



**DEVIZES  
SCHOOL**  
A SPORTS COLLEGE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF DEVIZES SCHOOL

# DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



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## KENYA TRIP 2005

Over the last 18 months, 10 Devizes School Year 12 and ex-Lavington School pupils have been working hard raising sponsorship money to allow them to go to Kenya this summer for an experience they'll never forget.

During the summer, the group spent 4 weeks in Kenya, helping the local community of Makongeni in a number of projects. These included building a nursery for the local primary school, making desks for the students at the school and planting trees in the village. The students entered into the spirit of this whole experience with boundless enthusiasm and instantly fell in love with the local children. They were also involved in a project at the nearby forest preservation in which they had to construct a shop for the visitor's centre and design and create a mosaic map inside the centre. They completed these tasks with a great deal of commitment and finished them with a huge sense of achievement. In both cases their hard work was greatly appreciated and the students were commended on their efforts and behaviour.

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The students then spent a few days at an elephant sanctuary and had two days on safari. Although they did not see any big cats, they saw many other animals to keep them entertained. They were enthralled by it all and a little in awe, especially when a young bull elephant got ready to charge the truck when he decided that 10 metres was close enough!

Their final adventure was to climb Mount Kenya, which is 4995 metres high. Those who got to the top (an impressive 8/10) had to battle rain, wind, snow and ice; all with added sleep deprivation on top! They felt fantastic, once it was over and were justifiably proud of their achievement.

Along the way they had experienced long drops, showers from bags and no bathing for 5 days on the mountain. They were a credit to the school and took everything in their stride. They loved the experience and wish they were returning next year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students involved for their commitment, determination, exceptional behaviour and hard work and for making it a very enjoyable and memorable trip.

There will be an opportunity in the future for other Year 12 students to also enjoy the experience starting with another trip in the summer of 2006.

**Ms K Madrell and Miss N Cottrell**

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### **Dates for your diary.....**

#### SEPTEMBER

28th Governors' Meeting  
6.30p.m.

#### OCTOBER

5th Orchestra practice  
7.30 - 9.30p.m. (LSDH)  
6th Open Afternoon  
1.00 - 4.00p.m.  
Open Evening  
4.00 - 7.00p.m.  
11th KS3 Awards Evening  
12th Orchestra practice  
7.30 - 9.30p.m. (LSDH)  
13th Year 7 Tutors' and  
Parents' Evening  
4.30 - 7.00p.m.  
19th Orchestra practice  
7.30 - 9.30p.m.  
(LSDH)  
20th Year 11 Parents' Evening  
4.30 - 7.00p.m.  
21st Last Day of Term 1

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## KENYA TRIP 2005 - PICTURE GALLERY



### OPEN DAY THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2005

Would parents please be aware of the following arrangements:

9.00am - 1.00pm - Staff setting up for Open Day

1.00pm - 7.00pm - School open to visitors

There will therefore be no classes on Thursday 6th October and pupils are not required to attend school.

All parents are warmly invited to visit the school and pupils will be encouraged to help in departments on the day.

**J Reeves**

### GOVERNING BODY ~ PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Four vacancies have arisen for Parent governors, commencing November 2005, for 4 year terms of office. Notice of Election and Nomination Forms have been sent to all parents and should be returned to the clerk to the Governing Body, Devizes School, by 12 noon on **Friday 30th September 2005**.

*Clerk to the Governing Body*

### Supermarket Vouchers

A very big thank you to everyone who sent in their Sainsbury's vouchers last academic year, 17,000 tokens collected in total. We have put them to good use and we are currently waiting for delivery of 24 pieces of exciting sports equipment, including a gymnastic floor beam, soccer posts, heart rate monitors, balance boards and relay batons. Now Tesco has embarked upon a similar scheme so we would be very grateful if you could collect these on behalf of our pupils so that we can improve the sports provision even further at Devizes School.



