

Devizes Dispatch



Mr. Cave's weekly message:



Having spent the day at our Central Offices meeting with other Headteachers across the White Horse Federation on Wednesday, it was great to drive back in time to cheer on our Year 10 and 11 football teams in their Mid Wilts finals against Abbeyfield & Corsham respectively. Sadly for Year 10 they came out the wrong side of a 2-1 score line in a hard fought game, but our Year 11s successfully retained their trophy with a convincing 5-1 victory. Through both games, what struck me most was the conduct

of our boys. We've worked hard to teach our students about genuine mutual respect and being 'WWF' in how we interact with others. In their encouragement to each other, respect to the referee and conduct towards their opponents- especially in both victory and defeat- they demonstrated that what might be NFD is more extraordinary than what many other schools experience.

The Year 11s go on to defend their Wiltshire title after the Easter break and have another cup competition to progress through next term too- they've been an exceptionally successful team and we hope they end the year with some further silverware to celebrate!

Coronation Orchard Opening Ceremony

This week we welcomed Mayor Ian Hopkins and Rev Brindle to join Mr Cooper in the final planting and unveiling of the commemoration plaque, working with some of our 'regrow' students and Ms Rogers, who has led on the project.



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Year 11 Trophy Triumph

Wednesday afternoon saw us travel to Beversbrook to face Corsham in the U16s Mid Wiltshire Finals. A team we recently drew 1-1 with in the league. The boys were focused and ready to get this final underway, hoping for a victory. Josh G charged in and was ever so late challenging the goalkeeper, rattling the Corsham team and they were facing pressure early on. With Theo D and Josh G switching positions, it created confusion and uncertainty - a perfectly weighted through ball allowing Josh G to latched onto, neatly tucked home (1-0).

The midfield were winning their battles with Bobbie C and

Reece H frustrating their opponents. Evan Y and Jacob C were dominating the arial battle and Callum M decided to try and clear the ball on the volley into his own arm in the box (got away with that one). Noah H solid and fast throughout stopping any glimmers of hope Corsham had down the wing. An attack down the left-hand side saw Rhys H glide into the box and calmly finished under the goalkeeper (2-0). Corsham attacking saw a push in the back and an arm therefore swinging towards the ball - handball - penalty. Harry C tried his best, but the ST scored the resulting penalty in the bottom right (2-1).

A short break at half time, a reset team talk and the tactical decision to now attack downhill saw us quickly restore our two-goal lead with a cross swung in from the right and a Corsham defender under pressure heading into his own net (3-1). Lewis S swung a corner in which Theo D leapt like a salmon on the back post to nod past the GK (4-1). Theo D bravely chased a long ball that was bouncing towards the GK who came rushing out to clear, Theo D got his head to it and knocked it into the empty net - whist being taken out by the GK in the process (5-1). A tactical formation change saw Kingston C and Eddie B acting as two hold up strikers, causing chaos to see the game out for the victory. Congratulations on winning the trophy! Still in the hunt for the treble!

Squad: Harry C / Callum M / Evan Y (M.o.M)(C) / Jacob C / Noah H / Rhys H (x1) / Reece H / Bobbie C / Josh G (x1) / Lewis S / Theo D (x2) / Eddie B / Kingston C / Monty M (Media)

County Plate Semi Final: TBC (WB - 31st March)

Wiltshire Final: Wednesday 30th April 3.30pm

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New Age Kurling

We hosted the finals of the Mid Wiltshire New Age Kurling competition this week. There were 16 teams competing with 8 games being played at once! All the games were closely fought and every team came away with at least one win. Our year 9 sports leaders were exceptional and the staff and teachers from other schools all commented on their professionalism and WWF attitude. Primrose was given a special award for motivating and encouraging all the players, so a big well done to her!



Netball

The year 11's played the year 10's in a heavily contested netball match this week. It was always going to be a close game and tensions were high!!! Year 10's were behind for most of the game, but came back in the last quarter to win by one goal!!! POM's go to Belle (year 10) and Gloria (Year 11). Thank you to Mr Richardson, Miss Beck and Mr Lamb for their support and a big thank you to Elsie in Year 12 for umpiring. Good fun (and cakes) had by all!



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Year 9 Cake Decorating

Our year 9 students have been busy decorating cakes, and they all looked amazing, almost too good to eat.

Easter Egg Donation

We are looking at making an Easter Egg donation, we are asking each tutor group to donate an Easter egg, these will be collected on the last day of term and donated to a local Nursing Home. More details will be passed to the students this coming week in tutor time.

School transport

Wiltshire council have advised that students from Great Cheverell who use the 87A Faresaver Westbury to Devizes bus, will need to use the Pear Tree corner junction bus stop between 31st March – 2nd April.

Last day of term

Devizes school will close at 12.40pm on Friday 4th April. If your child normally travels home from school via a bus, please ensure alternative travel arrangements are in place as no busses will run from school at this earlier finish time.

Lost Property

On Thursday 3rd April, lost property will be available for students in R2 during morning and lunch Break. From 8am-4pm parents are welcome to attend to check for any lost items.

Please could we request that before term 5 begins, school clothing is labelled, as all clearly names items we will return to students.

Dates for the Diary

4th April – Last day of term – School closes 12.40pm

22nd April – 1st Day of term 5

8th May – Year 7 Online parents evening

13th May – Year 9 Vaccinations

22nd May – Year 10 Online parents evening