



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



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A SPORTS COLLEGE

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all parents who donated items for the 'shoe boxes' sent to Operation Christmas Child.

I am pleased to tell you that today I delivered 65 boxes to the collection point. This means that we know there will be 65 children in the world who will have a better Christmas because of our help. Thank you for your support.



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MARLBOROUGH BRANDT GROUP—SUPPORT FOR THE GAMBIA

During our last Citizenship Day, the Sixth Form hosted guests from the Gambia. We had an enjoyable time working with them and finding out about their lives. We danced with their drummers too!

In support of the development and maintenance of a Pre-school Group, the pupils of Devizes have raised £380 to be sent to the Gambia. Jilly Hillier from the Marlborough Brandt Group came into Year 8 assembly and explained how this money would be used. Two sixth form students presented the cheque to her, on behalf of students of the school.

Once again Devizes pupils support other children. I am sure you will agree this was an excellent effort.

**Mrs Smith, Citizenship Co-ordinator
Head of Year 8**



Can you pair the groups of letters to make 6 words with a common theme?

ANG VER KAL MON TLE OCE ORA
KEY BEA JAC LOT TUR

Solution in next issue

Solution to last issue's puzzle:

The first had 4 cows and the second had 8. The second gave two cows to the first and each then had 6. The first now gave back two cows to the second and he now had 8 and the first had 4.

Dates for your diary.....

DECEMBER

- 10th Year 7 Christmas Fair
- 16th Carol Concert
Venue to be announced
- 17th Last Day of Term 2

JANUARY

- 5th Start of Term 3
- 12th Parent Group
Meeting - 7.00p.m.
- 19th Governors' Meeting
- 24th Prospective Sixth
form Parents' Evening
7.00p.m.

SCRABBLE APPEAL

The word games Scrabble and Boggle are very useful to the English Department as they encourage students, in a fun way, to improve their spelling and vocabulary. So...an appeal!

If you have these games or similar collecting dust in your loft, or even a spare game, could we have them?

If you're feeling very generous and you see a reasonably complete game at a car boot sale, you could even help us out by purchasing it...

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

All games to Mrs Carpenter (an averagely good Scrabbler) in B16

PARENT GROUP

The Parent Group organise refreshments for Parents' Evenings during the school year. If you would be willing to help out for an hour or so, please contact **Mr Knighton** at the school.

Thank you.



CONGRATULATIONS

At the start of the year the PE Department announced that every student taking part in an extra curricular sporting club would receive a raffle ticket and entry into a prize draw.

The more you did, the more chance you had of winning.

Raffle tickets proved a logistical nightmare for the PE

Department, but registers were taken and attendance

monitored. After a few buttons being pressed on the calculator, a first and second prize have



been awarded for participating in clubs.

FIRST PRIZE

SAMUEL KINGTON - 9AXM

£25 Gift Voucher for Sports Shop in Devizes

'lots of squash and football'

SECOND PRIZE

GEMMA HENRY - 10TXS

£15 Gift Voucher for Sports Shop in Devizes

'lots of hockey'

So to all you non-participants, now is your chance to get in on the draw for Term 2.

REMEMBER YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

If you already lead an active and healthy lifestyle, keep going, as there are prizes every term.

A big thanks to Devizes Sports Shop for supporting this draw.

CREATIVE WRITING FESTIVAL POEM

FIRE

Flickering flaming tongues
Engulfing green trees,
Hunting like a pack of wolves,
Being fed by a breeze.



Hot, Hot, Hot Flames,
On the ground slithering,
A red snake it crawls along,
With forked tongues flickering.

Dead trees it leaves behind,
Encircling its prey,
There it is, up it goes,
Then it's on its way.

Then there's a downpour,
Steam rising in the air,
The flames are dying now,
But the forest is worse for wear.

Ben Langham, 9AXM

More poems to follow in future newsletters.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Girls U16 Schools National Cup Competition on Wednesday 17th November.

The first game was against Riding from Winterbourne.

