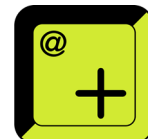


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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

School celebrates a highly successful Ofsted inspection:

I am sure parents, students, staff and governors will be delighted to read our 2014 Ofsted report. In a climate of higher expectations, and with the bar raising year by year, it has become increasingly challenging to secure a grading of Good. I am delighted to confirm we have achieved this yet again, the fourth consecutive inspection in which our grading has held up. It means - officially - the school has been a good school, continuously, for more than a decade. A copy of the report can be found at the back of the newsletter, and there will be a link to it on our website. In summary, the inspection team found that:

This is a good school

- ◇ *Students achieve well. They make good progress in almost all subjects including mathematics and especially English and literacy.*
- ◇ *Teaching is mostly good and sometimes outstanding.*
- ◇ *Students behave well because expectations of them are clear and they receive good care and support.*
- ◇ *Students feel very safe and the school's promotion of spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is highly effective.*
- ◇ *This school is a harmonious community with strong relationships between students and staff.*
- ◇ *The headteacher and senior leaders provide very effective leadership that has contributed substantially to improvements. They have a clear plan for success and the sense of purpose is shared across the school.*

Press Release for Amesbury First Consultation – January 2014

The Amesbury Shadow Community Operations Board (Shadow COB) are consulting with local residents on the proposal for a campus in the Amesbury Community Area.

Lots of different communities live in the Amesbury Community Area and the Shadow COB wants to gather everyone's views on what they want and need from a campus for the Amesbury area.

The idea behind a campus is to bring together a number of services and facilities together into one building or a series of building. This means that people can access services from the council community services and partners including the police. These campuses could be new buildings or greatly-improved and developed existing buildings. The aim is to make maximum and efficient use of the council's buildings – both new and existing – and create campuses that deliver more for local communities.

Community campuses will be developed through input from local people ensuring each campus is as individual as the community it serves. This consultation is an essential part of the process to ensure the services included in a campus are what people across the whole community feel are needed now and for future generations.

Paper copies of the survey are available through the libraries, in local community shops, at town and parish council offices. They are also being sent to homes through the Stonehenge Trader. Members of the Shadow COB will be attending local meetings and events in order to talk about the consultation and speak to local people directly.

The consultation questionnaire is also available online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/amesburycommunitycampus

For more details please contact campusconsultation@wiltshire.gov.uk

The consultation period will run from January to March. This is only the first step in a long process, but it is a very important one because it will start to shape what the campus will offer.

There will be a further round of consultation later in the year. The proposal will then go to Wiltshire Council's cabinet for approval.

Note to editors

The Amesbury Shadow Community Operations Board (Shadow COB) are a group of local people who have been brought together by local Councillors as a Shadow Community Operations Board (Shadow COB) to develop proposals for a campus for the Amesbury area.

This is part of a Wiltshire Council programme for all community areas. Melksham, Salisbury and Corsham are in the first phase with Corsham campus due to open this year.

Bringing our community together

Amesbury Community Campus

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You can scan this code with your smartphone for the online consultation survey



Stonehenge actors make the grade again!



Another 22 of our students were successful in achieving Graded Acting Awards from The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts. These ranged from Grade 4 to the highest possible Grade 8 Gold Medals.

In October and December, students performed contrasting scenes (three for Gold and two for other grades) and answered questions in these, the most valued and respected of performance examinations.

This year we also launched the Reading for Performance Awards and our own Librarian, Mrs Gane set the standard with a top Grade 8 for her performance of three of Kipling's writings. Gold Acting medals (with merits) were awarded to Robben Sherburne, Hollie Sherburne, Nathan Carter, Euan Mauchline, Fraser Adams, Montana Birks and Lauren Peachment also bagged a Gold. All presented both challenging and dynamic pieces, ranging from Robben's highly moving 'Oedipus The King' to Nathan's Rimmer from 'Red Dwarf'. Holly Sherburne also demonstrated her truly amazing range and knowledge with her roles. Fraser Adams once again teamed up with Euan Mauchline with their sinister and tense duologue from 'Sleuth', highly entertaining. Lauren Peachment's 'Crazy' monologue brought a lump to the throat and Montana Birks, yet again showed her sheer depth and versatility.

