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Snowdon Summited!

As part of our preparations for our expedition to Kenya later this Summer, 11 intrepid students, accompanied by 3 slightly older students (supposed to be staff members) climbed Mount Snowdon supported by Camps International.

The expedition began bright and early on Saturday morning as we departed from school after a slight delay waiting for Chloe – why is it those who live closest always arrive last?

After some interesting directions (thank you RAC route finder!), some bizarre map reading skills from Eleanor and Miss Cottrell, finding a nice man in police uniform to save the day – we arrived tired and bedraggled at the Youth Hostel at the foot of Mount Snowdon in typical Welsh weather – pouring rain!

Dave and Adam thought it was Christmas as they quickly discovered there were only 6 lads in a hostel full of 90 girls! Easy Tigers...

At 2am, still struggling with sleep deprivation, we began the climb. Claire 'The Machine' Weston quickly set the pace, leaving all other students and even the supposedly fit and wiry Mr Cocks trailing in her wake.

Three and a half hours, loads of silly games (thanks Laura!), lots of chat from Lauren (does she ever stop talking?) a few tumbles and lots of girly screams from Mr Rogers later, we arrived at the summit just as dawn was beginning to break at around 5.30am. The temperature was verging on freezing, which was a shock to most – all apart from 'Adventure' Will who was impressing (or rather worrying!) the marshals by only wearing a T-Shirt!!!

After a brief recovery and more than a few photo opportunities, (Hazel putting her photography skills to their best use) we set off on the descent. We were told it would take around 2 hours to work our way down – not for Laurens, who quickly found a



faster way to the bottom - sliding head first into a ravine leaving the whole mountain in fits of laughter... including Caroline who Laurens did his best to pull into the ravine after him as she tried to help him.

Devizes School were easily the first group down, as Claire 'The Terminator' Weston proved to be unstoppable in her quest to lead the group. Breakfast was well deserved and certainly well needed before we set out for home to allow some much needed sleep!

Congratulations and huge thanks to all the participants who made the whole weekend a fantastic and exhilarating experience, which put Devizes School on the map. The Summer expedition promises to be quite an experience...

Thanks to: Chloe Balmer, Hazel Gough, Laura McCullar, Lauren McLlelland, Eleanor Shackell Green, Caroline Russ, Claire Weston, Will Scott, Adam Townsend, Dave Wallace, Laurens Forsey...and Miss Cottrell, Mr Cocks and Mr Rogers for not leaving us behind, tempting though it was!

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Dates for your diary.....

MAY

24th Governors' Meeting
6.30p.m.

26th End of Term 5

29th - 2nd June
END OF TERM HOLIDAY

JUNE

5th First Day of Term 6

7th Orchestra Practice
7.30 - 9.30p.m.
(LSDH)

12th Year 12 return from
study leave

14th Orchestra Practice
7.30 - 9.30p.m.
(LSDH)

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HARD GATE SCHOOL

A SERIALISATION BY ALEX BROWNE - 10CYS

No words could have hurt more than those broadcast by Mike’s violent mouth. They dug deep into George’s heart, releasing tears into his eyes. He scrambled through the hall, the monster growling behind him, breathing its vile alcoholic breath like fire at George’s back. His fingers grabbed the latch but in his haste he missed. Luck blessed his left hand as he tried again and the door opened into the main hallway. He slammed the door tight on Mike’s hand and ran as fast as he could to the main door. The latch shattered and the door splintered to the ground, the fire breathing monster triumphant above its smashed

remains. George opened the door and leapt out into the front garden where lights blinded him through the dark
 “I’ll kill you!” Mike shouted again and jumped out of the building his eyes red with anger. But in a flash, Mike’s body was pinned to the floor and pressed in the mud like a boot. George stared at the police officers that held his psychotic father to the ground. Then he noticed the flashing lights on the police cars and his eyes were drawn to his crying mother who was trembling at the side of the road. He ran into her arms and tears flooded out.

“You did well son!” said one of the officers putting the cuffs on the crazed man. “That’s my boy, my family, let me say something please!” Mike shouted. “I love you George. I was only playing, you know, a game!” His voice faded and then vanished into a mimed performance staged in the back of the police car. He pressed up onto the caged glass and said something but George turned away in contempt and retreated back to his mother’s arms.

Look out for the last instalment in the next issue!

Bus Strike Action

There is a potential of strike action by Wilts and Dorset Bus Company on the 18th, 25th and 26th May 2006. It is likely that there will be no Wilts and Dorset Buses running on these dates and if your son/daughter travels to school on these services, then I recommend that you make alternative transport arrangements on these days.



NEW PUZZLE! CHEMISTRY SUDOKU

H	He	Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F
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Based on the first nine elements of the periodic table:

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	H			He	Li		N
			B	H			C
	B	He	N			F	Be
	C	O					
	Be						Li
	Li						
	N				H		F
		Be			O	Li	

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

Solution to last issues puzzle:

BASKETBALL - ENGLISH SCHOOLS' NATIONAL CUP U14 FINALS
HELD AT JESSE BOOTS WILDCATS ARENA, NOTTINGHAM
29TH APRIL 2006
DEVIZES Vs REDDISH VALE

The finals day had arrived and saw all the girls having to arrive for an early start - 4.45am at Devizes School to catch the coach that was leaving at 5.00am. The morning started reasonably well with only one player still in bed at 4.55am, with others knocking on the door trying to wake her up. Next thing when arriving at the school was an early toilet stop for most of the girls and this was before they had actually got on the coach! Some of the parents and sisters and friends came along to support the players which went down really well. A few of the girls were able to get some sleep, but the rest were all hyped up and raring to go.

