



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 15th December – 7.30 p.m.

Sixth Form Presentation Evening

Tuesday 16th December – 7.30 p.m.

Carol Concert at St John's Church

Thursday 18th December – 3.30 p.m.

Break up for the Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January 2004

School returns from the Christmas Holidays

CAROL EVENING – TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Parents and friends are cordially invited to this year's Carol Evening to be held in St John's Church on Tuesday 16th December at 7.30 p.m. There will be a wide variety of music with readings and drama to reflect the festivities of Christmas.

A E Hodder

THE BIG READ



Thank you to all the students and staff who entered the 'Big Read' competition. The entries are displayed outside A2. Staff winner was Mr Strickland with his touching tribute to the MG B Haynes Manual. According to Mr Strickland, without

this book he would not be a teacher! Read his review to find out why ...

Student winner was **Will Proctor** 9SEM with his articulate and perceptive review of 'Sabriel' by Garth Nix. Will writes that "the best idea ... is that Sabriel can slip past the bounds of our world into a different reality inhabited by the dead who won't stay dead..."

Other recommended titles include 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, Lord of the Rings (recommended by students including **Martyn Thomas** 7HLC and **Riyaad Jondah** 10KML), Jacqueline Wilson's books (a particular hit with the girls, including **Vianne Britten** 9SEM and **Benitia Knowles-Wright** 7HLC), C S Lewis's books (Mrs Auty and Mrs Musgrove!), 'The Wind Singer' by William Nicholson, Philip Pullman's 'His Dark Materials' trilogy and 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz.

NEW AGE CURLING



**FREE Taster Sessions at Devizes Leisure Centre
Tuesday 16th December 7.00 – 8.15 p.m.
Any age, disabled and able bodied.**

GCSE Intensive French Course

at Braeside Education & Conference Centre, Bath Road, Devizes on
Wednesday 28th – Thursday 29th January

Cost: £70 all inclusive

This is a two day course for students in Year 11 who hope to obtain at least a grade C in GCSE French. The course will begin at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday 28th January and finish at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday. This is a booster course which will aim to:

- help increase confidence and fluency in speaking;
- improve grammatical accuracy in writing;
- extend vocabulary;
- give additional practice in listening and reading.

Students will work mainly in small groups each led by a native speaker and the emphasis will be on using French in all the working sessions. They should be prepared to have a go and not be afraid of making mistakes.

The course is intensive and the willingness to work hard and concentrate over two days is required. However, the aim is also to make the two days an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

There will be some drama, songs and creative activities as well as more formal tasks.

Application forms should be returned by Friday 19th December at the latest (if possible). If you are interested please ask Mrs Eichenberger for a form.

YEAR 8 SWIMMING GALA

A big well done to all those Year 8 students who joined in with the spirit of the occasion.

Over 120 students took part in a series of wild and wacky races, the emphasis being on fun and participation as opposed to competition. Overall results as follows:

1st	AJA	69	5th	RXW	41
2nd	TAD	56	6th	CYS	36
3rd	DXN	52	7th	ECA	35
4th	JYR	48			

YEAR 7 AREA NETBALL TOURNAMENT AT DEVIZES

On Saturday the 6th December we hosted the Annual Area Netball Tournament. All the Year 7 netball squad turned out on a very cold morning to help set up. Other helpers who must be thanked for all their hard work on the day are: **Amy Langan** who collected the results and helped with the making of coffee and tea with **Stephanie Fielding, Ellen Underwood, Sam Pearce, Natalie Chomiczewski, Kirstie Cripps, Phillippa Goodall** and **Emily Dillon**.

The squad have had an excellent season winning most of their matches, so the tournament promised to be a combination of the season's hard work and training. They played seven matches winning 4 with the last two games they were vying for second place but eventually finished fourth overall.

It would be difficult to single out individuals as the whole squad was outstanding:

Benitia Knowles Wright, Laura Gee, Ellie Goodall, Sarah Nash, Gemma Lane, Catherine Dillon, Ellie Blake, Zoe Barnes, Rachel Hogan, Alice Perkins and **Georgina Hollis**.

A big thank you to Mrs Hutchinson for giving up her Saturday morning to do the results table. It allowed me to spend the whole tournament with the squad.
S E Marshall

YEAR 7 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT – FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

The hockey tournament was held at Dauntsey School, and five teams had entered.

Our girls have yet to fully train together but their performances improved consistently. **Catherine Dillon** played as GK and made some fantastic saves.

The highlight of the tournament was holding Dauntsey who only won by 1 goal.

Thanks to Mr Strickland for acting chief coach and providing lots of encouragement.

Well done to **Alex Clements, Cerys Powell, Rebecca Squire, Georgina Willis, Jade Whitbread, Hannah Williams, Lindsey Horsfall, Ellie Blake** and **Catherine Dillon**.
N B Cradock

BASKETBALL

Tidworth Tournament Sunday 7th Dec - Christmas Tournament

Three new players joined the Bombers on Sunday and settled in very easily; this was due to the other members making them feel welcome.

The first game was played against Salisbury girls. This game was very even right down to the last whistle. Final score was 14 all. So to find the winning team one member from each team stepped up to take a free-throw. Unfortunately the other side scored.