Bronze Medals went to Alice Zowah, Lauren Kenny and Leah Yates (merit). All three exploring the full depth of emotional states.

Grade 5 certificates are the highest pre-Medal awards. Laura Evans, Millie Howden and Grace Meadow earned merits for their excellent performances. Darcy Baker Watts, Tom Brown, Megan Ingram, Roane Manning and Lucy Hackett impressed with their well crafted acting.

Amazingly (and equally impressively), Kaitlyn Bullard and Phoebe Taylor (merit), only three months into Year 7, have been awarded Grade 4 certificates. This really says a lot about the standards these students set for themselves.

Last year, famous actor Benedict Cumberbatch, in response to my request, wrote a letter of encouragement and advice to our LAMDA students here at The Stonehenge School. His ideas and recommendations have been enormously helpful to us in our preparations for the fantastically enjoyable challenges that LAMDA awards bring. We thank him and invite you to join in.

Mr Jamieson
Head of Drama

Accelerated Reader Student App

Now Available for the iPh-

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Download it for free from the App Store™ or iTunes®.

Take Reading Practice Quizzes on your device (RP ID: SS 81 IK)



View a personalised bookshelf displaying all the books on which you have quizzed. By tapping on a book cover, you will see your score details including percent correct, quiz type and date

YEAR 7 NEWS

I would like to thank you all for your support in the first two terms, particularly with regards to attendance. We have set ourselves a target of 95% in Year 7. The national average is 94%. At the time of writing we are currently achieving 96%. When you consider all the bugs that are flying around then this shows that the vitamin supplements are bearing fruit. Or rather, the parents are doing a great job in installing the importance of attending school. Research has shown what a big impact good attendance has on academic achievement.

We will shortly be announcing our anti-bullying monitors for Year 7. This is a pilot scheme aimed at increasing the routes that the children can use to report bullying issues. Alongside the anti-bullying box, which was installed in November, we will also shortly be adding a reporting form on the school's intranet and I am investigating the establishment of a texting service. Again I thank you for your support on our anti-bullying policies. It is so important to hear about any incident, however minor it may seem.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Ellen Stoke and Taylor Alman for their contributions in local theatrical performances. It is really pleasing to see our youngsters involved in the local community.

Mr Edmunds
Progress Leader Year 7
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YEAR 9 NEWS



Since January the focus for year 9 has been all about their option choices.

Pupils filled in their initial interest choice and from this we were able to produce option blocks that would give pupils as much choice as possible. This was then sent home along with an 'Options booklet' that contained information about all the subjects available.

This week pupils have had an assembly everyday where subject leaders presented information and took questions about their subject. Along with

this, pupils have had appointments with their tutor to discuss their options and any concerns they might have.

The process concluded with an 'options evening' where parents were able to speak with subject leaders and get to grips with what their child will be doing over the next two years.

Final choice option form needs to be completed and in handed in by 6th March

'Special Badge' winners this term:

Abi Dix, Rachel Tuck, Katie Johnstone, Ethan McFarlane, Jamie Hinton-hurst, Jordan Padley, Leah Yates, Harry Huxter, Sam Hall, Alex Fulford, Fraser Adams, James Falconer, Lee Hales, Celina Miller, Martine Spooner



Working well this term and in the top 10 behaviour league table:

Rachel Moody, Amy Mowle, Josh Sommerton, Bethan Ellis, Thomas Mearns, Celina Miller, Abigail Wyles, Rosie Parrett, Courtney Martin McKellar, Liam Pardoe.

