



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS

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A SPORTS COLLEGE



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Making links with Africa

Devizes School is making links with a secondary school in South Africa. The link is being supported by the Youth Sports Trust and the British Council and will use the international language of sport to help forge the link between the two schools. More information on pages 2 and 3.....



Devizes School and Mosupatsela School Partnership
- Mr Bennet Phatswane , Miss Marshall, Mr Irons
and Andrew Molelekeng in South Africa

KING HOUSE APPOINTED HOUSE CAPTAIN'S

Hannah Butcher - 12STS
Jack Case - 12ALC

APPOINTED VICE CAPTAIN'S

YEAR 7 FEMALE - **Chloe Moxham** - 7SBL
YEAR 7 MALE - **Josh Szymanski** - 7DJS

YEAR 8 FEMALE - **Rebecca Hanney** - 8ADR
YEAR 8 MALE - **Norman Butler** - 8ADR

YEAR 9 FEMALE - **Anna North** - 9JNM
YEAR 9 MALE - **STILL LOOKING!!**

YEAR 10 FEMALE - **Lucy Baross** - 10GXH
YEAR 10 MALE - **Philip Pegman** - 10SNG

YEAR 11 FEMALE - **Cerys Powell** - 11NBS
YEAR 11 MALE - **Daniel Mercer** - 11NBS

** MATHS SHOP SALE **

In A4 every Tuesday break and
Tuesday lunch (12.25 - 12.40)

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| Blue pens | down to 10p |
| Black pens | down to 10p |
| Pencils | down to 10p |
| Twisty Pencil | down to 20p |
| 30cm ruler | down to 15p |
| 15cm ruler | down to 10p |
| Pencil sharpener | down to 10p |
| Compass | down to 25p |
| 360° protractor | down to 25p |
| 180° protractor | down to 15p |
| Rubber | down to 5p |

Scientific Calculators - £4.00

(Calculators will soon be going up
to £4.50 so get in quickly!!)

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Dates for your diary.....

NOVEMBER 2007

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| 13th | Dance & Music Concert 7.00pm |
| 15th | Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.00pm |
| 21st | Governors' Meeting 6.15pm |
| 22nd | Ski Trip Meeting 6.30pm |
| 26th | Year 12/13 Business Trip departs |
| 27th | Year 11 Presentation Evening |
| 29th | Year 12/13 Business Trip returns |

DECEMBER 2007

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| 6th | Year 8 Parents' Evening 4.00pm |
| 7th | Year 7 Christmas Fair |



MUSIC AND DANCE EVENING

ON TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
AT 7PM
IN THE MAIN HALL

ALL WELCOME



Find us on the Web:
www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk

School Link with South Africa

Devizes School is setting up a link with a school in South Africa. The school is called Mosupatsela Secondary School which is in a township called Kagiso about 30 miles west of Johannesburg.

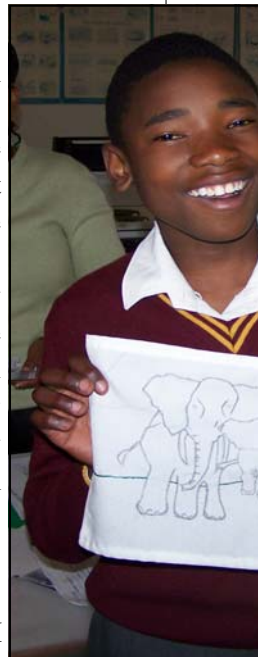
Mosupatsela School

Miss Marshall and I travelled to the school in October to meet the staff and pupils for the first time and to try to learn as much about our partner school and its locality as possible. Mosupatsela School has 1800 students (learners) who are generally aged 13 to 18 years old but some are a little older, with 60 teachers (educators).



A Grade 10 (Y10) Maths class. Approx. 50 'learners'

The school is modern and looks smart from the outside. The size of most classes is between 40 and 50 learners so classrooms are often cramped and most are basic and consist of rows of chairs and desks with little in the way of decoration or equipment. The learners were very keen to learn and seemed very happy to be at school. The atmosphere in the school was very positive and Mr Irons and Miss Marshall were made to feel very welcome by their warm smiles and friendly questions. The learners wear a smart uniform of maroon jumpers and grey trousers or skirts.



