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DEVIZES SCHOOL 'ASPECT'

We are very pleased to be able to continue to offer our pupils the facility of a professional counselling service. The work of the counsellor is confidential. Typical problems might include worries about schoolwork, peer relationships or difficulties in adjusting to changes in family or school life.

Pupils can be referred to the service in several ways:

- The pupils may refer themselves by completing a referral form (available in school) and passing it to the counsellor or member of staff.
- Members of staff may refer pupils.
- Parents may refer pupils.

The decision of whether or not to take up the offer of counselling is for the pupil and entirely voluntary. The counsellor is police checked, professionally qualified and is experienced in working with children and young people.

Should any parents want to know more about this service, or have any concerns about their children accessing it, please can they contact **Mrs Barbara Smart - Assistant Headteacher.**

We feel that this service will enhance and support existing pastoral support services within school and directly benefit pupils. Leaflets available on request and at Reception.

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Dates for your diary.....

APRIL 2008

28th April - Friday 2nd May
Year 10 Exam Week

MAY 2008

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| 1st | KS3 Music Concert 7.00pm |
| 5th | May Day Bank Holiday |
| 6th - 9th May | Year 9 SATs |
| 12th May - 20th June | GCE Exams |
| 14th May - 23rd June | GCSE Exams |
| 21st | Governors' Meeting 6.15pm |
| 23rd | Sixth Form Prom |

Still Finding Poetry difficult?

The final English GCSE Revision Session is on Monday 28th April in B16.

The topic is Literature Poetry again.

All Welcome!



Mrs Carpenter and Mr Jarvis

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www.devizes.wilts.sch.uk

YEAR 9 SATs TESTS

Tips for the Science tests:-

Words count. Make a list of terms and symbols and what they mean. Understand rather than remember. Don't be put off by a question you haven't covered in class. Instead of testing you on what you can remember, it's seeing if you can use what you know, to answer it.

Get your results right. You'll almost always be asked to read results and identify trends from tables and graphs, so make sure you know how to do it.

Remember that:

- Questions with the word 'describe' want a description but ones with the word 'explain' need you to use the word 'because' in your answer.
- Include units like s (seconds) or g (grams) where needed. In science, numbers without units mean nothing.
- In food webs and light rays, make sure your arrows point in the right direction.

What to do if things seem to be going wrong in the test

If:

- You don't understand the questions: read them again slowly. People often lose marks because they rush and miss what the question's actually asking. Underline the key words in instructions to work out what is needed. If you're really stuck, move on to a question you can do and come back to the tough one later.
- You go blank or panic: relax. Think back to revision time and picture the notes or revision cards you used. As information comes back to you, write it down and fill in the gaps from there.
- You're running out of time: move on to the next questions and answer as many as you can. Spend time on questions with the most marks. Reduce your answer to note form and you'll still get marks for it.

Where to go for advice

Make the most of the knowledge of teachers, friends and family. And take a look at this website:

www.bbc.co.uk/education/ks3bitesize

Bitesize information on Key Stage 3, test-type questions and teachers to answer your queries.

SUDOKU

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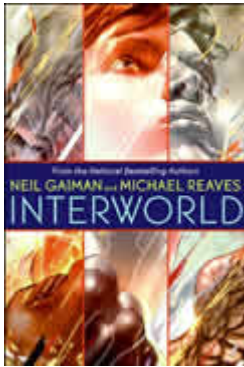
Solution to last issue's puzzle:

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NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2008

(More recommendations)



INTERWORLD

Neil Gaiman and Michael Reaves

Eos

ISBN: 9780061238963

Ages 12-up

256 pages

Joey Harker has always had a terrible sense of direction. And one day he gets lost in his own town and walks right out of his universe. When a version of himself from another dimension tracks Joey down, Joey learns he has the power to travel between dimensions --- and that an army of alternate versions of himself is battling the two evils that want to conquer all the many worlds. Joey finds himself in a fight against powerful forces of magic and science that could destroy him and all the others like him.



THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET

Brian Selznick

Scholastic Press

ISBN: 9780439813785

Ages 9-up

544 pages

Orphan, clock keeper and thief, 12-year-old Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy. A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father form the backbone of this intricate, tender and spellbinding mystery.



SCHOOL HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

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Any parent or pupil can contact us concerning any health related matters or concerns.

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Awarding of Sports colours!

At the end of last term The PE department awarded colours to the deserving participants. Each achiever was awarded their colours and were able to display this achievement through their letter of achievement, school polo shirt and their name on the roll of honour.

The list of names was also published in the school newsletter; however one sport was missed out. A very successful team in recent years, winning County Tournaments and unbeaten in fixtures - the Badminton team has had a great deal of success and therefore have been recognised for their achievements:

Half Colours were awarded to:

Emily Hayter, Charlotte Little, Gaby Nash, Jessica Mowat

Full colours were awarded to:

Jack Wicks, Thomas Wright, Matthew Harvey, William Butcher

Congratulations to all who have achieved their colours awards and apologies to the Badminton team who were missed off of the first list!!

The PE Team

Summer Fixtures 2008

| Date | Sport | Yr Group | Versus | Venue |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Thursday 1st May | Tennis | 9&10 girls | Grittleton | Home |
| Tuesday 6th May | Athletics | 7&8 boys& girls | Tournament | Away |
| Thursday 8th May | Tennis | Yr 10&11 a+b | St Mary's | Away |
| Thursday 15th May | Athletics | All years | English Schools Track and Field cup | Away all day |
| Tuesday 20th May | Athletics | All years | Kennet Area Trials | Away 12pm |
| Friday 23rd May | Athletics | Selected athletes | Pentathlon | Away |
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| Half Term | Half Term | Half Term | Half Term | Half Term |
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| Tuesday 3rd June | Rounders | All years | St Johns | Home |
| Thursday 5th June | Rounders | All years | Sheldon | Away |
| Thursday 19th June | Rounders | All years | Grittleton House | Away TBC |
| Tuesday 1st July | Tennis | All years | Tournament | Home |
| Thursday 3rd July | Rounders | All years | John Bentley | Away |
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