### NEW CAREERS AND GUIDANCE CO-ORDINATOR

**Mrs H Hampton has just taken up the post of Careers and Guidance Co-ordinator for Devizes School. She has previously worked as a librarian and careers advisor. Her role is to ensure that good quality careers education and guidance is provided for all pupils. She will be advising on careers education programmes throughout the school, as well as interviewing pupils who want to discuss GCSE options, work experience, choosing what to do after GCSEs and higher education courses. She has plans for developing the careers library, which is located in the LRC, with new books and software.**

**Mrs Hampton is happy to see pupils from any year at break and lunchtimes in the careers library. Do drop-in for an informal chat or if you have a quick query - no appointment necessary.**

## CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL ANNUAL CALENDAR

Please note the following changes:-

- Citizenship Day** - has now moved from Thursday 15th June 2006 to Friday 30th June 2006.
- Sports Day** - has also moved from Wednesday 19th July 2006 to Wednesday 12th July 2006, with the reserve sports day on Friday 14th July 2006.
- Activities Days** - have moved to Friday July 21st and Monday July 24th 2006.

### DEVIZES SCHOOL PARENT GROUP

A big thank you to those parents who came along to the first meeting last Tuesday. There were nine of us altogether and we had a very productive time planning for the future of the Parent Group. Val Wiltshire agreed to be the new chairperson, Ray Wright agreed to be treasurer and Victoria Turrell will take minutes and note any action points. I should like to take this opportunity to thank Kath Dawson for all her hard work in the past as the previous chair of the Parent Group. Our next meeting will be on Monday 3rd October in Moonraker's at 7pm. All parents are welcome. We still need some more support for the activities we have planned for the next few months. Please contact me at school if you would like more details.

**Roger Trowbridge**

### **Mr Murdoch—the next Mourinho?**

Captain **Simon Oldham** led his Devizes lads out knowing they had a tough game in store for them. The game began with Devizes putting the home team under some severe pressure which couldn't be transferred into goals. 20 minutes passed when Devizes broke the deadlock, a wonder strike from **Daniel Sainsbury** was the key, as he swivelled and unleashed a right foot shot which rocketed into the top right hand corner. Devizes had a free kick which was taken quickly by **Jeremy Wiltshire** which **Brett Weaving** finished superbly, only to be denied by the referee signalling that it was too quick for his liking! Soon after, Devizes increased their lead with **Dan Sainsbury** delivering a cross which fell beautifully for the on-coming **Zack Hartley**, who volleyed it into the bottom right corner. Stonehenge then shocked the visitors by scoring a very soft goal to leave the score at 2-1. Stonehenge then scored again by taking the ball around **Sieg Baber**, who was furious at the Devizes defence. At half-time, Mr Murdoch made some inspiring substitutions which strengthened the team, as some players were very tired. 15 minutes into the second half and Devizes relaxed, a cool finish from **George Dyke** gave them a 3-2 lead. The second half was all about the pressure from Devizes and seeing if Stonehenge would give in and with 5 minutes to go, they did. **James Muir** with a deadly strike which gave the keeper no chance and the game was truly rapped up when a minute later **James Muir** popped up to finish off a well worked move. As the final whistle went, Devizes were relieved to get the first round of the cup out of the way. **FINAL SCORE - DEVIZES 5 - 2 STONEHENGE**

**Simon Oldham & Brett Weaving**

## **Puzzle a week!**

Solution to last issues puzzle:

This weeks puzzle: Fill the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains all the letters 1 - 9.



# DEVIZES SCHOOL

## YOUR CHANCE TO WIN £100

Annual Membership £10

## PARENT GROUP 100 CLUB

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2005-2006

Three Draws Annually

- To join the fundraising club, you pay for one year's membership which runs from October 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Membership entitles you to NINE chances to win a prize – 3 of £20, 3 of £40 and 3 of £100. These prizes will be awarded after three separate draws – these draws taking place in December, March and July.
- The prizes above are based on 100 members. Should the membership increase, the prizes will either be increased or extra draws arranged at the discretion of the promoter.
- The Devizes School Parent Group 100 Club is registered with Kennet District Council under the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 (as amended).

*Please complete the form below and return to Mr Trowbridge*



# DEVIZES SCHOOL

Annual Membership £10

## PARENT GROUP 100 CLUB

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FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2005-2006

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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