Year 9 Activity Day

On Friday 24th January year 9 took part in a PSHE activity day. The day was based around many different PSHE topics: drugs, internet safety, anti-social behaviour, money issues and knife crime.

Year 9 started the day altogether with a quiz and were issued with a respect 'booklet' that had lots of information on the topics covered. Pupils then had a 30min carousel of activities where they explored information in various different ways; posters, newspaper articles, poems. The day finished with pupils working in their tutor groups evaluating the information gained throughout the day and preparing a presentation for assembly.

Year 9 were focused throughout the day and gave some great presentations.

The winners of the quiz: Shelby Church, D'Arcy Baker-Watts, Natalie Bull and Jake Kavanagh.

Miss Reeves



YEAR 10 NEWS

It was good to see so many parents at the recent parents evening, and the evening stood out as being particularly positive. This is largely due to the excellent progress Year 10 are continuing to make in their GCSE studies. Indeed the latest tracking data indicates that we could be on track for a record breaking year. Keep up the good work Year 10! It's been a few months since I've asked teacher's which students have particularly impressed with their attitude to learning, so I have asked teachers to nominate their star students . Once the names are in, I will send postcards home letting you know of your son/daughter's efforts.

Work Experience

The recent collapsed day gave students an opportunity to work on their preparation for working life folders and the portfolios I got to see were certainly impressive. The range of work experience placements Year 10 have organised have also been excellent and the students have clearly put thought into the process.

Enjoy the half term break.

Wishing everyone a restful half term and just try not to revise too hard over the break.

Mrs F Staker

Year 10 Progress Leader

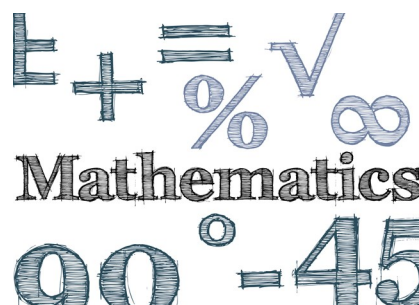
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Year 10 Maths Exam

There will be an important Maths exam for all Year 10 students on Tuesday 4th March. Students will be bring home revision materials over the half term and should be using these, along with MathsWatch and MyMaths to help them. Please contact the maths department at the school if we can help further.

Mr Cornelius

Head of Maths



YEAR 11 NEWS

After a nice Christmas break it was pleasing to see everyone back at school. The first week back saw the English results and congratulations to those of you who achieved your target grade. I know that some of you were disappointed with your result but you have had the opportunity to discuss this with your English teacher and plan your next course of action. Hopefully you will achieve the grade that you want in the summer exams.

Year 11 will be having another Maths mock exam. This will take place on the 10th and 12th February. As you may have read in the national press there has been some concern that the grade boundaries have been moved. We therefore need to complete another mock so that we can confirm our predictions of anticipated grades with the most recent national boundaries and make sure that everyone is entered for the correct tier.

The prefect team have been working on their first aid skills in a course after school on Wednesdays. This requires them to undergo 4 hours of training on a variety of first aid techniques. Well done to the first group who have completed the course and received their certificates.

Mr J Briggs
Year 11 Progress Leader
briggsj@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk



Exam Invigilators

PART TIME VACANCIES

APT&C Scale B point 9, £7.11 per hour

To work varied hours during the school day, mainly during GCSE exam periods but also covering internal and modular exams throughout the year. Must be available to work from 8.30 am to cover morning exams.

You will be working as part of a supportive team. Previous experience is not essential, but the work has to be carried out within clearly defined procedures and rules which will be explained fully.

For further details, please go to the website at -<http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/careers>

Applications to be returned to Mrs D Harker, Headteacher's P.A. at The Stonehenge School, Antrobus Road, Amesbury, Wilts SP4 7ND. Tel: 01980 623407, Fax: 01980 625547 or e-mail:

admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Closing date noon on Friday 21st February

Interested in hiring a locker?

