



# DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS

**DEVIZES  
SCHOOL**  
A SPORTS COLLEGE



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## GOOD NEWS!

On Friday 24th March 2006 Devizes School was awarded

# HEALTHY SCHOOLS STATUS

This means that staff, students and parents have participated in the following things:

- Participating in surveys and consultation groups
- Writing new policies on Drugs and Sex and Relationships Education
- Developing a new Personal Social Health Education programme
- Developing a new Citizenship programme
- Training for staff on Drugs Education
- Training for staff in Sex and Relationships education
- Linking with outside agencies to support students
- Ensuring provision for water is good
- Participating in a Nutritional survey with a dietician
- Participating in a Working Party and giving information about packed lunches
- Training as peer mentors
- Training as peer Drug mentors
- Piloting the 'Vision Works' emotional literacy programme
- Involvement in School and Year Councils
- Providing displays and work with the curriculum relating to health
- Ensuring that our school environment is improved
- Ensuring there is excellent provision and information for the promotion of active lifestyle

Thank you to all who participated in this, of course, this is just the start and we will now set targets for the next round of improvements to ensure that we really do have

HEALTHY MINDS



& HEALTHY  
BODIES

Mrs J Smith

Health Co-ordinator



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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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## UK INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE 2006



Results were as follows:-

### Gold Certificate

**Chris Mowat** (Y9)

### Silver Certificates

**Chris Botham** (Y10)

**Grace Bowden** (Y10)

**Rebecca Starling** (Y10)

**Robert Langan** (Y10)

**Matthew Wiltshire** (Y9)

**Danny Vallis** (Y9)

**Benitia Knowles-Wright** (Y9)

### Bronze Certificates

**Fiona Drewitt** (Y10)

**Nathan Thompson** (Y10)

**Jaime Cowdry** (Y10)

**Robert Burry** (Y10)

**Sam Davey** (Y10)

**Zoe Barnes** (Y9)

**Meghan Nash** (Y9)

**Patrick Russell** (Y9)

**Daniel Mercer** (Y9)

**Joe Duxberry** (Y9)

**Chris Mowat** was the "best in school" and progressed to the next stage of the competition called the "Kangaroo-Grey". This places him in the top 1,000 students in Year 9.



## HARD GATE SCHOOL

A SERIALISATION BY ALEX BROWNE - 10CYS

The boys were curious about what they had seen. Was their teacher really up to something bad? No-one could blame them for thinking so because their minds had been moulded into shape thanks to his discreet movements.

However, it was nothing to do with them. Mr. Crost, the cleanest of all teachers, may have been obsessed with junk, unlikely as this may seem. But you can't blame the boys for thinking the unusual for between the ages of twelve and thirteen they didn't want an

opinion they wanted fact and sometimes, because of their boring lives, they wanted their fantasies to become facts.

Secrets were on the verge of escape. Owen and his friends had the keys to the prison in which they were locked away and soon there would be nothing to stop the constant wave of truth from drowning the bright uncertainties.

The night came and George was left at home, reading one of his comics. A knock came at his door and he answered. He found himself staring at the air and a blank wall.

Thinking he must have been hearing things, he went to close the door with a gentle sniff of curiosity. But just before he could shut it completely, he saw the man from before standing menacingly in the doorway.

"Mike," he exclaimed and hurried to close the door, but it was forced open and a hand shot up, pushing George up against the wall, "I told you not to call me that!" the man shouted.

**Look out for next issue's instalment!**

## Young Person's Courses (14-18 years) at Plas Pencelli 2006

28th - 30th April 2006  
Cave/Climb/Canoe/Biking  
Cost - £80.00



31st July to 4th August 2006  
Adventure Week  
Cost - £200.00



If you are interested in either of the above courses please collect information from Miss Day, in the PE Office.

### Parent Group 100 Club - Terms Three & Four Draw

The three winners are as follows:-

1st Prize	£100	Mr R Wright
2nd Prize	£40	Mr M Knighton
3rd Prize	£20	Mr A Woolley

Mr Knighton has kindly offered to donate his prize money in the form of eight £5 vouchers that will be given to Year Team Leaders to award to students in their years during the summer term.

### Quiz Night - 23rd March 2006

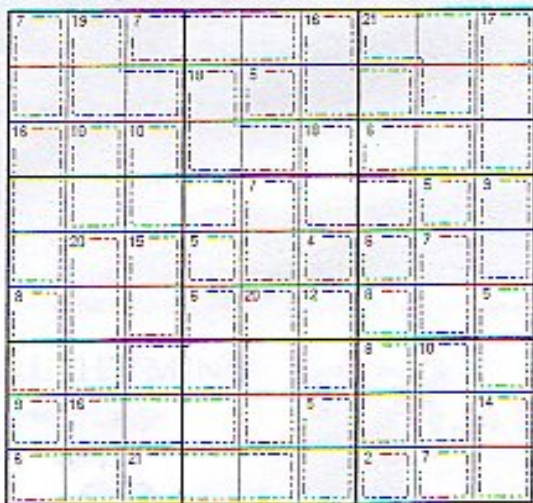
Thank you to all the teams who came along to the quiz last week. There were 16 in all and we raised over £200 during a very enjoyable evening. There will be another quiz later this year during the summer term.

Devizes School Parent Group

## 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



Solution to last issue's puzzle:

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

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!

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## PE Gifted and Talented Day

On Thursday 23rd March, thirty gifted and talented PE students travelled to Braeside Educational Centre to encounter the low ropes course and activities.

These students were selected on their high achievement levels in PE lessons and excellent team work and co-operation skills demonstrated throughout PE this year; skills they were certainly going to need to compete the very physical and mental tasks that lay before them.

After being split into two teams, team one lead by Mrs Strickland and team two lead by Mr Cocks, the children set about tackling a range of trust, problem solving and team building exercises. The challenges included negation of a spider's web, balancing a moving platform, traversing across climbing walls and scrabbling over tyre swings. Each team set about their tasks with enthusiasm and vigour achieving mixed results, including one group member getting engulfed in the web!

Overall, the pupils performed extremely well, learning a lot about themselves and each other. They also learnt climbing around all day is very exhausting!!

These pupils should be congratulated on their efforts on the day and throughout this school year.

Mr Cocks & Mrs Strickland



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