



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS

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TRENCHES TRIP TO BELGIUM

On Thursday 9th March, a group of Year 10 and Year 12 students left for Ypres, Belgium at 5a.m.! After a long coach and ferry journey, with much wonderful singing, courtesy of the back half of the bus, we arrived at our first stop. The mood soon became sombre after visiting the first of the many cemeteries we were going to see on the trip.

On Thursday evening we took part in the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres. We were even in the programme, which our guide, Mike told us was a great honour.

On Friday, after another ridiculously early morning, we went over to France to visit the site of the Battle of the Somme. Unfortunately the weather wasn't as nice as the day before, (heavy rain and gale force winds!), but we still managed to get a lot done and visited a lot of very interesting places. The place that sticks in my mind the most was the Luke Copse cemetery and this was where we held our own service of remembrance.

This was followed in the evening by a quiz, (after the Year 12's intense poetry session and the Year 10's free time!) with questions from the teachers, Mr Strickland, Mr Herring, Mrs Hicks and Mrs Lloyd.

After another early start and packed suitcases, we were informed that today was 'Wellie Day'... Yay! More mud! First of all we visited a German cemetery, which everyone found very moving and the largest British cemetery, Tyne Cott. Then it was off to the trenches...very muddy, very dark and very, very funny! Finally a visit to the chocolate shop! A big highlight of the trip for all...

And then it was sadly back on the coach to go home, with plenty of singing and smoke (!) to help the journey pass quicker, plus a quick stop at a huge shopping mall.

I think everyone who went on the trip was moved in some way and a big thanks to the teachers for making the trip good fun as well as thought provoking. Sorry to Mrs Hick for being stuck at the back with Byard's speakers.

I suggest that anyone who gets the chance to go on this trip takes it with both hands...it is simply one of the best things you'll ever do.

Fiona Watts, 12CNK

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Dates for your diary.....

MARCH

31st Last Day of Term 4

Easter Holiday
3rd April - 17th April 2006

APRIL

18th TD Day

19th First Day of Term 5

27th Junior Maths Challenge

MAY

1st Bank Holiday

2nd Higher Education
Evening - 7.00p.m.

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SCIENCE INNOVATION AWARDS COMPETITION

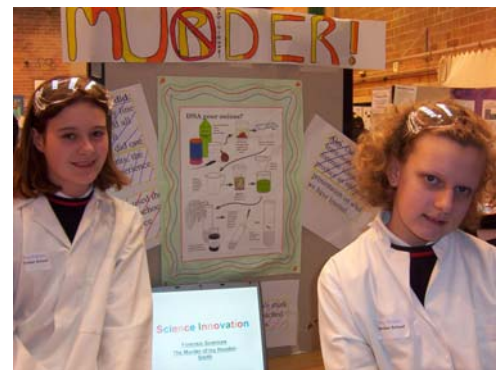
On Tuesday 14th March, Miss O'Connor took three pupils to the Science Innovation Awards Competition held at Bath University. **Kirsty Robertson**, 8MXO and **Amy Palmer**, 8AJH, and **Charlie Higgs**, 7PYW, had been working on the competition entries since before Christmas and produced some fantastic presentations on Forensic Science and How Animals Use Light and Colour.

Everyone had an excellent day out as there was a lot to see and do; an entertaining circus skills and science show, a rocket designing competition,

an opportunity to program robots to dance etc. However the most rewarding part of the day came at the awards ceremony at the end, where it was announced that Kirsty and Amy's presentation was selected as one of the five winners, from a selection of about one hundred teams.

So congratulations to them!

Miss O'Connor



HARD GATE SCHOOL

A SERIALISATION BY ALEX BROWNE - 10CYS

Owen popped his head up over the wall and stared at the empty junkyard. His eyes met Mr. Crost who had returned and was searching through the car. "George is right, he's looking for something!" said Owen. George, Tom and James sat against the wall thinking about what Owen had said. They pondered to themselves quietly until the silence was shattered by George. "Alright, we'll mission it, come on lads!" George ordered and with no second thought jumped onto the wall and clambered over. "What's that he's holding?" Owen asked as he landed beside George. Their feet sank deeply into the garbage. As the others landed in the junk, sharp fragments of metal, scraped across their flesh.

Their feet sank deeply into the garbage. As the others landed in the junk, sharp fragments of metal, scraped across their flesh. "A box!" Tom exclaimed, his eyes fixed like those of a hawk. "A box?" Owen said "Yeah, a wooden box!" The box that Tom had described was gripped tightly and protectively in Mr. Crost's shaking hands. It was wooden and quite small with an obvious golden trim. Two thick rusty latches were bolted to the side and they sealed it shut with a firm lock. At first glance, it appeared the box had not been open for some time. Crost stroked the wooden edge and gave a sinister smile. His lips widened and his eyes squinted, but only for a short period.