Lockers are available in both upper and lower school

£6.00 per school year (paid in advance)

+ a £5.00 refundable deposit (on return of key)

Please register your interest by requesting a letter from the school office or logging into ParentPay to make payment.



Year 8 Monsters!

Year 8 have been especially monstrous in Textiles! For their extended homework project Year 8 students are asked to design and make their own monster. These can be made using recycled fabrics with features added using buttons or stitching. Year 8 certainly rose to the challenge before Christmas with these crazy characters! Well done to Morgan Ringwood producing not one but two excellent creatures! I would like to thank parents for their help and support in this fun homework task that encourages creativity, independent learning and improved motor skills.

Mrs Hillier



YEAR 8 BIRDWATCH

Despite the cold weather members of Miss Ellis' Year 8 science set went to the allotment to take part in the RSPB's Really Big Schools bird watch on the 21st January. The idea is to spend an hour tallying up the birds that visit the school so that the RSPB can get a better idea of the populations of our native birds.

The pupils were very enthusiastic and set about counting the birds. In total we saw 627 birds covering 18 different species. The results will be sent to the RSPB online and the group will receive a certificate for taking part .

There is still time for everyone to take part by logging onto the RSPB website where you will find further information—

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch>



Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust are getting a new helicopter. Thanks for your support!

From December this year, 2014, the helicopter everyone will see in the sky is the Bell 429. It's faster, it's bigger and the Charity are confident it will be providing Wiltshire with one of the best emergency aircraft available in the world. It's one of the world's newest and most advanced light twin-engine helicopter in service, equipped with the latest in flight technology. Prior to delivery the aircraft will be fitted out with the most recent Aerolite equipment to meet the highest helicopter emergency medical service (HEMS) specification.

The Wiltshire helicopter will be the first Bell 429 to operate as an air ambulance in the UK. It has a top speed of 150 knots and a range of 400 miles making rapid response to any incident within the county achievable within minutes.

'With the loss of our collaboration with the police we will need to fund the full cost of providing the air ambulance alone. However I can say with confidence that thanks to the passionate support the charity receives from so many people in Wiltshire, the necessary funds, about £2.5m annually, will be found'

Our school proudly supports the trust and thanks to different fund raising events has already raised a large amount for the charity. If you want to support the charity further you can make a donation to the school or visit their website <http://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk>

You never know when you may need their services. Hopefully you will never need to, but it's nice to know they are there!

Mr Hershbein



VIRTUAL BABIES

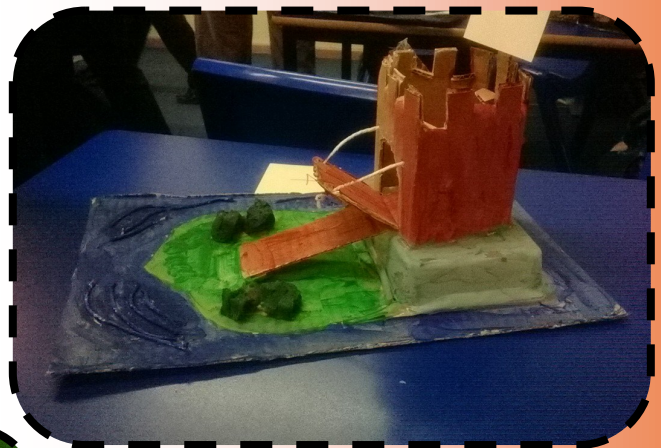
On Wednesday 22nd January the Reverend Jo Naish came into Mrs Iselin's year 10 BTEC Health and Social Care class. The Reverend is part of a team from the Mother's Union group in the area. She came to launch a project the group have started this term as part of their course. The course is about the care that is needed when planning to have a baby, through pregnancy and then the care a baby needs when it is new born.

