberry, Ieuan Jenkins, Conor Homer, Jake Roberts, Jake Waters, Nathan Ridgway.

Thank you to all parents who gave their support.

If there are any other Year 7s who are interested in starting Rugby please come along on Tuesdays after school for practice.

## BASKETBALL



Wiltshire Basketball League

Year 10

John Bentley 74 Devizes 61

The Year 10 Basketball team made an encouraging start to the season against last year's league champions John Bentley. Fielding only four Year 10 players the team started with great confidence gaining a four point lead through **Dan Lock** (Year 9) and **Tim Smith**, who has returned with great confidence after a break from Basketball in Year 9.

Both teams defended intensely and Bentley shot more accurately to lead at half time by two points.

England trialist **Sam Ottaway**, **Luke Hopper**, **Tim Smith** and **Dougie Dickson** kept the tempo going but could not quite match the intense pressure and superb shooting of Bentley's ex England squad player Paul Herring. **Daniel Lock** worked hard on the boards at both ends gaining some excellent possession for Devizes.

Bentley managed to increase their lead to 22 points with five minutes left but great determination by all the Devizes players reduced the final margin to 13 points (less than two scores each period).

Team: **Doug Dickson** (Capt), **Luke Hopper**, **Tim Smith**, **Lee Pitman**, **Matt Jones**, **Sam Ottaway**, **Leigh Ottaway**, **Daniel Lock**. *C E Herring*

### Year 9 vs John Bentley

Devizes welcomed three new faces to the team, **Jeffrey Case** who made a very impressive debut executing his chances and setting other people up well, **James Muir** and **Ashley Hill** played well both on defence but were unlucky not to score on offence. Devizes started positively leading the half 8 points to 33 with strong lay-ups by **Sam Ottaway** and **Daniel Sainsbury**. **Nathan Elliott** and **Harry Williams** brought the ball up well setting up many people for easy baskets and **Daniel Lock** controlled what little rebounds there were. Accurate shooting by **Matthew Jones** and **Andy Oldham** proved too much for the John Bentley's defence to handle. Devizes played a positive and very strong defence not letting John Bentley even get over the half way line so they only managed to score 14 points in the whole match! The final score was Devizes 73 John Bentley 14.

Team: **Sam Ottaway** 31, **Matthew Jones** 16, **Daniel Sainsbury** 8, **Jeffrey Case** 6, **Daniel Lock** 6, **Andy Oldham** 6, **Ashley Hill** 0, **Nathan Elliott** 0, **James Muir** 0, **Harry Williams** 0.

*Matthew Jones 9TJW*

## NETBALL

### U16 Netball Tournament at Sheldon School



Devizes were drawn against Marlborough College, Hardenhuish, St Mary's, Sheldon A and Matravers. The team showed spirited performances from the start and the match play improved as the tournament progressed.

The team were: **Leanne Platt**, **Jade Edwards**, **Natasha Harrison**, **Vicky Edwards**, **Louise Langan**, **Lisa Buckland**, **Laura Davies**, **Lauren Gibbs** and **Stephanie Maslen**.

Well done to all those who played.

### U14 Netball Tournament at Hardenhuish

In this tournament Devizes played against six other teams. The results were:

1. St John's Lost 4 – 7
2. Hardenhuish B Drew 2 – 2
3. Stonar Won 3 – 2
4. Sheldon A Lost 1 – 6
5. St Mary's Lost 0 – 12
6. Malmesbury Won 2 – 1

There were strong performances from all sections of the court by the Devizes team.

Well done to **Francesca Price**, **Jessica Moffat**, **Kirstie Cripps**, **Stacey Sloan**, **Kerrie Chapman**, **Bobby Lorne**, **Stephanie Jones** and **Sophie Edwards**.