



Devizes Dispatch



Mr. Cave's weekly message:

Success always involves overcoming adversity, and the more we accept that, the better prepared we are to deal with it. No one gains anything of real value in their life without having to suffer for it a little bit. That includes persevering through the heat of this week where the feelings of how great the sunshine is are often soon replaced by "it's too hot miss"!

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of cheering on our Under 16 boys team in their Mid-Wilts Final as they attempted to retain the trophy for an unprecedented second season. In sweltering conditions they navigated a tricky second half of early bombardment as they protected their 1-0 lead, and then conceded a goal that required them to dig deep. Suffering in the heat with the game against them, the determination they showed to overcome their opposition, and a superb goal sealed a 2-1 victory and cup glory once more!

It's that ability to tackle a challenge head on, even with challenging contexts, that really demonstrate who we are and what we're about as people. Equally, those who make sure they attend school each day possible- despite challenges ranging from the academic to an injury, a friendship fallout to a problem at home- show a resilience that sets them above those around them. Knowing that attendance = progress, that turning up each day to face the challenges big and small, known and unknown, will also see you realise potential and achieve your gains in time.

Congratulations to our Under 16 team for such a great success, with equal or greater congratulations in store to those who develop the resilient, determined mindset to life that is a true marker of success.

Uniform

Please note that due to the cooler weather next week, blazers return as a compulsory part of the school uniform, so please ensure your son/daughter has theirs when they leave the house on Monday morning

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U16 Boys - Retaining Wiltshire League Champions



With the sun beaming down, the U16 boys took to the Beversbrook 3G pitch (scorching) vs John of Gaunt (Trowbridge) in the Wiltshire League Final.

It took just 3 minutes for Josh G to neatly tuck home from inside the box (1-0), after some neat footwork from Theo D. JOG had some moments that troubled our defence in the air using some physicality but Evan Y, Jacob C and Noah H soon adapted their game

plan to deal with this. Reece H, Bobbie C and Rhys H were finding space in the middle of the pitch to start our attacks - Theo D having a number of chances that just couldn't be converted. Goalkeeper Harry C got a little frustrated with this and started chancing his luck from freekicks in our own half (hitting the crossbar).

JOG came out the better team at the start of the second half, putting players under pressure and gaining possession back. It wasn't long before a couple of mistakes lead to their RW sliding the ball home into the bottom left-hand corner (1-1). Devizes upped their game and began to get a foothold back into the match. Callum M and Max R were making some great late runs creating chances. Theo D was moved back into midfield, alongside Elliot S and Ollie C who were now winning the ball back. Ollie C unleashed a rocket from 25 yards, sailing past the GK into the bottom right corner (2-1). Game changers Kingston C and Eddie B came on to see the game out. Kingston C getting in some great positions towards the final few minutes. A close match, solid team performance and victory crowning Devizes School as the U16 League Champions (again). 4 trophies in 2 seasons - thoroughly deserved. Well done gentlemen.

Team: Harry C / Callum M / Max R / Evan Y (C) / Jacob C / Noah H / Ollie C (x1) / Elliot S / Bobbie C / Reece H / Theo D / Eddie B / Kingston C / Josh G (x1) / Rhys H and injured Lewis S.

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U16 Girls Champions



The girls have played some tough oppositions this season, drawing in a highly competitive match and then ran out winners with a strong performance in their second match. Unfortunately, for circumstances outside of our control a couple of fixtures have been cancelled due to other teams being unable to field a team. Regrettably, this also happened in the final (the reputation of their unbeaten status must have been spread). The squad has remained consistent throughout the season and have organised themselves incredibly well by always being available when called upon which highlights the importance of commitment, teamwork and desire to represent because it leads to trophies and medals.

Congratulations to all for being the County Champions.

Team: Primrose H / Lily C-W / Iris V / Nicola J / Jorja O / Freya H / Georgia M / Elena F / Autumn F / Layla G / Bonnie H / Natalie H / Isla M / Holly T / Ella W

Dress for Victory

On Thursday 8th May we are inviting all students to come to school wearing red, white and blue to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day) and raise money to support veterans in need.





Athletics Term 5

Calling all athletes who would like to take part in events this term, please attend training on a Wednesday afterschool and talk to your PE teacher.

This is a short term and we have the following events to prepare for:

Monday 12th May (reserve date Friday 16th May) 4.3-7pm at Dauntsey Year 8 & 9 athletes taking part in 4 events. This is an entry level competition, no expectation to be an expert at all for of the events, hurdles (will be set at beginner level.) shotput, long jump and 100m.

Wednesday 14th May Kennet area trials at Dauntsey School, year 7,8,9 &10. All activities available to trial in. Long jump, high jump, shot put, javelin, discus (not year 7), all track distances. Year 8-10 can be selected for the second round at Swindon Saturday 14th June if you complete your event to the area standard, please see your PE teacher to find out more.

Year 7 Super 8's competition at Dauntsey School dates to follow. 8 girls and 8 boys will be selected to represent team Devizes, they have to be able to complete in 2 areas one on the track and one in the field. Field events are High jump, javelin, shot put and long jump. All areas have to be covered and as a team, its about winning points for their efforts. Successful teams go through to the second round later in term 6.

Uniform donation

Mrs Macphee, our Family Liaison Officer, is asking for uniform donations. If you have any items of uniform that are too small or unwanted please consider donating to the school. Any items can be left at reception for Mrs Macphee's attention.

We are also requesting that any loaned items are returned.

SEND survey for parent/ carers of primary aged children

Wiltshire council have requested that we share the link below. This survey of for any parents/carers who have **primary aged children with SEND needs only**.

The Council would like to consult with parents to gather information on types of support a volunteer could offer that would be most valuable to families with children with SEND.

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/s/VolunteerSupport>

Dates for the diary

8th May – Dress for Victory see attached flyer

8th May- Year 7 online parents evening – Booking open

13th May – Year 9 vaccination catch up session

22nd May – Year 10 online parents evening