



**DEVIZES
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DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWS



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YEAR 9 JUGGLE THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS

On Wednesday 27th March all year 9 pupils worked with the 'Quantum – Train the Brain' organisation to improve their revision skills for the SATs.

Pupils were encouraged to use active and creative techniques to improve their recall of important information for their English, mathematics and science SATs examinations in May. The session was timed so that pupils could practise using the methods for their mock SATs next week.

Do you have any juggling balls hidden away at home somewhere? Can you borrow some from a friend or relative? It would really be worth having some so that pupils can use them to get their 'amazing brains' working! Juggling is the most effective way of getting the right and left hemispheres of the brain working together, boosting brain power by up to 60%. Most pupils learned to juggle 3 balls at the same time! Pupils surveyed agreed that this activity was a great success and said that they would use it when preparing for examinations.

Juggling sessions were interspersed with a variety of memory and performance techniques such as:

- Mnemonics
- Role-play
- Acronyms
- Drawing and labelling
- Skimming and scanning
- Paired revision
- Making a story



Please encourage your year 9 children to use these techniques to help them succeed.

The Quantum organisation will be back in school on 31st March to work with year 11 to help them prepare for their GCSEs and to work with teaching staff so that we can all encourage pupils to make 100% use of their brain power. Let's hope the teachers can juggle as well as year 9

J Reeves



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Dates for your diary.....

MARCH 2008

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| 6th | Y11 Photographs |
| 12th - 14th | Year 9 SATS Mocks |
| 13th - 15th | Battlefields Trip |
| 21st | Good Friday |
| 24th | Easter Monday |
| 25th | TD DAY |

26th Governors' Meeting
6.15pm

APRIL 2008

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| 2nd | Spring Music Concert |
| 3rd | Y12 Parents' Evening 4.00pm |

EASTER HOLIDAY

Mon 7th April - Friday 18th April

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| 21st | Whole school returns |
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YEAR 9 SATs TESTS

More simple tips to make revision easier:-

Revision tricks:

There are a few simple revision tricks that help minimise the stress and make it easier to learn. For example:

- Go through the work you need to learn and make revision notes
- Break down the notes into subheadings.
- Use tables and lists.
- Colour code certain quotes and themes.
- Try to get a whole topic on one side of A4 paper, then read it, hide it and rewrite it. Then check whether you got it right.
- Write revision cards or a poster
- Write your notes on index cards by putting a key word on one side and main points on the other. Learn a card each night.
- Make a poster of facts and put it where you'll see it often. You'll be surprised how much information you can absorb like this.

Use your friends:

- Revising with a friend doesn't work for everyone. But some people find they can keep each other going.
- Do some question and answer sessions or swap and read each other's essays.
- Practise real test questions.
- The more familiar you are with what to expect, the less fearful you'll be.
- Ask your teacher for past papers or download them from the web.

Use memory-joggers:

- Mnemonics are an easy way to remember a list of facts. A classic one is My Very Easy Method Just Speeds Up Naming Planets. The first letter of each word is the first letter of a planet.

More tips to follow next week....



FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2008

NON-UNIFORM DAY - WEAR SOMETHING SPORTY!

Run, Walk, hop, crawl... a mile at lunchtime

Pupils to wear something with their House Colours...

- Gandhi - Green*
- King - Blue*
- Mandela - Yellow*
- Teresa - Red*

**£1 donation - 50p to Sports Relief
50p to Year/School Council**

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

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



DEVIZES AND ROUNDWAY TOWN IN BLOOM 2008

YOUNG PEOPLES PAINTING COMPETITION

Entries are invited from young people in the
Devizes and Roundway area

This year's theme:

"Flowers that grow where I live"

Age Groups: Up to 6 years old
7 - 11 years old
12 - 16 years old

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

Artwork should be a maximum of A3 in size.

On the back of each painting, please put the name, age and address of the artist and the name of the school or youth organisation.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Entries are welcome from people of all ages for the
Photographic Competition

This year's theme

"In the Garden"

Age Groups: Under 12 years old
12 - 16 years old
Over 16 years old

Please send all entries to: Elanor Oddy, Devizes Town
Council, Town Hall, St. John's Street, Devizes, SN10 1BN

YEAR 8 HOCKEY REPORT

The Year 8 Hockey team have made a good start to their season having played three matches, winning two and losing one.

Their first match, against St. Mary's, Calne saw the team play on grass - not their preferred surface! Despite losing 3 - 0, the girls made some excellent breaks and defended well against a well organised team, able to use the bumps in the pitch more effectively. The goals were the result of two quick breaks and a well taken short corner.