Each of the students will have the opportunity to have a virtual baby to look after for a weekend. A virtual baby is a computerised doll that is programmed to react just as a baby might and the students have to respond to their baby's needs. They become active at 5pm on the Friday evening and then finish on the Monday morning. The students' responses are recorded and they get feedback in the week about how well they did as a parent.

As well as looking at the care side of women and babies the aim of the project is also to make the pupils aware how demanding a baby can be and appreciate how parents have to be patient.

Mrs Iselin.





Year 7 designed these fantastic castles as part of a project, some of them were even edible! Well done to Ollie Goulty, Layla Heighway and Courtney Grange who produced these excellent castles.

Do you want to help this school continue to improve for the benefit of all its pupils?

BECOME INVOLVED as a member of our GOVERNING BODY

We currently have parent governor vacancies.

Our governors work together to:

- ✓ work strategically to help raise standards
- ✓ monitor and evaluate progress toward the school priorities and targets
- ✓ support the head and staff as well as challenging the expectation
- ✓ accounting to all stakeholders for the school's overall performance and for the decisions they have made



Our governing body is responsible for planning the school's future direction and makes decisions on the school's budget and staffing. It meets at least once a term. Small groups of governors meet more often to discuss particular aspects of the school.

We are committed to supporting new governors who join us.

As a new governor you will:

- ✓ be supported by an experienced fellow governor
- ✓ receive induction training at no cost to yourself
- ✓ have your contribution valued

Please contact the clerk to our governing body for more information:

Mrs Elizabeth England, lizengland@hotmail.co.uk telephone 01722 503901



Rewards for good work and effort



All students who were in the top 75 students in their year group for commendations last term have received their prizes in year group assemblies. Prizes included pens, coffee mugs, torches, beanie hats, water bottles and free lunches. It is our way of saying to students, 'let's concentrate on positives and reward you with something useful for being a hardworking student'.

This term all students commendation scores returned to 0 and we begin the whole process again, expecting more and new students to be collecting prizes before the Easter holidays.



Mr Langley

Senior Teacher, Head of Enterprise and School Council



Mrs Hillier and Charlotte Rowe (Ex Head girl) with the new felting machine that Charlotte's mum donated to the school.

Attendance Reminder - Please notify the school immediately if your child is absent from school via the absence line on 01980 676650 or email admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Medical appointments should be made out of school hours where possible. In the case that an urgent appointment has to be attended, the appointment letter/card needs to be handed into the school office to enable the absence to be authorised.

Miss Wrighton

Attendance Officer

Bits and Pieces ...



Raise funds for your school!

Mobile phone collection – if you have any old mobile phones that you no longer require could you please bring them into school reception. We are raising funds through 'forgotten mobile.com'

Uniform Labels – Visit www.SimpleStuck.com For all your labelling needs and the school receives a donation for each order.

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don't lose it ... label it!

If you would like any further information on any of the above, please contact Claire Busby on 01980 676655 busbyc@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

New benches

New benches have been purchased at the request of the School Council reps. Funding has been raised through lottery funding and the bag2school collection completed at the end of November.



Advance Notice – Our next Bag2school collection is due on Monday 3rd March. Please start saving any unwanted clothing, shoes, bags etc for this so we can raise money to purchase more benches throughout the school grounds.

December Draw

1st – Mrs C Brown £16.80

2nd – Mrs N Browning £8.40

3rd – Mrs Ardani £2.80

100
CLUB

If you would like to join please visit our website –

<http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/news/100-club>

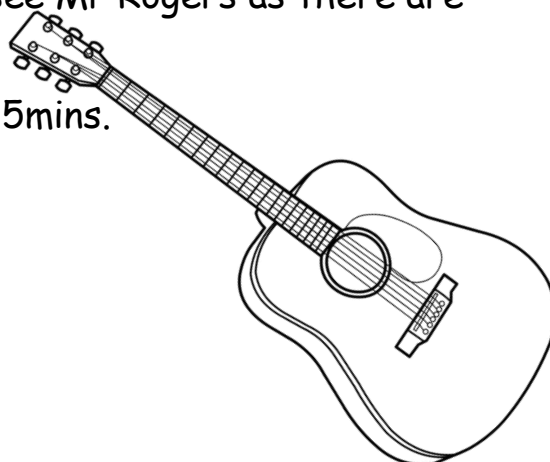
GUITAR LESSONS

If you are interested in Guitar tuition please see Mr Rogers as there are places available.



