



The

DAUBENEY

Diary

Welcome Message

It seems like no time at all since we were writing the last 'Daubeney Diary', but already in this new school year several exciting events have taken place, some of which are outlined below.

The school always endeavours to make a variety of extra-curricular activities available to pupils and we are very pleased when large numbers take advantage of these opportunities to extend their learning (and have fun) beyond the classroom.

If your child is new to the school, or hasn't been involved in such activities in the past, we would be delighted if you would encourage them to 'widen their experience'.

Trust Status

The Kempston Education Trust has been looking for a partner from the world of business and is pleased to announce that the Sainsburys Supermarket chain has agreed to become a Trust partner. We look forward to exploring the opportunities that this link can offer the children of Kempston.

We feel sure that parents/carers will want to know the difference the Kempston Trust is making to Daubeney pupils. The following are just some of the recent developments which have resulted from our work with Trust partners:

- Some of our Year 8 pupils have been trained to be 'Buddy Readers' (helping some Year 5 pupils with their reading) by the Deputy Headteacher at The Grange
- Funding has been secured for the 'Accelerated Reading' project from which many of our pupils have benefited
- Our links with Bedford University (a Trust partner), have led to teacher training taking place at Daubeney. Some of our pupils have also been involved in the 'Aim Higher' project, encouraging pupils to consider becoming University students in the future
- Hastingsbury Upper school has offered us the opportunity to give some of our Year 8 pupils a series of Spanish taster sessions after half term.

Community Board



As previously reported we now have an external notice board on the wall outside the Drama Hall. As a school we are using it to advertise our activities.

However, if any community group wants to advertise their activity then we will be happy to put your poster up on the community board.

Please bring your posters into reception and advise staff that you would like it to go up on the board.

CoCentra Survey

Last summer term we sent out our annual survey to parents. We thought you would be interested in some of the results.

Of the 68 parent responses the results were as follows:

Overall strengths	%
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, a problem or a complaint	87
The school is a welcoming place for parents/carers	84
My child/children is/are making good progress	90
Teaching at the school is good	90
Staff expect my child/children to work hard and do their best	91
Staff encourage my child/children to become mature and independent	88
There is a good range of activities that my child/children find interesting and enjoyable	81
The school teaches my child/children to respect people from different backgrounds, races and religions	85
The school helps my child/children to develop the skills needed to succeed in the future	88
The school gives my child/children opportunities to make positive contributions to the school	87
Staff treat my child/children fairly	87
The school helps my child/children to develop positive relationships with teachers and other pupils	87
The school actively promotes equality of opportunity for all	87
The arrangements for my child/children to settle in when they started at the school were good	93
I think the school is a clean, tidy and safe place for my child/children to work	90
The school teaches my child/children how to deal with risks and behave safely in and out of school	90
The school encourages and helps my child/children to take regular exercise	87
The school gives my child/children information, appropriate to their age, on how to deal with such things as drugs and alcohol	91
The school encourages and helps my child/children to eat and drink healthy things	81
My child/children like school	88
The school is well led and managed	91
I think this is a good school and I am proud my child/children attend it	91

PTA

Are you interested in joining the PTA??

We are starting up the PTA again and Mrs Isted will be the teacher to contact. The first meeting of the PTA will be held on Wednesday 4th November at 7pm in the school hall.

If you are interested in joining then please come along. If you are unable to attend or commit to being on the committee but want to help and can give up a few hours to help set up fairs or wrap items please let Mrs Isted have your contact details.

You can contact Mrs Isted through the school office or email eisted@bfx.md.e2bn.net.



If your child is unable to attend school it would be helpful if you could ring the school in the morning to report the absence. On your child's return please send a note to the form teacher. Also if your child has a hospital / dentist appointment it would be appreciated if you could inform the school office the day before by letter to avoid confusion.

Swine Flu

The most important advice we have been given is that children who have symptoms of flu-like illness should stay away from school until they have recovered and are free of symptoms. This is to avoid spreading the infection as much as possible.

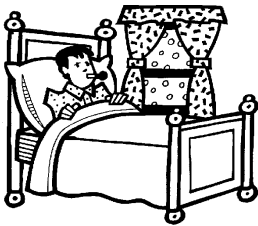
You can check any symptoms online at www.nhs.uk or call the Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513 513. If you are still concerned, stay at home and call your GP, who may suggest a course of anti-viral drug treatment. This is designed to reduce the symptoms and help a quicker recovery.

If your doctor does advise anti-viral treatment for a child, please let the school know as soon as possible.

