



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



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A SPORTS COLLEGE

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JOSEPH PRODUCTION

After an exhausting few months the day had finally come upon us. No more lunchtime practices, no more after school and weekend rehearsals, this was it. The adrenalin was flowing through everybody's veins. Was it excitement? Was it the nerves? Nobody really knew. All we did know was that in 15 minutes hoards of primary school children were to take over our school hall for our first official run through.....the dress rehearsal!

The lights went up, as our audience drew to a silence. The light humour and spectacular vocal, acting and dancing talent was apparent throughout and greatly noticed by our elated, chuckling onlookers. Tom Watts (Brother Ruben) was the main culprit for encouraging the laughter with his pleasantry exaggerated acting. At the end of the rehearsal, delighted primary school children excitedly left the building with only words of celebration for the now relieved performers. It was now time to prepare ourselves for the real thing....

Each performance went well, everyone's confidence amplified with every show. The third night approached as stars of the show Joshua Hibberd (Joseph) and Stuart McAlpine (Pharaoh) accounted for a majority of the nerves, despite their superb performances in the previous two shows. The room was buzzing, with feelings of relief, excitement and sadness for it was the last time we were to perform as a cast on stage for our audience. I think I speak on behalf of everyone when I say the show was a huge success with both audience and cast and awaiting the next...!

Rhiannon Spear - 13NAC



Puzzle a Week!

Can you name two English language words beginning with **EE**?
Solution will be in the next issue.

Solution to last issue's puzzle:

ANGORA, BEAVER, JACKAL, MONKEY, TURTLE, OCELOT
(They are all animals)

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Dates for your diary.....

DECEMBER

- 10th Year 7 Christmas Fair
- 16th Carol Concert
St. James's Church
- 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.

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www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk

YEAR 11 FRENCH RESIDENTIAL COURSE AT BRAESIDE EDUCATION AND CONFERENCE CENTRE - 26/27 JANUARY 2005

This is a two day course for students in Year 11 who hope to obtain at least a grade C in GCSE French.

This course will begin at 9.30am on the first day and finish at 3.30pm on the second day.

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.

An excellent opportunity at a reasonable price for 2 days intensive tuition!



Please see Mrs Eichenberger for an application form

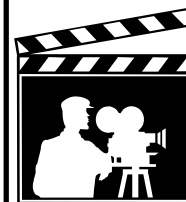
Year 12 Film Studies Parents

Looking for Christmas gifts for your son/daughter?

Exam Focus films for Summer 2005 are 'Goldfinger' (James Bond) and 'The Wickerman'.

As these need to be watched repeatedly outside class time, they would therefore be the ideal gift for Christmas!

Thanks.
Mrs Carpenter



SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT



This Year's School Carol Concert will be held at **St. James's Church on Thursday 16th December at 7.00pm.**

All are warmly invited to attend.

The Music Department are now preparing for the Carols at St. James's. Rehearsals are as follows:-

- Junior Orchestra }
- Senior Orchestra } Wednesdays - 3.30p.m.
- Junior Choir - Thursdays - 1p.m.
- Senior Choir - Fridays - 1p.m. (Staff & Pupils)

It is not too late to join us, so please come and get in the festive mood.

URGENTLY NEEDED

Adult voices to join the Senior choir for the carols – we are very short of male voices in particular, everyone is very welcome.

If interested, contact **Mrs Hodder**

CHRISTMAS DINNER

WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2004

Christmas Dinner Tickets are on sale now!

£2.80



CREATIVE WRITING FESTIVAL POEM

The Thing that Lurks Under my Bed!

O.K., now listen, there's something under there,
Something disgusting and covered in hair.
It could be a rat, but it would have to be dead,
Because it hasn't moved, and it has no head.

I can't give a shriek, I can't give a shout,
I can't wave my arms and run all about.
All because I don't want to panic,
It could just be mutant or even mechanic.

O.K., that's it! I've had enough,
I'm gonna go under and act real tough.
With one last breath and a peg on my nose,
I gave teddy a kiss and yelled, "Here goes".

Conor Fathers, 8DCJ

BEAUTY PAGEANT

Friday 26th November saw the long awaited 'Pageant for Pudsey' hit the stage in the Main Hall.

The 'ladies' strutted their stuff to a wealth of corny tunes, shocking and amazing the audience with their fishnet tights, flowing locks and skimpy outfits.

Everyone of our 'ladies' was superb; many thanks to them for being such good sports. The committee members were absolute stars; their hard work made the event both enjoyable and successful.

In third place was: Miss September (**Matt Corbett**, 12SXB)

The runners up were: Miss March (**Tom Gould**, 13SJD) and Miss December (**James Butler-Scrase**, 12SXB)

The stunning winner was: Miss April (**Alex Smith**, 12MLS)

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Thanks to all the staff and students who supported this event and helped to raise nearly £400 for Children in Need.

We now have a range of merchandise available as a reminder of this magical event.

DVD's are retailing at a mere £5 each - an excellent gift for Christmas! Calendars are also currently in production and are expected to retail at £3. All proceeds will go to the Sixth Form fund.

Please contact **Rachel Webb**, 13MLS, **Abbie Cockram**, 13MLS, **Jenny McClelland** (13MLS) or me in A2 or D66), if you wish to purchase any of these items.

Mrs Sutton

'CONGRATULATIONS'

To the following girls who have been selected into the Wiltshire FA Centre of Excellence:

Amy Longo - 7NAM

Ellie Blake - 8VCM

Georgina Hollis - 9AJA

Natasha Chapman - 11DJG

Kelly Oakes - 11SNG

From all the PE Staff

PE KIT - REMINDER

Could all parents please ensure all PE Kit is properly named and identifiable to their son/daughter.

We can then return it easily.