£10 for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour or £6 for 15mins.

Mr Rogers



BOYS FOOTBALL FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2013/2014



	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
AVON VALLEY COLLEGE	07/03/14 (Home)	27/01/14 (Away) Won 2-3	03/03/12 (Home)	TBC
JOHN HANSON SCHOOL	26/11/13 (Home) Lost 0-5	25/02/14 (Home) TBC	TBC	05/02/14 (Away) Won 2-4
WELLINGTON ACADEMY	13/02/14 (Home)	16/01/14 (Away) Won 4-2	12/02/14 (Away)	15/01/14 (Away) Won 3-4
PEWSEY VALE	27/02/14 (Home) TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

TBC = To be confirmed.

Year 11

Salisbury Cup – Sarum Academy v Stonehenge 06/03/14

LEAGUE RULES

Years 7-10: Teams who finish first or second in their group progress into the knockout stages.

Year 11: Enter knock out tournaments only. So if they win, the team progress if they lose the team is out.



Stonehenge start the NEW YEAR with a great result.



By George Worley, Jack Rayfield & Josh Allen

Team line up

Cian Quayle

Owen Newman

Stefan Ingram

Kieran Neville

Jack Rayfield

Jacob Berry

Brandon Kruger

Josh Allen

George Worley

Sam Gilbert

Finlay Lloyd-Gilmour

Ryan Sartain

Scott England

Keanan Downie

Max Wrixon

Stonehenge 4 Wellington 2

On the 16th January Mr Hershbein took the year 8 football team to face Wellington, the first half began with Wellington scoring around 7 minutes into the game. Stonehenge replied quickly with Brandon hammering the ball into the bottom of the net 10 minutes after. Wellington then broke away and got a lucky penalty with a player being tripped in the box. After a great save by goalkeeper Cian Quayle on his debut, they followed up the rebound and scored to make it 2-1 to Wellington.

Stonehenge then took control of the game creating some good chances. Sam Gilbert saw a drive fantastically tipped over the bar by the keeper, and George Worley saw two goals chalked off as he was judged to be offside.

Half time came at the wrong time for us. It gave Wellington the chance to get their shape back, and just after the break they took control of the game and only some last ditch defending by stand in centre back Stefan Ingram and substitute Keanan Downie stopped them extending the lead.

With 15 minutes to go Stonehenge changed to a more attacking shape with Finlay Lloyd Gilmour moving up the pitch. This had an effect as we were soon on level terms when Brandon finished off a superb move to make it 2-2. Stonehenge then scored 2 more goals in the last 4 minutes with Sam Gilbert heading home and then Finlay Lloyd-Gilmour scoring with the last kick of the game.

Well done boys on a great spirited performance!



Year 10 win to take them top of the table



By: Jay MacDestroyer

Team line up

Tom Roberts

Callum Presswell

Jake Holstead

Charlie Rayfield

Kieran Edginton

Jay Macgregor

Jordan Mathews

Tom Ellis

Calum Newam

Elliott Smith

Theo Card

Thomas Price

Josh Sommerton

Nico Ardani

Stonehenge 4 John Hanson 2

On the 5th February MR Hershbein and Mr Protheroe took the year 10 football team to face John Hanson, the first half began with John Hanson scoring around 7 minutes into the game. Stonehenge replied quickly with Jay MacGregor blasting the ball into the bottom of the net 10 minutes after. Soon followed two amazing goals from Theo Card and the magnificent Charlie Rayfield!

