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2008 Costa Children's Book Award

Costa are offering three children from across the UK the chance to judge the prestigious 2008 Costa Children's Book Award and win £100 worth of book tokens.

Any pupil aged between 9 and 13 can enter and all they need to do is write a 200 word review of a book - either a favourite book, or perhaps a book they've read recently. Maybe they've already written a book review?

Children's author Jacqueline Wilson will pick the top three entries. Our Young Judges will then need to read between 9 and 12 books between September and October, in time for the judging meeting with the three adult judges in London.

Our Young Judges will also be invited to the Costa Book Awards Gala Dinner and presentation in January 2009, where they will get the chance to rub shoulders with authors and celebrities.

**For more information and to submit an entry, just go to
www.costabookawards.com**

This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for any child that loves reading. If one of your pupils wins, it's also a terrific PR opportunity for Devizes School.

Costa look forward to hearing from you!!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS'

Please make sure we have all your up to date contact details, especially mobile phone numbers.

Contact forms are available from Mrs Slade.



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Dates for your diary.....

JUNE 2008

27th	Y11 & Y13 Clearance Day
30th	New Entry Evening (Y6) 7.00pm

JULY 2008

1st	Year 6 Induction
2nd	Year 6 Induction
3rd	Year 6 Induction
7th	'My Only Love' - Dress Rehearsal
8th - 10th July	School Production of 'My Only Love'
8th	6th Form Induction Day
9th	Governors' Meeting 6.15pm
Mon 14th July - Fri 18th July inclusive	Y10 Work Experience Week
11th	Sports Day

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CREATIVE WRITING FESTIVAL

The English Department here at Devizes School is running a **Creative Writing Festival** from Monday June 30th to Thursday July 17th.

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will have the opportunity to plan, draft and produce a short piece of original writing to be entered into the competition. English lessons next week will be dedicated to reading interesting examples of creative writing, and then planning and writing new pieces.

In the following week, the judging takes place, where we will be deciding upon our runner-up and winner for each year group.

Finally, students and their parents are invited to the **Creative Writing Festival Celebration Evening** on Thursday 17th July, from 6:30 – 8pm in the Main Hall, where they will be able to buy anthologies of students' work and listen to recitals of the shortlisted entries.

This year, competition entries should be linked to a specific theme for each year group:-

- **Year 7** - **Mystery**
- **Year 8** - **Escape**
- **Year 9** - **Conflict**

Entries can take any form, e.g. poetry, song lyric, screenplay/drama script, short story, opening chapter of a novel, newspaper article etc. They should be limited to one side of A4 paper in size.

Of course, if any of our students have a piece of creative writing they would like to enter that is not linked to the relevant theme for the year group, they can still submit it for consideration.

We look forward to reading the new and exciting material our students produce over the next two weeks – and hope to publish the winning entries for each Year group in this newsletter.

Mrs Ray
English Department



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Solution to last issue's puzzle:

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University Success...

Former student, **Fiona Truscott** has graduated with First Class Honours and a Masters from Cambridge in Natural Sciences.

Fiona is going on to do a PhD at Oxford.

Congratulations!





Sensory Preferences

VISUAL AUDITORY PRACTICAL

We learn through our senses - Visually, auditory, physically, practically and also through taste and smell. You will be more "dominant" in one channel V, A or P. Discover which, then lead with it when you sit down to work. The secret is to learn to use all your senses when you work on any topic.

Of the following, tick those that apply to you ✓

VAP ASSESSMENT 1

Learning Channel:

Visual People:

- Prefer meetings
 - Prefer seeing videos & diagrams
 - Poor listeners / Fast Talkers
 - Like maps not oral directions
 - Draw, scribble, doodle
 - Like tidy work
 - Prefer to do rather than speak
- Say things like:
- "That looks right to me"
 - "I can see what you mean"



Learning Tips:

- Make patterned notes
- Visualise
- Draw pictures / illustrations
- Use film, posters and colour
- Use visual diaries
- Use visual memory aids

Here is another in our series of articles on Thinking Skills. Do you and your children think alike



Learning Channel:

Auditory People:

- Prefer to be told than shown
 - Talk to themselves
 - Talkers
 - Listen but impatient to talk
 - Listening to music important
 - Untidy
 - Like listening lessons better
- Say things like:
- "It rings a bell"
 - "Sounds good to me"



Learning Tips:

- Read out loud
- Discuss and teach
- Tape information
- Hear their own "voice" memory
- Tell others their diary plans
- Verbally sum up

Practical People:

- Prefer hands on
 - Relax through activity (sport)
 - Prefer to do and talk
 - Fidget
 - Use gestures and expressions
 - Talk more slowly
 - Tactile
- Say things like:
- "That feels good"
 - "Hang on"



- Making models
- Copying info while listening
- Move while learning
- Underline / highlighting notes
- Draw in the air
- Doodling

Rounders V Sheldon Thursday 12th June 08

After a disappointing start to the afternoon we managed to get the Year 9 team to Sheldon. The team played two extended innings, first against the year 10's which the team achieved 6 rounders and worked well to keep the rounders count for Sheldon down, who finished on 15. The Sheldon team had a number of big hitter's and it was a challenge for **Abbie Moss**, **Hollie Gorton**, **Helen Petterson** and **Laura Christopher** to get the ball in. **Laura Handley** made a number of impressive stops and got the ball to **Sophie Ottaway** on 2nd quickly, to try and stop the half rounders being scored. **Hannah Sedgwick** coped with the pressure of 4th, backed up by **Chloe Carlin** as back stop.