The second match, against Abbeyfield saw the team at home on the Astro. From the start, Devizes dominated the game with strong attack against a good defence. They were rewarded with two quick goals from **Nicole Lomax**. In the second half, Abbeyfield came back strongly, but good defending prevented a goal being scored. The third Devizes goal came from an excellent short corner, allowing **Hannah Morgan** to score. The final goal came after an excellent run by **Joanne Wicks**. The final score was 4-0 to Devizes, the result of an excellent team effort.

The third match saw a depleted team of 9 players travel to Sheldon School. The players stuck to the game plan of trying to play simple, passing hockey and despite being under pressure, the score at half time was 0 - 0.

This spurred the girls into action and in the second half they completely dominated the game. They were rewarded with a goal after an excellent clearance by **Charlotte Williams**, found **Louise Pfeill**. After several excellent passes through **Holly Waters** and **Jemima Duxberry**, the ball finally fell to **Holly Waters** with only the goalie to beat, which she did! A well deserved win.

The team should now feel confident going into the next tournament.

PILATES TERM 5 - DEVIZES EXTRA

Pilates is a form of exercise which will enhance body shape awareness, it works on alignment and rebalancing muscle groups in a controlled and precise manner.

The course involves toning and strengthening weak postural muscles which support the skeleton in every day activities.



Open to Sixth form and Yr10/11 pupils who are serious about working over a 6 week period to improve their core stability.

Tuesdays 3.10-4.10pm in Gym1(Out side coach)

Full attendance is expected, limited to 20 pupils only.



There is a small cost of £6 to be paid to NBS by the first week (non refundable.) Please message NBS on the VLE or see NBS ASAP
Places are offered on a first come first served basis!

Mrs Hutchinson

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLES AND RESULTS

Year 7

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| John Bentley | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Devizes | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 12 | -7 | 4 |
| Sheldon | 1 | 1 | | | 9 | 2 | 7 | 3 |
| Corsham | 2 | 1 | | | 10 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| Abbeyfield | 1 | 1 | | | 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Hardenhuish | 3 | 1 | | | 8 | 9 | -1 | 3 |
| Malmesbury | 2 | 1 | | | 4 | 5 | -1 | 3 |
| Cricketon | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | 7 | -5 | 3 |
| St Johns | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Year 8

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Hardenhuish | 3 | 2 | | | 8 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| John Bentley | 3 | 2 | | | 8 | 5 | 3 | 6 |
| Corsham | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 17 | 8 | 9 | 6 |
| St Johns | 2 | 1 | | | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Devizes | 3 | 1 | | | 5 | 10 | -5 | 3 |
| Malmesbury | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | 4 | -3 | 3 |
| Cricketon | 4 | 1 | | | 3 | 17 | -12 | 3 |
| Sheldon | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Abbeyfield | 1 | | | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 |

Year 9

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Devizes | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 7 |
| St Johns | 2 | 2 | | | 6 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Cricketon | 4 | 2 | | | 9 | 9 | 0 | 6 |
| Hardenhuish | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Corsham | 3 | 1 | | | 9 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Sheldon | 1 | 1 | | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Malmesbury | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | 6 | -4 | 0 |
| Abbeyfield | 1 | | | | 1 | 6 | -5 | 0 |
| John Bentley | 2 | | | | 2 | 9 | -7 | 0 |

Year 10

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Sheldon | 2 | 2 | | | 14 | 2 | 12 | 6 |
| John Bentley | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Hardenhuish | 2 | 2 | | | 6 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Malmesbury | 1 | 1 | | | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Corsham | 2 | 1 | | | 6 | 6 | 0 | 3 |
| Cricketon | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| St Johns | 1 | | | | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| Abbeyfield | 1 | | | | 1 | 5 | -4 | 0 |
| Devizes | 3 | | | | 3 | 17 | -14 | 0 |

Year 11

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Corsham | 3 | 3 | | | 12 | 1 | 11 | 9 |
| Devizes | 4 | 2 | | 2 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Hardenhuish | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Malmesbury | 2 | 1 | | | 7 | 9 | -2 | 3 |
| St Johns | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sheldon | 2 | | | 1 | 3 | 4 | -1 | 1 |
| John Bentley | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | 6 | -4 | 1 |
| Abbeyfield | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cricketon | 3 | | | | 3 | 14 | -13 | 0 |

Recent Fixtures Vs Hardenhuish

Year 7 Lost 6 - 4
 Year 8 Lost 5 - 2
 Year 9 Draw
 Year 10 Lost 5 - 1
 Year 11 Draw

Top Goal Scorers

Year 7 Brad Hill - 3
 Year 8 Jack Bramwell - 2
 David Oliver - 2
 Year 11 Jake Waters - 4
 Scott Stroud - 3

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