This was a very good start to the new Schools National Cup Competition for the U16 which went off to a flying start, with nearly everyone scoring. A good performance from everyone, even from the girls that have just started playing basketball.

This was not as hard as some of the matches they are likely to come against in the future, but it is a good indication of what the girls can do when working together.

Final Score: Won 87 - 21

Scored: A Rutt 13pts, L Thomas, 26pts, G Hollis 16pts, R Pearson 8pts, E Dillon 6pts, E Nash 6pts, C Keen 2 pts, S Corbett 10pts.

Team: Andrea Rutt (Capt), Laura Thomas, Rachel Pearson, Sarah Coombes, Sian Corbett, Jess Manterfield, Emily Dillon, Emily Nash, Charlotte Keen, Connie Blake, Georgina Hollis.

John Pearson (Coach)

YEAR 11 HOCKEY - DEVIZES VS JOHN BENTLEY

The team showed good determination throughout the match, holding John Bentley out for 7 attacks before conceding. At half time, the team pulled together and made some attacking play, with linking play between **Annie Campbell, Maxine Freeman and Danielle Dunford.**

Well played to **Ayesha Amor, Rebecca Lye, Harriet Stevens** who all had strong performances.

Final Score: 6 - 0 to John Bentley

DEVIZES YEAR 10 SHOW JOHN BENTLEY HOW TO PLAY HOCKEY!

On the 17th November 2004, the Year 10 girls stood tall and decided enough was enough - today was the start of something new - a Devizes D(estruction) Day, a day of feeling good, where smiles and cheers were everywhere. At half time the Devizes girls hovered in the group and decided the way the match would play out. In typical spirit

they continued to let the drama and passion seep out and decided on a master stroke at the final moment. So at 5 minutes to go and with everyone on the sideline, white knuckled with tense emotion, the nod went to Becky Sainsbury; she swept up the ball, burst through the defence and slotted the most perfect of goals.

The victory was theirs! It was a glorious team victory!

Final Score - 1-0

Team: **Kayleigh North** (Capt) **Becky Sainsbury, Emily Nash, Andrea Rutt, Charlotte Pegrum** (on loan), **Jasmin Duxberry, Frankie Price, Stacey Sloan, Sophie Edwards, Emma Williams and Connie Blake**

Kayleigh North 10TXS

NETBALL RESULTS

On Tuesday 16th November, **Devizes A team** played **St. Mary's A team**. Devizes played a great 40 minutes and everybody played extremely well. Helen Strong and Caroline Ferris showed great defending and continued to intercept passes in the semi-circle. Rosie Selby did well as WD both defending and attacking throughout the whole game. Lisa Buckland played a great game as WA, passing the ball to Rachel Turner who quickly and accurately passed the ball into the circle. Lauren Gibbs, GS, and Natasha Harrison (C) GA scored 12 goals between them, resulting in the overall score being 25-12 to St. Mary's. Devizes played a great game and continued to play their best, despite the score. Well played everyone!

Natasha Harrison - 12SXB

Year 8 Netball Vs John Bentley

The whole team played a fantastic game on Wednesday 17th November with amazing defence by Rachel Hogan (GK) and Catherine Dillon (C) and good shooting by Benitia Wright. The half time score came to 10-8 to John Bentley, but Devizes managed to take the lead leaving the game 14-21 to Devizes.

Well done to everyone who played.

Final Score 14 - 21 to Devizes

Year 7 Netball Vs St. John's - Thursday 18th November

The whole team played really well with good defending by Liz Manterfield, Lucy Baross, Stacey Henderson and Kirsty Robertson. Everyone enjoyed the game and with confidence the final score was 29-10 to Devizes.

Team: Stacey Henderson, Kirsty Robertson, Lucy Baross, Liz Manterfield, Amy Longo, Rachel McCullar, Maddie Hollis, Alice O'Brien, Stephanie Greenidge, Monet Skinner, Stephanie Bridewell

Other results:

Year 8 - Lost 13 - 11

Year 9 - Lost 32 - 6

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