



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS

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DEVIZES GOES TO AFRICA (FINAL PART)

How do you describe the indescribable? This was the challenge I set the students as I asked them to write a series of articles for the newsletter. Over the last few weeks, their efforts have appeared here as they have highlighted their memories and experiences from their summer expedition to Kenya.

From my point of view, the summer proved to be one big success story. The students proved not only to be a credit to themselves, but also a credit to the school and also to their country, as they well and truly ensured that most of Kenya had heard of Devizes School!

It was nothing short of remarkable to see a group of teenagers, terrified into silence as we drove through the slums of Mombassa, develop and mature into well balanced and caring young adults in the space of just 4 short weeks together.

Many of our students discovered previously unknown talents in themselves as they threw themselves wholeheartedly into the whole 'Kenya Experience'. Chris spent time helping a local lad with his Maths homework and discovered a gift for crab catching; Will amazed us all with his 'haggling' techniques; Lauren (resident muppet) learnt lots of Kenyan folk songs and excelled as a dance teacher; Towner proved his worth as a builder and his ability to work harder than anyone else at anything; while Laura learnt to carry a bucket of water on her head Africa-style! Eleanor discovered a love for elephants and confronted her spider phobia; Caroline and Claire learned Kenyan cookery; Harriet made a great success of being 'chief', while Mr Cocks learned Swahili and out-performed the locals with his 'Maasai jumping' (but the less said about his inability to fire a bow and arrow the better!)

Laurens developed his wheelbarrow driving skills; Hazel discovered a talent for entertaining the local children using 'bubbles'; Chloe was expert at 'slippy-slappy' cementing and Dave conspired to earn the nick name 'Taka Taka' (it means rubbish!) while trying to play cricket at every opportunity! As for me, I decided I was going to join the Massai...until I found out about the circumcision!



There were so many other highlights – the water sports on the beach, the safari and game drives, the Kenya versus England football match, the friendliness of the local people, the end of year school assembly, the tribal dancing, watching the elephants over breakfast, the building work...even the monsoon style rain was a real experience! But the ultimate highlight was the finale of summiting Mount Kenya. We were one of only two schools to have EVERYONE make it to the summit, and the only school to have to contend with snow(!), which is an awesome achievement!

The summer will remain with me for many years to come, but it was the students who made the whole experience so memorable. They were a real tribute to the school and they deserve to be very proud of themselves! So a huge Asante Sanna (thank you very much!) to them for making what was potentially a mine field of hazards into one of the best experiences of my life – I didn't want to come home!

Mr Rogers



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Dates for your diary.....

NOVEMBER

- 22nd Orchestra Practice
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.
(LSDH)
- 23rd Year 11 Parents' Evening
4.30 - 7.30p.m.
- 29th Governor's Meeting
6.30p.m.
Orchestra Practice
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.
(LSDH)

DECEMBER

- 5th Year 11 Presentation
Evening - 7.30p.m.
- 6th Orchestra Practice
7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.
(LSDH)
- 7th Year 9 Parents' Evening
4.30 - 7.30p.m.
- 8th Year 7 Christmas Fair
3.30p.m.

PARKING PROBLEMS

In recent weeks, buses bringing students into school have at times struggled to gain access to the school due to the number of parents driving onto the school campus. Whenever possible, I would ask that you do not drive into the campus and instead ask students to walk onto the school site from a convenient parking location.

There have also been problems with parents parking on double yellow lines at the start and end of the school day near the school site and this should be avoided as it prevents buses from entering the school site and poses a health and safety risk to students.

Mr Daniel Fiddament
Assistant Head

TESCO SPORT VOUCHERS



Tesco have now finished issuing these vouchers, so if you have any at home 'lying around', please send into school as soon as possible.

Thank you.

P E Department

**Are you revising for GCSEs?
Do you have homework to finish?**



**Extra Time!
IN THE LRC
Tuesdays 3.30-4.45**

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains all the numbers 1 - 9.

Solution to issue 924 puzzle:

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BOYS' HOCKEY FIXTURES

9th November	U16 Boys - away	Wootton Bassett
16th November	U18 Boys - home	Wootton Bassett
6th December	U14 Boys - home	Wootton Bassett
7th December	U16 Boys - away	Wootton Bassett
14th December	U14 Boys - away	Wootton Bassett
25th January	U18 Boys - away	Warminster
28th February	Y13 Boys - home	Warminster

3rd December U13 Boys - away Tournament

Mr Cocks

DEVIZES TOWN YOUTH F.C.

Devizes Town Youth are currently recruiting girls for their U14 team. If you are interested and would like to play, please come along to training on Friday nights between 6 - 7p.m. at Devizes Town ground, Nursteed Road. If you require further information, please contact G Winning (Coach) on 01380 730341.

Apologies to:

Connie Bailey
Brook Arnold
Rachel Foster
Natasha Whitbread who were not mentioned last week. They were also selected to represent England at Baton Twirling.

Well done and good luck!

Mrs Strickland

TERM 2 FIXTURES - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2006

Including swimming, cross country, basketball and Sixth Form fixtures.

21st November	Netball v St Mary's	Sixth Form	Home	
22nd November	Netball V St Mary's	Years 7,8 & 9	Home	
22nd November	Sixth Form v Corsham	Sixth Form	Home	Start 2p.m.
23rd November	Football Tournament	Years 7 & 8	Devizes ATP	
29th November	Netball, Hockey v Corsham	Years 7, 8 & 9 Years 10 & 11 mixed team	Home	Finish 5.00 - 5.30p.m.
29th November	Sixth Form v Sheldon	Sixth Form	Home	TBC
2nd December	Netball Tournament	Year 7	Devizes NB Courts	9.15a.m. to 1p.m.
3rd December	Hockey Tournament Boys and Girls	Year 7	Dauntsey	9a.m. meet
5th December	Girls Basketball v Hardenhuish	Year 8	Away	
6th December	Girls Basketball v Braden Forest	Year 10	Home	TBC
7th December	Netball, Hockey v Lavington	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11	TBC	
14th December	Netball, Hockey v Sheldon	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11	Home	
19th December	Girls Basketball v Malmesbury	Year 10	Away	Leave end of P5

2008
SKIING/SNOWBOARDING COURSE TO
BAD KLEIN KIRCHHEIM IN AUSTRIA

15TH - 23RD FEBRUARY 2008



Application form and further details will be available at **breaktime**, from **Wednesday 15th November 2006** onwards at **Reception**. All applications must be in by **Monday 27th November 2006**.

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