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**DEVIZES
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A BIG THANK YOU!! And Sports prizes too...

On Saturday 14th March the boys on the Football Development tour to Spain were lucky enough to be allowed to raise money 'bag packing' in **Morrisons** supermarket. Each boy was asked to work for two and half hours. However certain individuals put in overtime including a mammoth four and quarter hours from **Liam Pearce!!**

Every boy who helped out was a credit to the school showing a polite and courteous approach to all customers. This helpfulness paid dividends, allowing the boys to raise a massive **£765 !!** Money which will be spent on ensuring the boys have a **beneficial and unforgettable experience**. I know all the boys and the staff organising the trip would like to thank **Morrisons** of Devizes for allowing us into their store and this opportunity to raise the money. **THANK YOU!**

Also to raise money for the trip the participants have organised a sports raffle. Prizes include....

- A signed Manchester United FC Shirt**
- A signed Valencia FC Shirt**
- A signed Bath Rugby Club ball**
- 2 tickets to see a Bristol rovers game of your choice**
- A Liverpool picture signed by Rafael Benitez**

.....as well as lots of other sporting memorabilia and goodies. If you would like to enter this raffle, please buy a raffle ticket from **Mr Cocks, Mr Hammond** or **Mr MacFarlane**. Tickets cost one pound and all proceeds will go to the sports tour.

Mr Cocks

REMINDER - TD DAYS

Confirmation of TD Days for the remainder of this academic year:-

Tuesday 25th March 2008
Wednesday 23rd April 2008

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Dates for your diary.....

MARCH 2008

21st Good Friday
24th Easter Monday
25th TD DAY

26th Governors' Meeting
6.15pm

APRIL 2008

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

EASTER HOLIDAY

Mon 7th April - Friday 18th April

21st Whole school returns

23rd TD Day

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www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk

YEAR 9 SATs TESTS

Before the test:

- The week before, ask your teachers what you need to take into the test.
- Have two or more pens and pencils, in case one runs out/breaks. And make sure your calculator works.
- Get everything ready the night before – and don't forget it!
- Don't spend the night cramming information into your head. Get a good night's sleep – the fresher you are, the more alert your brain will be.
- Eat breakfast/lunch before the tests and make sure you have a drink of water to help your concentration.
- Make sure you get to school on time!

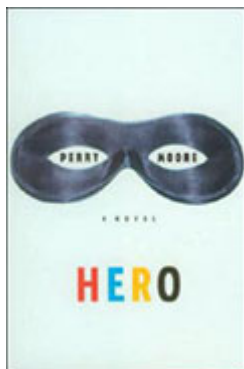
Tips for the English tests

- Pick out revealing words and phrases – ones that vividly describe a character, setting or atmosphere, for example. Use them in your test.
- Make sure you're answering the question – re-read it to be sure.
- Start a new paragraph when you change the topic, time or viewpoint.
- Back up your answers with evidence. The formula PEE reminds you to make your point, give evidence (a quote or incident from the text to prove what you're saying) and explore the point in more detail.
- Plan an essay. Write down a few main points and number them to help your structure. If you're running out of time, reduce your essay to an introduction and a conclusion, using bullet points in the middle.

More tips to follow in the next issue....

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2008

(Another recommendation)



HERO

Perry Moore

Hyperion Books for Children

ISBN: 9781423101956

Ages 13-up

432 pages

Thom Creed is used to being on his own. Even as a high school basketball star, he has to keep his distance because of his father. Hal Creed had once been one of the greatest and most beloved superheroes of The League --- until the Wilson Towers incident. After that Thom's mother disappeared and his proud father became an outcast. The last thing in the world Thom would ever want is to disappoint his father. So Thom keeps two secrets from him: that he is gay, and that he has the power to heal people.

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:

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

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

DAY OF THE DALEKS

Saturday 19th April

Calne Library

10am - 3pm

**Come and meet
the Daleks to
help us launch the
National Year
of Reading!**

**Fancy dress
Family quiz
Badge making
Interactive stories
Create your own Tardis
Colouring competition
Plus... come and see a Tardis, K9 and
a cyberman!**



Some activities ticketed

Please call Calne Library on: 01249 813128

Hockey Report from March 11th 2008

On a Tuesday afternoon, a group of Year 10 and 11's braved the winter elements and travelled to John Bentley School in Calne.

We knew that it would be hard work playing on a very wet grass pitch, against some stiff opposition. We have a great bunch of regular girls, who always turn out for the matches and make sure we always enjoy ourselves no matter what the score. It's not always about winning, it's taking part that counts! We were surprised at how close the matches were with the single goal to make the difference.

We played very determinedly with 3 draws and 2 losses, with our only goal of the afternoon coming from **Charlotte Fleet** and a tournament celebration of jumping on Beth!

This will probably be the last time we will all be playing together, so many thanks to all the team members who always make it fun and also a thank you to the teachers who take us.