John Hanson suddenly retaliated with a cheap goal, conceded from a well hit free kick.

Our lads drove on in the difficult stormy conditions, and deservedly got a fourth goal. The impressive substitute Josh Sommerton followed up a low driven free kick by Charlie Rayfield to control his shot past the stranded goalkeeper.

The match ended in controversy as the referee appeared to give a penalty against our goalkeeper Tom Roberts, however this incident occurred after the flag was raised for offside against their player. With tempers fraying the referee called the match to an end for a well fought win for Stonehenge.

This was a big improvement on the same fixture last year when they were on the end of a 9-2 defeat.

Well done lads!

X-country

County Trials and Southwest Championships

Stonehenge students who ran at the county trials representing Salisbury

Jess Hall (34th)
Claudia Downie (20th)
Finley Lloyd-Gilmour (9th)
Tyler Faircloth (12th)
Asa Wilman (DNF)

Asa shows fighting spirit

Asa Wilman was running well for the inter boys team, negotiating his way through the wet conditions and various puddles, when suddenly he collapsed.

The first I knew of it was the sight of him on the back of a quad bike, looking very groggy.

He was taken into the first aid room, and took some time to come round. However luckily his mother was watching and showed a calmness that a child needs in these situations.

Asa had a check-up at hospital but was back in school on the Monday.

I would also like to personally thank Mrs Wilman for her help on the day.

County trials at Grittleton House, Chippenham

On Saturday 1st February the county trials finally took place after the original date was postponed due to flooding.

Parts of the course were still under water which made for a gruelling race. Our runners did their best and there were good finishes for Jess Hall (34th), Claudia Downie (20th), Tyler Faircloth (12th) and a very impressive 9th for Finley Lloyd Gilmour.

To get called up to the Wiltshire squad for the Southwest Championships you had to finish in the top 10. So Tyler was named as a reserve. Finley was called up a year early to represent the Junior Boys a very impressive feat, following in the footsteps of our last representative at the nationals Gio Downie.



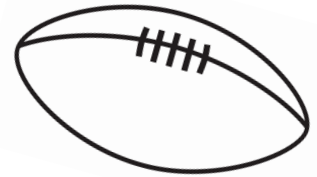
On Saturday 8th February a week later, Finley wore the Wiltshire vest with pride and ran in a very hard fought race. He finished in 38th place but more importantly he was the 7th Wiltshire runner home meaning he should now get a call up again to run in the national championships on 15th March at Donnington Park, Leicestershire.

Good luck to Finley if he gets through to the Nationals!

Mr Hershbein

YEAR 7 RUGBY

The Years 7's played the return match vs John Hanson yesterday. It was played in extreme conditions with all players and both coaches getting extremely soaked and frozen. After finding out that we would have gale force winds and torrential rain throughout the afternoon every Year 7 boy assumed the game would be off. Football was called off after all. So why not the rugby? I simply smiled with glee at every query "Is it off sir?", "we surely can't play in this sir". We are rugby players I said, we play despite the conditions, besides this is "rugby weather". When the words "rugby weather" are uttered every true rugby player can't help themselves from smiling and getting excited for the forthcoming game.



So it was, in horrendous conditions, the mighty 18 from Stonehenge School stepped onto the pitch to face the fearsome foe which was John Hanson. Our tactic was to use the conditions to our advantage and adopt a more swimming style of running allowing for quicker movement. Unfortunately this tactic was utter pants and the John Hanson squad had decided to run "normally"; this put us at a disadvantage.