In the second game against the Sheldon Year 9 team, when batting Devizes put themselves under pressure by not scoring on a number of balls. When fielding, **Cassie Stevens** worked hard to prevent runners getting into first base and **Beth Collins** put them under pressure from her bowling, but Sheldon kept the score low and won overall. All the players worked hard and enjoyed the game.

Final score: Devizes 3 - Sheldon 9½

Training is on a Tuesday after school which includes match practise.

PARENT GROUP 100 CLUB

Terms 5 & 6 Prize Draw

The three winners were selected on Saturday 14th June 2008:-

1st Prize	£100	07022	Mrs Helen Weston
2nd Prize	£40	07034	Jennifer Lever

REMINDER

All slips regarding instrumental lessons must be returned by the end of this week.

Also, if you wish to start an instrument, slips also need to be returned this week.

Please see **Mrs Hodder**.

Year 10 Inter House Summer Games

The last set of Inter House sporting events were played as summer team games. Although not truly summer weather, all houses took to the fields to compete in a spectacle of sporting prowess.

On offer was cricket, rounders, tennis and softball; all houses managed to organise teams and compete in all events. Well done to the Vice Captains who helped to organise their team to get them all in the right place at the right time, no easy job!!

The cricketers donned their whites and took to the astro turf to compete in a knock out style competition. There were many swinging the bat, sending down the googlies and admiring the fine legs. However after all balls were bowled and the runs counted, the results were as follows...

<u>The 'A' Team Cup</u>	<u>The 'B' Team Cup</u>
1 st Gandhi	1 st Gandhi
2 nd Mandela	2 nd Teresa
3 rd King	3 rd Mandela
4 th Teresa	4 th King

Wiltshire Schools Athletics Championship Saturday 16th June 08

Thirteen pupils from Devizes School competed at the weekend for Kennet, in a number of different events. All pupils travelled to the Swindon track next to the County ground for an impressive line up of athletics. Each area is represented in Wiltshire and the winners who achieve or are close to the County Standards for that event get selected for the South West event to represent Wiltshire. Minor boys and girls are the only age group who can progress no further (Year 7).

Minor Boys and Girls

Bradley Hill 100m Champion
Olivia Hughes 70m Hurdles Champion
Ellie Papps 3rd in Long Jump

Junior Boys and Girls

Sarah Neate 2nd 75m Hurdles and 5th in 100m
Connor Yon 6th in his heat for 200m
Ellis Grant 3rd Discus and 3rd in Shot put
Charlotte Williams 4th Javelin

Inter Boys and Girls

Joseph Hutchinson 1st 85m Hurdles and 1st 200m + relay
Amy Longo 1st 100m and 1st 200m + relay
Lauren Walker 1st Javelin + relay
James Underwood 5th 100m + relay
Emily Bain 4th Javelin
Catherine Russ 2nd 1500m

All these athletes should be commended for their efforts and achievements and we wish them every success in the future rounds.

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The main girls' event was the rounders competition. Two events were run simultaneously. Both competitions were played in a competitive, but friendly spirit and as with all the events, played to a high standard. Miss Clune commented on the performances as "outstanding" and "lovely to watch".

The final results were...

<u>The 'A' Team Cup</u>	<u>The 'B' Team Cup</u>
1 st Mandela	1 st Mandela
2 nd Teresa	2 nd King
3 rd King	3 rd Gandhi
4 th Gandhi	4 th Teresa

The pick of the performances was the softball event, an excellent display of diving stops, impressive hitting and accurate pitching made for an attractive tournament!! Mr Murdoch stated "in all my time of teaching I have never seen such a wonderful contest of softball; it had it all, the highs and dramas of what every good softball event should have".

Special acknowledgment should go to Harry "the machine" Merritt who batted with incredible precision and also Alex "don't bowl it to me there" Botham, who led his team very well.

The results as follows...

<u>The 'A' Team Cup</u>
1 st Mandela
2 nd Teresa
3 rd King
4 th Gandhi

Tennis

Despite some lacking numbers, the tennis competition was still played in a competitive manner with a very high skill level being showed throughout. Mrs Strickland was impressed with the level of performance and noted **Emily Tucker, Craig Izatt, Daniel Myall** and **Stacey Strickland** as stand out performers, well done to those participants.

The competition ran on a seeded format and after all results were counted and verified the tables looked like this....

<u>Seed 1+2 Cup</u>	<u>Seed 3 + 4 Cup</u>
1 st Gandhi	1 st Gandhi
2 nd Mandela	2 nd King
3 rd King	3 rd Mandela/Teresa
4 th Teresa	
<u>Seed 5+6 Cup</u>	
1 st King /Gandhi	
3 rd Mandela	
4 th Teresa	

Year 10 should be congratulated on their very successful year in core PE, they have stepped up to the plate at every occasion, competing well in all house events and adopting the new options system with maturity and endeavour. I hope this continues into Year 11.

Thanks to Year 10 and also all the PE team who have continued to delivery quality PE to them and organise some excellent house competitions.

Mr Cocks