We were greeted with

11 Official Languages

There are eleven official languages spoken in South Africa. Fortunately for Miss Marshall and I all the lessons at the school were held in English, although the main first language was an African tribal language called Tswana. All the learners could speak English very well but Miss Marshall and I tried very hard to learn some basic words and phrases in Tswana so that we could open up some conversations as we went around the school. Here are some of the words and phrases that we learned:

Hello = **Dumela** or **Dumelang** (welcome to many) to which you reply **Agae** (Ack-hay)

What is your name = **Omang** : My name is = **Leina la me ke**

How are you? = **Le Kae?** To which you reply **Reteng**

Thank you = **Ke a leborga**

Goodbye = **Sala Sintle** : Go well = **Tsamaya Sintle**

A very warm welcome

Making the effort to use some of these very basic phrases really made an big impact on our welcome to the school. At the end of the first day at the school the educators (staff) organised a special assembly to formally welcome us to the school. 1400 learners stayed on an extra 30 minutes at the end of the school day which was held outside in an area about they same size as half the quad at Devizes School. As we came into the assembly they sang us a traditional Tswana welcoming song. We were then asked to say a few words to explain why we were visiting their school and to start with both Miss Marshall and I shouted out a loud "**Dumelang**" to which we were greeted with a loud and very enthusiastic "**Agae!**"



Devizes, UK

Johannesburg, South Africa

Kagiso Township

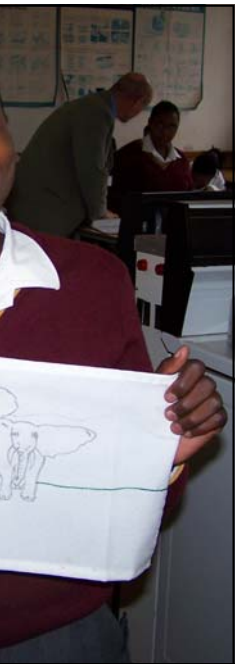
Mosupatsela School serves the township of Kagiso. Kagiso is a very large township very close to the largest township in the world called Soweto. Kagiso means 'peace'. Although many of the streets in central Kagiso are proper tarmac roads many of the outlying areas consist of dusty dirt tracks. The houses in these areas are small and are built with breeze-blocks with metal roofs. All the official housing has electricity, water and sanitation

although there were also areas of 'unofficial housing' where there was little sign of any services at all. The township of Kagiso has a

total population of nearly 200,000 and there are six secondary schools. Learners often have to walk a long way to school—one girl that we met walked 6 miles to and from school everyday!



Road in Kagiso Township



so many happy smiles

What is the Partnership for?

I think it is extremely important that we learn more about people and cultures in other parts of the world that are different from our own. When we explored each others cultures we discovered many similarities and some significant differences in the way we live our lives in the two different countries. The link between the schools will be designed so that we can learn more about how other people live and understand their culture.

A partnership built on sport

To begin with we will use sport as a common language and subject that both school populations understand. The sporting similarities between the UK and South Africa are very obvious. The Rugby Union World Cup Final was between the two nations. The Football World Cup in 2010 will be held in South Africa; Miss Marshall and I saw three of the new stadiums being built in Johannesburg for this sporting world event and pretty impressive they were too!! The provision for school sport on the other hand is very different. In Mosupatsela School there are no lessons in PE or Sport. The only sport was played after school in various clubs.

So what next?

After our trip to South Africa, our two partners at Mosupatsela School will come to see our school for a week in early March next year. In the meantime we will be asking about 30 students in each school to exchange 'pen pictures' describing their everyday lives in their own country. Next year we hope to arrange an exchange visit for students in each school to visit each others country and to help organise and run a sporting event. We hope that we can arrange this with two other schools in Wiltshire on a joint project. As well as this we will be exchanging teaching ideas and information so that we can all benefit from a better understanding of each others cultures.



Mr Irons and Miss Marshall presenting the Wiltshire Flag to the Deputy Head Mr Phatswane, Headteacher, Mr Pule and Link Teacher Mr Molelekeng



If you would like to see more pictures describing our trip to South Africa please go to the school website on www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk and follow the links from the main menu.

Mr Irons

MENU FOR WEEK BEGINNING 12/11/07

| <u>MONDAY</u> | <u>TUESDAY</u> | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | <u>THURSDAY</u> | <u>FRIDAY</u> |
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| CHICKEN PIE ** | SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE ** | BURGER ** | ROAST PORK ** | SAUSAGE & POTATO PIE ** |
| ROAST POTATOES ** | PEAS ** | CHIPS ** | ROAST POTATOES ** | CHIPS ** |
| BROCCOLI ** | | BEANS | MIXED VEGETABLES ** | BEANS |
| GRAVY | | | GRAVY | |
| EVES PUDDING ** | ST PETER'S PUDDING | CHOCOLATE CAKE | FRUIT PIE ** | SYRUP SPONGE ** |
| CUSTARD | | | CUSTARD | CUSTARD |

** VEGETARIAN MEALS ** SALAD BAR **

** JACKET POTATOES WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS **

** ALSO 2 EXTRA MAIN AND VEGETARIAN MEAL OPTIONS DAILY **

DEVIZES XTRA - TERM 2

Just a reminder that Term 2 clubs commenced this week.
If you signed up to participate in a club, please ensure you attend.
Don't forget, attendance means house points!



SUDOKU

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

Solution to last issue's puzzle:

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