It wasn't a good start to the match, John Hanson ran in 3 quick tries in the first 10 minutes of the match. All the boys were complaining of cold hands and a few of them were slightly disorientated by the extreme winds. Ryan Magill who was the winger for the first half was almost blown away by the extreme winds, like something from a scene from twister. John Hanson had the slope, the momentum and were using the ball well. The Stonehenge boys managed to stop the flow of tries and were putting pressure on the John Hanson try line. The final 10 minutes of the first half was all Stonehenge with Daniel McCarthy producing some outstanding tackles and Dean Smith was being used as a battering ram effectively. The whistle blew for half time and Stonehenge were 15-0 down. But we now had the slope, and the wind.

Start of the second half and our boys were complaining about the cold and completely forgot how to tackle. Allowing another 4 try's in. A lot of the boys would tackle but forget to use their arms, not an effective technique. Last 10 minutes of the game was called and Stonehenge were starting to get some momentum. Drew Amos and Dylan Whitehead produced some cracking runs which rattled the opposition defence. Our boys had tasted crushing defeat before and they were not up for another big defeat today. Last 5 minutes was called and John Hanson had just scored another try. This was when it happened.

From the kick off by Max Randle, the ball took a vicious bounce and only one person from the Stonehenge team was committed enough to chance the bounce and chase the ball. The man of the moment and top try scorer of the season Korbyn McCarthy caught the ball off the bounce. He stepped 3 John Hanson players and ran half the length of the pitch to touch down. This was a fantastic individual try. 35-5. This woke something up inside the Stonehenge boys and they were raring to get more try's. After some brilliant runs reminiscent of a wrecking ball piercing a building, Dean S built the platform for the cheeky kick from Korbyn McCarthy. This resulted in a knock on from a John Hanson hand and our scrum, 5 meters from their line. The final play was called. From the base of the scrum, Max Randle dummied the pass left and parted the John Hanson backline. Parted like the red sea. This allowed him to simply walk in the try leaving Stonehenge to have the last say. 35-10.

After the final whistle blew, it was a job well done. 35-10 is a good score considering we lost 40-0 the last time we played John Hanson. We were beginning to dominate the match and the boys massively improved in the second half. It is defiantly the best game they have played so far this season. Continued exposure to rugby allows them to become better at the sport and improves their overall confidence in themselves. Excellent commitment was shown by all to turn up and play on such a horrendous day. The win will come and the gap in rugby

skills, which is evident in the last few score lines, are closing. Taylor Aldman was Man of the Match, Korbyn McCarthy got try of the match and Max Randle got cheekiest try of the match!

Mr D Marshall

Watch out for the next entertaining instalment from Mr Marshall—Editor

Book News



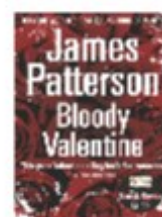
National Libraries Day

Celebrations were taking place in schools, universities and public libraries up and down the country during the week beginning 3rd March, culminating on the official National Libraries Day on Saturday 8th. In our school library we encouraged students to have fun in the library by taking part in a treasure hunt and making monster book corners...



Staff Book Club

As it's February, we chose to read the topical *Bloody Valentine* by James Patterson: Mega rich restaurant owner Jack Barnes and his second wife Zee are very much in love. However, their plans for Valentine's Day are about to be torn apart by the most violent murder. Who is the strange figure plotting this sick crime? Who hates Jack that much? There are plenty of suspects living in Jack's fancy block of flats. Is it them, or could it be the work of an outsider with a twisted mind? One thing's for sure, the police have got their work cut out solving this bloody mess.



The short chapters and fast pace made this quite readable, but the characters all seemed too simple and dull, and boy, were the gory bits gory!

Upcoming Events

On a more lighthearted Valentine's Day note, we will be holding our second 'speed-book-dating' event in the library on February 14th at lunchtime. There are a limited number of tickets left, so if you're on the lookout for your next perfect book match, come and join in!



After the half term break, a large number of the staff will be running a 5k Where's Wally race to fundraise for the National Literacy Trust. Keep an eye out after school on Friday 7th March... Something tells me that we won't be hard to spot!

Mrs Clark and Mrs Gane

Start collecting now!

