



Devizes School Annual Primary Liaison Newsletter

Celebrating a Year of Leadership, Partnership, and Sporting Success

As we reflect on another dynamic and rewarding academic year, we are proud to share the tremendous progress and impact of our primary liaison programme. This year has seen outstanding commitment, leadership, and collaboration between our students, staff, and local primary schools.

Year 9 Sports Leader Programme Launch

We began the year by launching our Year 9 Sports Leader Programme (Power of 10).

Students were invited to apply for the opportunity to become sports leaders, and the response was fantastic. Following a successful recruitment process, we held termly meetings where our leaders took an active role in planning upcoming sporting events and developing their leadership skills.



High Five Netball Engagement

We organised and officiated a Triangular High Five Netball Tournament hosted at All Cannings School, with Bishops Cannings and Chirton also taking part. Additionally, we enjoyed a friendly High Five Netball match against Urchfont Primary at Devizes, warmly welcoming Year 5 and 6 pupils and their families to our school courts. These events highlighted community spirit and inclusivity through sport.



County Dodgeball Competitions

One of the early highlights was our involvement in the County Dodgeball Competitions, specifically aimed at students who do not usually participate in competitive sports. Our leaders were trained to officiate and run these events, proudly hosting the Mid Wilts Competition here at Devizes School. Their professionalism and competence led to their selection to officiate at the Area Championships in June — a tremendous achievement.



Dynamo Cricket Championships

Our sports leaders also received training in Dynamo Cricket, supporting the local championships held at Urchfont Primary School on Thursday, 19th June. This event showcased our leaders' ability to manage and adapt to new formats while supporting younger participants.



iChallenge ME Day

Mrs Hobbs represented Devizes School at the iChallengeME day, an inspiring event encouraging students from a wide range of backgrounds to challenge themselves with unfamiliar tasks. It was a brilliant opportunity to witness personal growth and resilience in action.



Hosting and Officiating Events

Our Year 9 sports leaders demonstrated exceptional organisation and leadership by hosting:

- The Year 10 Netball Tournament
- A Primary Orienteering Event
- A Tag Rugby Festival

Each event ran smoothly and was a fantastic experience for all involved.

Tennis Leadership with Beyond the Baseline

We were delighted to welcome Louise Hunt-Skelley from the *Beyond the Baseline* initiative, who provided training for our sports leaders on how to deliver a tennis event. Their newly acquired skills were immediately put into action during a successful event for Year 7 students.



Reception and Key Stage 1 & 2 Visits

We hosted Southbroom's Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 classes throughout the year. Our leaders thoughtfully adapted each session to suit the age and ability of the children, ensuring a positive and supportive experience for every participant.

New Age Kurling and Community Sports Days

Devizes School also hosted the New Age Kurling event, with our sports leaders once again stepping up to officiate and support. We were thrilled to extend leadership opportunities to Year 8 students at Collingbourne Sports Day and to Year 10 students who helped run the Southbroom Juniors Sports Day.



A Note of Appreciation

Throughout every event, the conduct, attitude, and dedication of our sports leaders have been exemplary. They have consistently represented Devizes School with pride, maturity, and enthusiasm, earning praise from staff, parents, and partner schools alike.

We are immensely proud of all that has been achieved this year and look forward to building on these successes in the year ahead.

Thank you to all students, staff, and primary partners for your continued support and collaboration.

From Mrs Hobbs & The Devizes School PE Department