Scorers: **Katie Godber** 2pts, **Hannah Butcher** 2pts, **Bryony Hutchings** 8pts, **Fran Hutchings** 2pts

The second game against the Olympiad Flickers was very hard but a very close game. At half time they were level at 8 pts each, but by the end of the match the Olympiad Flickers had managed to pull away by 4 pts. Even with 3 new players the Bombers really worked hard and should feel very pleased with themselves.

Scorers: **Catherine Dillon** 6 pts, **Hannah Butcher** 4pts, **Georgina Hollis** 2pts, **Bryony Hutchings** 6pts

Team: **Georgina Hollis (capt), Bryony Hutchings, Hannah Butcher, Katie Godber, Catherine Dillon, Lisa Trowbridge, Fran Hutchings, Danielle Carpenter**

Also on the day a team competition of how many baskets could be scored in 2 minutes was played and the Kennet Bombers came first and won a box of chocolates for the whole team.

Trophies were also given to

Catherine Dillon for the Most Improved Player and **Bryony Hutchings** for the Most valuable Player

Kennet Bombers also were awarded a medal and certificate for the most improved team. Congratulations to all the team

Boys U13 at Tidworth

Also the U13 Devizes Boys won medals and certificate for the most improved team.

Nathan Thompson Most valuable player, **Ritchie Cargill** Most improved Player

Also **Nathan Thompson** won the free-throw competition

Congratulations to all the boys who took part

Year9 Girls - National Cup

The Yr9 girls have been entered into the national cup. They have to play against 4 other teams to get through to the quarter finals

The first game was played at Backwell in Bristol on Thursday 4th Dec. This was the first of two games in two days. Each of the girls played with determination that proved to work well all through the game, at times they did let it slip but came out winners 56 – 20

Scorers: **Sarah Coombes** 2pts, **Georgina Hollis** 6 pts, **Faye Angell** 4 pts, **Laura Thomas** 6 pts, **Rachel Pearson** 13 pts, **Andrea Rutt** 7pts, **Emily Dillon** 18

The second game was at home on Friday 5th Dec to St Edmunds this was hard, having played the day before. The girls struggled at the beginning but towards the end had picked their game up. Overall they should be pleased with themselves with a good performance. They had to contend with two very good players one of whom plays for the south west region and England.

The final score was 61 – 24 to St Edmunds.

Scorers: **Emily Dillon** 6pts, **Andrea Rutt** 10pts, **Hannah Butcher** 4pts, **Laura Thomas** 4pts.

Team: **Andrea Rutt (capt), Emily Dillon, Rachel Pearson, Sian Corbett, Sarah Coombes, Laura Thomas, Georgina Hollis, Bryony Hutchings, Emily Nash, Faye Angell, Hannah Butcher.**

Also the U13 Devizes Boys were given medals and certificate for the most improved team.

John Pearson and Nathan Thompson

FANTASY FOOTBALL

The first transfer window has now closed and your new players should hopefully be scoring you lots more points!

We have the results of our first 'Manager of the Month' competition. The highest scoring Manager in each year league were:

Whole School: - Paul Herring – Horrific Herring with 51 points.

Year 13 – Andrew Webster 13DOR - 32 pts.

Year 12 – Simon Cook 12EJH – 38 pts

Year 11 – Stephen Duffey 11SWH – 37 pts

Year 10 – Paul Herring – 51 pts

Year 9 – Jeff Case 9MPL – 42pts

Year 8 – Luke Flower 8AJA – 49 pts

Year 7 – Conor McEniry 7SMG – 39 pts

Staff – Mr Murdoch – 37 pts.

If you fancy an early Christmas present, Schools Fantasy League are running a Christmas Quiz, with five chances of winning an Xbox console, a hoodie and Xbox games. The quiz is open until 12 noon on Monday 15th December at www.schoolsfl.com. You can also keep tabs on your teams progress over Christmas at this website.

The FA Cup will also begin on the first week back and there'll be a separate competition for this alongside the main game.

The transfer window certainly helped **Wayne House 8AJA**. His team scored 28 points this week making him Manager of the Week. Here are the leaders of the year teams:

Year 7

<u>Position</u>	<u>Manager Name</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Conor McEniry	7SMG	98
2nd	Ieuan Jenkins	7VCM	77

Year 8

<u>Position</u>	<u>Manager Name</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Wayne House	8AJA	87
2nd	Luke Flower	8AJA	83

Year 9

<u>Position</u>	<u>Manager Name</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Dan Sainsbury	9EMS	87
2nd	Lucas Clements	9SYB	85

Year 10

<u>Position</u>	<u>Manager Name</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Luke Sutton	10KML	93
2nd	Tom Greenidge	10MDH	83

Year 11

<u>Position</u>	<u>Manager Name</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Delvin Keane	11GXH	74
2nd	Stephen Duffey	11SWH	68

Year 12

<u>Position</u>	<u>Manager Name</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Simon Cook	12EJH	71
2nd	Simon Cook	12EJH	54

Year 13

<u>Position</u>	<u>Manager Name</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Mark Camacho	13DOR	72
2nd	Andrew Webster	13DOR	68

Master Trowbridge is leading the Staff table with 75 points.