



# DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS

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A SPORTS COLLEGE



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## DEVIZES GOES TO AFRICA (PART TWO)

Our second place of residence in Africa was Chale. This wasn't too far from our original camp and so after a short drive we arrived at the beach for our four days of rest and relaxation. This was well needed after the groups hard work during our community project at Makongeni.

The accommodation here was far more luxurious than our previous camp as we all had a proper bed and the beach houses were only metres from the brilliant blue Indian ocean, white sand and palm trees. It really was like our own dream island!

After our first day of relaxation that found the group resting, sunbathing, playing beach volleyball, cricket, frisbee, swimming and camel-riding, we eagerly anticipated the water sports. Many of the group jumped at the opportunity to go snorkelling and have a scuba diving lesson, as well as hire of the jet-ski's.

Banana boating proved a fantastic, if slightly painful experience that left everybody feeling exhilarated, other than Claire who had an unfortunate fight with a jelly fish!

Whilst at Chale, the group enjoyed a night out in the local area, starting with a lovely meal and followed by lots of dancing, letting us experience some Kenyan culture and leaving us with many fond memories.

Before we left, a few of the group decided to stay up all night and watch the sun rise in the most beautiful place many of us had ever experienced. It also proved fundamental for Chris and Cocksy's partnership in capturing crabs!

After four fun-filled days, we found ourselves fresh and ready to continue the next episode of our trip and project work at the elephant sanctuary....

*Continue reading next week to hear all about Mwalunganje...*

**Caroline Russ (13AJV)**



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#### OCTOBER

10th KS3 Awards Evening  
7.00p.m.

11th Orchestra Practice  
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.  
(LSDH)

12th Year 7 Tutors' & Parents' Evening

18th Orchestra Practice  
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.  
(LSDH)

19th Year 13 Parents' Evening

20th Last Day of Term 1

#### END OF TERM HOLIDAY

23rd October—31st October

#### NOVEMBER

1st First Day of Term 2

## For the attention of all Parents

Will your child be transferring to Secondary School in September 2007?

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are available at primary schools, secondary schools and county Hall.

Or you can apply online at:  
www.wiltshire.gov.uk

The deadline for applications is:

**NOON ON FRIDAY**  
**20TH OCTOBER 2006**

**YEAR 11 NETBALL TOURNAMENT AT SHELDON**  
**TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2006**



We took two teams along to the tournament held at Sheldon School in Chippenham and were split into two different pools.

Devizes A had some very challenging teams in their pool (as did Devizes B), including Marlborough College and Matravers. However, we had a very determined team who put up some good fights during the six matches.

Some superb goals were scored by **Jade Linsley** and **Hannah Butcher** and fantastic defending from **Stef Edwards**, **Clare Balmer** and **Amber Davies**. The addition of **Kit Dillon** to the team worked really well and **Kit** and **Bryony Hutchings** moved the attack forwards with some excellent passing and attacking movement.

Overall, the A team came 5th in their pool with two super wins over Grittleton House (3–2) and Sheldon (4–3).

Special thanks go to **Kit Dillon** for stepping in at the last minute; to **Amy Langan** who is currently injured but supported us nevertheless and to **Mrs Turner** for umpiring our games and acting as coach.

Well played everyone!

(Would just like to add: there is obviously something wrong with Devizes water, as the A team were the shortest team there!!)

**Bryony Hutchings 11AJA**

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The Devizes B team were playing in a very difficult pool against a strong Marlborough, St. Mary's and Dauntsey's. The team were slightly unsettled to start and suffered from a slight confidence problem after playing a strong Dauntsey's side.

After a team rearrangement, the defence improved dramatically, thanks to **Alice Wright** and the introduction of **Becky Chomiczewski** in the defensive circle. This aided with the consistent pressure from **Hannah Talbot** in WD, made the opposing team's attack have to work hard for their goals!

The centre was dominated by **Charlotte Camp** who fought hard for every ball and was a significant figure in the close result with Sheldon A team. **Jess Gunn-Taylor** played an impressive WA despite suffering from a foot injury. She never stopped dodging and offering a passing option. Coupled with the attacking duo, **Louise Ellis** and **Ellie Gatley**, the attack were unfortunate not to capitalise on the opportunities available.

All pupils played well as a team, encouraging one another throughout, showing great sportsmanship and outstanding team spirit.

Well Done!

**Miss Clune**

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