A bird in the distance scattered into the air, setting off its army of followers. They spread their wings and flew up with the crowd, making a rustling sound from the tree in which they had been so secretly hidden. Crost spun around like a car wheel and hit the brakes with his shocked face stuck on the tree. Then in a discreet manner, he lifted back his waistcoat and stuffed the box sharply between his arm and body giving his left side an awkward chubby look. His head twisted to either side and his eyes twitched over the hills of junk, just missing the ducked, fluffy heads of the spying boys. Then with a small snivel he hopped off, through the yard to the exit and crept out quietly.

Look out for next issue's instalment!

DEVIZES - WESTMINSTER CANOE RACE - EASTER 2006

Two of our Sixth Formers, **Caroline Russ** and **Joe Kent** (12AJV) have been training for this arduous race since before Christmas. The race itself, from the Wharf in Devizes to Westminster Bridge in London, takes place over four days at Easter. The distance of 125 miles is a huge challenge - not only paddling that distance but also running with the canoe around the portages - the 77 locks on the Kennet and Avon Canal and the River Thames. They also have a dark tunnel to paddle through and on the last day have a busy, fast-flowing tidal and often choppy river to contend with. Joe and Caroline have taken their preparation very seriously, coping with ice on the canal, with the attentions of 'Saddam',

the aggressive swan at the Marina and still smiling after numerous involuntary swims in the canal and river!

As well as aiming to complete the race, the so-called "canoeist's Everest", both Caroline and Joe are hoping to raise money through their efforts.

Caroline is asking for sponsorship for her trip to Kenya in the summer (during which she will be involved in an aid project) and Joe is supporting a charity called Kids Alive UK which rescues abandoned street kids in many of the world's poorest cities.

They would very much welcome your support so if you would like to help, please see them in school. If you are in Devizes on Good Friday (and up in time!) do come down to the Wharf to see them set off - the first stage of the race (35 miles) starts between 8.00a.m. and 9.30a.m.



Puzzle a Week!

KILLER SUDOKU

The object is the same as the normal puzzle; to fill each 3 x 3 grid with the numbers 1-9 so that each row and column in the puzzle has the numbers 1-9 in them. The dotted lines tell you the sum of that section. If the sum is 4, then the numbers can only be 1+3, 17 must be 9 + 8, 23 must be 9+ 8 + 6. However, you cannot have a double numbers in any section, even if it goes into another 3 x 3 grid. So a sum of 10 cannot be 5+5, it is 9+1, 8+2, 7+3 or 6+4. Good tip: remember each 3 x 3 grid, each row and each column has to add up to 45 (the sum of 1-9) Have Fun!

7		9	10	4	14	13		19	6
		20							
2				17	7	17			11
15	8	13					6	13	
			6	10					9
7			11	15			11		
6	7			2	17	4	10		
	16	4	15		5			15	
				7			18		

Solution to last issue's puzzle:

3	9	1	4	2	6	7	8	5
7	5	4	3	9	8	1	6	2
8	2	6	7	6	1	4	3	9
4	1	5	6	3	2	8	9	7
9	6	7	8	1	4	5	2	3
2	8	3	9	7	5	6	4	1
6	7	9	1	4	3	2	5	8
5	3	8	2	6	7	9	1	4
1	4	2	5	8	9	3	7	6

GIRLS' HOCKEY FIXTURES

Year 8 & 9 girls have been playing in a mixed year group team this season, due to lack of availability.

Two more matches to be played, lets hope the team can emulate their win from the tournament!

They have played:-

Mrs Strickland

Hardenhuish - lost 6-0
St. Mary's - lost 2-0
Sheldon - lost 7-0
Corsham - lost 1-0

On 16th March, they came 4th in the Area Tournament after drawing with:

Hardenhuish - 0-0
Sheldon - 0-0

They lost, in close games to St. Mary's 0-2 and St. John's 0-1 respectively but won against Malmesbury 1-0 with the goal scored by Sabrina Emery.



YEAR 10 NETBALL TOURNAMENT - SATURDAY 18TH MARCH

It was fantastic to see so many pupils giving up their Saturday to come and play for the school. We have had a fantastic season with the A team being undefeated. Unfortunately, this didn't continue into the tournament where the girls came 7th and 8th.

Lets keep training girls and prepare for next year!

EASTER AND SUMMER HOLIDAY COURSES

Soccer schools and residential courses at Clifton College, including full course tuition, stadium tours, full board accommodation, on-site activities and certificate.

CRICKET - 2nd - 7th April
NETBALL - 21st - 25th August
NETBALL Mothers & Daughters
25th - 27th August
HOCKEY - 31st July - 4th August

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