The coach arrived at the centre at 8.45am, allowing a bit of time to sort themselves out before registering at 9.15am. Nerves were beginning to show and the tension was growing. The girls got on to the court at 9.30am for their warm up programme, led by their captain Catherine Dillon.

GAME

Because the girls are U14, the rules are different in as much as the first 20 minutes are split into 4 x 5 minutes quarters. You put your first 5 players on in the 1st and 3rd quarter and your second 5 on for the 2nd and 4th quarter, no substitutes are allowed unless an injury occurs. This allows the other team's coach to select. The 2nd half is split into 2 x 10 minutes and

CHAMPIONS!

As the coach, I'd like to thank the supporters for going along and cheering the girls on, and my assistants for their help on the day. Plus congratulations to the girls who put up a great fight, the hard work paid off! It has been a pleasure to work with these girls.

John Pearson

any of your players can be played (normal game 4 x 10).

The first 5 girls took to the court led by their Captain, unfortunately within the first minute, Devizes went behind by 2 points, but the Captain came back with a 2 point shot putting the team level. At the end of the period Devizes was 8-4 down. The second 5 went on to court and managed to get a very small lead at the end of the quarter 10-9.

The first 5 went back on and worked hard but the other opposition's no. 11 came back strongly, putting them in front at the end of the 5 minutes 17-14. The second 5 returned to the game and battled hard, again managing to pull back a small lead to 20-17. Third quarter saw Devizes edge in front to a reasonable lead of 8 points 38-30. There was some very good passing and moves on and off the ball. This allowed Devizes to keep their lead.

The fourth quarter saw a very nervous bench see the lead being eaten away. Some silly fouls were given away, possibly due to tiredness and this gave Reddish Vale a chance to get back. Half way through this quarter, Reddish Vale had pulled back to within 2 points, but the girls came back, with a basket scored every time they did. A final push by the Devizes gave them a 5 point gap that was almost impossible to lose in the last minute.

Reddish Vale had one main player who scored 32 points of their overall total; she was used in the first and third quarters, which caused the Devizes team plenty of problems. She was on for most of the second half until she made two silly fouls that put her back on the bench. This gave Devizes a chance to score and hold onto their lead.

FINAL SCORE

DEVIZES 48 - REDDISH VALE 43

Scorers: E Blake 18, C Dillon 12, B Knowles-Wright 8, Z Barnes 8, F Bird (2 points)

Team: Catherine Dillon (Captain), Ellie Blake (Vice Captain), Benitia Knowles-Wright, Zoe Barnes, Florence Bird, Meghan Nash, Sami-Jade Storton, Madeleine Hollis, Sophie Ottaway, Katie Gale.

Coach - John Pearson

Assistant Coach - Colin Herring

Team Manager - Jo Day

All the players played their part in winning and it would not be fair to select any individuals.

Fixtures Summers Term 2006 - Rounders & Tennis

Date	What	Who	Where	Result
Tuesday 16th May	Tennis v Wootton Bassett	Yr8 & Yr10 Boys	Home	TBC
Thursday 18th May	Tennis v Wootton Bassett	Yr10 Girls	Home	TBC
Tuesday 23rd May	Tennis v Sheldon	Yr8 & Yr 10 Girls	Home	TBC
Thursday 25th May	Rounders v Haredenuish	Yr7, 8 & 9	Home	
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Half Term				
Wednesday 7th June	Tennis v John of Gaunt	Yr8 Girls	Home	TBC
Tuesday 13th June	Rounders v St John's	Yr7,8,9 & 10	Away at St John's	
Tuesday 20th June	Rounders v Sheldon	Yr7,8,9 & 10	Away at Sheldon	
Wednesday 21st June	Athletics v Dauntsey	Yr 7 & 8	Away at Dauntsey	
Wednesday 21st June	Tennis v St Mary's	Yr8 & Yr10 Girls	Home	
WB 25th June	Rounders v St Mary's	Yrs 7,8,9,10	Home	TBC
Thursday 6th July	Rounders v John Bentley	Yrs7,8,9,10	Home	
Thursday 13th July	Rounders v Abbeyfield	Yr7,8,9 & 10	Away at Abbeyfield	

Congratulations to **Joseph Hutchinson, 8BGE** for being selected for the Wiltshire U13 Cricket Squad.
Good luck for the season!
Mr Hammond

Skiing/Snowboarding Trip Meeting

A meeting has been arranged for all students who are going on the February 2007 Skiing/ Snowboarding Trip to Schladming in Austria. This will enable students to collect their payment cards and meet Mr Lloyd.

Date Monday 22nd May 2006
Time 1.15 pm to 1.40 pm
Venue Gym 1

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