The team:

Sarah Nash, Hannah Withers, Charlie Gardner, Becky Squire, Cerys Powell, Hannah Williams, Lily Meaney, Amy Longo, Lauren Walker, Sam Quinton, Charlotte Fleet and Bethany Young.

Sarah Nash 11NBS

National Cross Country

Catherine Russ, 10MXO successfully ran in the National Cross Country finals on Saturday 8th March in Liverpool. She was part of the 8 Wiltshire runners in her age group to complete the course.

The Liverpool track was fairly flat and had lots of spectators all around the course cheering the runners on. Catherine came 265 out of 350 runners, only two and a half minutes behind first place!. All the runners wore electronic chips to enable an accurate time to be recorded which was very important due to the competitive field she was running in.

Well done to Catherine and the Wiltshire team.

Mrs Strickland/Mr Murdoch

Regional Badminton Finals - Tuesday 11th March

Our Year 10/11 Badminton team travelled down to Exeter to play in the regional finals after winning the Wiltshire round of the competition. They faced two teams in the pool stages; Launceston (Cornwall) and King Arthur's (Somerset). The format involved 2 single games and 3 doubles games, the winning team won the most matches.

Devizes beat King Arthur's 4 - 1 and had a close match losing 3 - 2 to Launceston. This meant they finished 2nd in the pool and played Castle for 3rd or 4th place. They again had a really close game finishing 4 - 1 to Castle.

Team: **Tom Wright, Matthew Harvey, William Butcher and Jack Wicks** all played very well and should be congratulated on their achievements this term.

If you are interested in playing Badminton for the school next year, please come along to training - all age groups, boys and girls welcome.

Mrs Strickland

Year 10 Inter House Competition

In the second Inter House competition, Year 10 were out in numbers to represent their house. The competitors had four sporting events to choose from, these were squash, cross country, boy's basketball and girl's netball.

Girl's netball was a popular choice with all houses fielding two sides, despite some arctic conditions. With gale force winds reaching up to 80mph it was amazing the girls still maintained their high netballing standards. Miss Shaw commented on the girls impressive skills saying...

"This tournament is a delight to watch, the girls have raised their game to new levels".

After all the points had been collected and verified, the result tables were as follows:-

'A' Competition:

1st Mandela
2nd King
3rd Teresa
4th Gandhi

'B' Competition

1st Mandela
2nd Teresa
3rd Gandhi
4th King

In the boy's competition, Mr Hammond and Miss Beck ran a very successful event with maximum participation from some very competitive boys. All in all there were four competitions, allowing four possible chances for the teams to score house points. Mr Hammond was very pleased with how the day went, after the event he said...

"It was a lovely tournament, played in the right spirit, the intense defence ensured some shooting from downtown and some coast to coast penetrative dribbling".

After some expert calculations from Mr Langan, the results tables looked like this:

'A' Competition

1st King
2nd Mandela
3rd Gandhi
4th Teresa

'B' Competition

1st Teresa
2nd Gandhi
3rd King
4th Mandela

'C' Competition

1st Gandhi
2nd Mandela
3rd Teresa
4th Mandela

'D' Competition

1st Gandhi
2nd King
3rd Teresa
4th Mandela

The cross country event was not for the faint hearted and for the hardcore runners within the year. The competitors endured some gruelling conditions over some difficult local terrain. The course consisted of undulating routes in gale force wet conditions. All who competed should be congratulated on their efforts.

Mr Murdoch was impressed with the competitors commitment saying...

"I've ran and seen some difficult courses in my time, but these conditions and on this surface, this is up there with my top three hardest courses of all times!!"

The results tables...

Boys

1st Gandhi
2nd King
3rd Teresa
4th Mandela

Girls

1st Mandela
2nd King
3rd Gandhi
4th Teresa

The final event was Squash. Again each house was well represented with a mixture of experienced and new squash players. It was an 'off the wall' event with results tables rebounding all the time with no clear 'run away leader'. After 25 games and a total of 456 points scored, the end table finished like this..

Squash

1st Mandela
2nd Teresa
3rd King
4th Gandhi

I would like to thank all the staff that put in a lot of time to make these events work and also all the pupils and also all the pupils who participated in the events. The standard of Year 10 sport is continuing to improve and the fierce but fair rivalry makes this an excellent sporting spectacle.

Mr Cocks

Devizes Swimarathon...

Congratulations to the 7 students who took part in the Lions Club Swimarathon on Saturday 1st March. The students involved were **Tommy Mullord, Jason Dyer, Chris Nixon, Corrie McDowell, Sarah Neate, Shannon Mould** and **Chloe Moxom**. We managed to swim 127 lengths in 45 minutes. They worked extremely hard and were a credit to the school. We have raised about £100 for the school and Lions Club combined. Thank you to those who took part. WELL DONE!

Miss Shaw

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