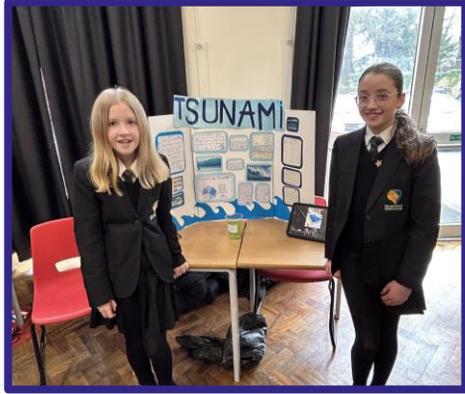


Devizes Dispatch



Mr. Cave's weekly message:

Science-the study of the 'how' and the realm of "what if"- these ideas have been found in abundance here at school this week, as we held our annual Science Fair on Thursday. Organised by Mr Holdroyd, students from across the year groups have submitted their projects exploring a range of possibilities, including looking at how sound travels, the deformation of the human eye, why we react to scary movies, the best anti-bacterial substances, water safaris and much, much more.

Throughout the day all students and staff were given the opportunity to view these projects before placing their vote for the best piece of scientific work. We also had visits from local primary schools who get involved in their own experiments today too! It's always brilliant to celebrate student curiosity and invention, and to see such creative ideas and suggestions of how some of life's problems may be solved was inspiring-congratulations to all involved!

Our Year 10 Battlefields Trip also left Thursday- we wish them well across the sea and look forward to hearing more about their adventures next week, along with looking forward to House Assemblies and Year 9 Options Evening next Thursday

Help us improve the Arbor Parent App!

We want to make sure the Parent App is as helpful as possible for you and your family. To do that, the team at Arbor would love to hear your thoughts.

How you can help Arbor is looking for parents to join a small feedback group. From time to time, they'll reach out with a chance to:

- Test out new ideas before they're released
- Join a quick 30-60 minute online feedback session
- Share your experience of using the app

There's no pressure to join every session - you can just jump in whenever you have a spare moment to help make school life a little bit easier for every parent.

Sound interesting? You can sign up to hear more about the feedback sessions here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfa96HMXK1N7eq3CGC4Gt-6vYPqeTOe4jTj95S7aMDvMTgUzA/viewform>

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Free School Meals

We would like to make you aware of the 'Free School Meals' scheme which operates at Devizes School

Students whose parents/guardians are in receipt of particular support payments and meet certain criteria may be eligible to receive free school meals as well as funding towards additional support and opportunities in school. Please take the time to read this letter; it could really enhance the opportunities and support we offer your child.

Your child could be entitled to:

- Free school meals each day
- Reduced costs for educational visits
- Free revision books in English maths and science when in Y10/11 and reduced cost for all other revision guides
- Where appropriate additional academic intervention in GCSE subjects
- Where appropriate additional academic or pastoral mentoring

Whilst most families who are eligible do claim free school meals and benefit from the support outlined, we are aware that not all families do.

If your family meet the following criteria and do not currently claim free school meals please contact us so we can discuss how you can start claiming.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you feel your son/daughter may be eligible for free school meals please contact Miss R Neale using the email office@devizes.wilts.sch.uk

Alternatively applications can be made directly to Wiltshire council
<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals>

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SEND Football Tournament



What an incredible day at the SEND Football Tournament at Green Lane as part of the School Games calendar!

Our KS5 Sports students stepped up brilliantly to officiate the KS3 and KS4 matches, showing fantastic professionalism, confidence and leadership throughout the day. They also supported and officiated a KS2 team, whose teachers were thrilled with their efforts.

Our sports leaders communicated clearly with players using hand signals and the whistle, ensuring every decision was understood and that the games ran smoothly and fairly. Their confidence and clarity helped create a positive and inclusive environment for all participants.

The atmosphere was truly inclusive and supportive, creating amazing experiences for so many SEND students. The KS4 final was especially dramatic – a hotly contested match featuring a penalty decision and a disallowed goal before RWBA eventually triumphed in a tense penalty shootout!

It was also fantastic to receive feedback from members of staff from other schools, with one writing to say:

“Please extend my thanks again to you and your students for their contribution on Wednesday. The students were absolutely superb and a real credit to the school. I hope they enjoyed the experience and felt proud of the role they played in creating such great experiences for so many SEND students.”

We couldn't be prouder of our students – they represented the school with maturity, confidence and respect, and played a huge role in making the tournament such a success.

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Easter Fayre

Devizes School will be holding an Easter Fayre on Friday 20th March 4pm – 7pm.

There will be a variety of stalls including, crafts, Bake with Lil, Plot 35, Face paint by Beth Neale, Tombola and many more.



Book Fair

Devizes school will be hosting a travelling bookfair. This will be located in the Library during lunch times on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March.

The Book Stall will also be at the Easter Fair on Friday 20th March in the Main Hall after school.

Ways to Pay:

Using online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting Devizes School from the drop down menu.

Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.

If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List – forms in the LRC

Dates for the diary

- 17th March - Year 8 HPV vaccinations
- 19th March- Year 9 Options Evening
- 20th March- Non school uniform day
- 20th March- Easter Fayre- Main hall 4pm-7pm
- 27th March- Last day of term
- 13th April- 1st day term 5
- 16th April- Year 11 / Year 13 School Leavers Photos
- 16th April- Year 8 Online Parents Evening
- 30th April- Year 10 Online Parents Evening