It's important to point out that the vast majority of people who have swine flu make a quick recovery at home. However, you should do what you can to prevent the infection from being spread to others by ensuring your family take some simple precautions:

- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Disposing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands to your face or to other people.
- Cleaning hard surfaces (such as door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.
- Making sure your children follow this advice.

Illness





Three Tier to Two Tier Debate

As you will know by now, the decision on whether or not Middle Schools are to be closed has been put on hold, awaiting the election of a new Mayor on Thursday 15th October.

Shortly after this date the new mayor and his 'cabinet' will recommend the way forward to the Borough Council.

Photography Club



YEAR 7 AND 8 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2009-2010

After all our success from last year, the Photography Club is looking to move further forward by taking on even bigger challenges. Our first project is looking at making a strong visual statement within Daubeney by providing each school area with a large professionally created photograph which they can then hang in classrooms etc. This task is going to be made even more impressive by our recent purchase of the powerful Photoshop software, which is used by professional photographers and graphic designers. With this experience we are then hoping to create a much larger exhibition which we will show within the Kempston community itself.

So, lots of exciting opportunities to look forward to, and we are always on the look out for inspirational new creative members to join our group from Years 7 and 8.

Keep Snapping!!

Supporting Your Child's Reading

In order to improve your child's ability to read please see the attached leaflet for ideas in supporting your child at home.

Well done to our pupils

A Bedford and Kempston Inter School Dancesport and School Club Links Dancesport Competition took place on Sunday 12th July 2009. Eight schools provided entrants to the competitions.

The Bedford and Kempston Middle School trophy went to Daubeney School and our dancer Ryan Craddock.

Well done to all who took part and especially to Ryan!

Oliver Hope in Year 7 attends the Stanley Caroll School of Irish dancing with his younger sister Kelsey.

On October 4th he travelled to Peterborough and took part in East of England Championships dancing in the under 12's section of the competition. He danced two dances: Easy Reel and Single Jig. He came first in both dances in his section.

Congratulations to Oliver for a tremendous effort!



P.E

Monday 12th of October was the annual Year 5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby Festival held at Cutler Hammer Rugby Club. As usual the event was contested between the Middle schools of Bedford. With 10 teams amounting to 120 children entering, it promised to be a big spectacle which can only be good for the game of rugby. Some of the schools attending had played very little Tag Rugby in lessons as it had fallen at the wrong time of year for them, Daubeney being no different.

As the schools arrived there was a real buzz around the pitch, and it could clearly be seen from the warm ups that the competition was going to be closer this year than at previous events. Hastingsbury students took on the refereeing giving the event a real student focus. Each school played four matches, with the winners of each of the two pools going forward to the county finals. After a slow start, the standard across all schools gradually increased. The skill development and understanding of the game proved to be really strong by the time the results were calculated.

Winners were Lincroft with 12 points, however Beauchamp, Abbey and Daubeney all finished with 8 points each, tying for 2nd place. The students had a fantastic time and have shown that little by little even those children who hadn't played the game before can get a lot from sport if played in the right way.

Bedford and Kempston School Sports Partnership

Daubeney has again been host to a Lower School Sports Festival. On Monday 19th October 150 children from year 3 and 4 descended on the school to represent their lower school at Football, Multi Skills and Cross Country Running and Problem Solving Activities. The event, run by Miss Preston (PE Dept/ SSCo) was supported by forty Year 8 students who, after some training in leadership skills, ran all parts of the event. They marshalled the schools on their arrival, organised refreshments for visiting staff, monitored the cross country, demonstrated and modelled the activities, refereed the football matches and ran the activity stations for the multi skills and the Problem Solving activities.

Key to the events success was how the leaders took the mantle of teacher and drew on their experience to make it a good and worthwhile experience for the children. They were set the challenge of only saying positive, encouraging statements and supporting every student regardless of their achievement level. It was noted by all visiting staff how brilliantly the students acquitted themselves and how well they represented the school.

Cycling

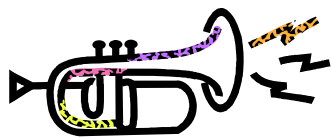


30 pupils have gone through Bikeability training this term so far. More courses are planned for the summer term.

As a 'Bike It' school we were set targets last year and we are pleased to say that, one year on, we have achieved them with ease. This time last year only 20 pupils (4.4%) were cycling to school on a regular basis - this figure has risen now to 82 pupils (18.6%). We are pleased that through a programme of training and education we are equipping our pupils to be safe and healthy, as well as having an impact on taking a few cars off the road.



Parents, you can help us to earn green leaves and improve your own energy efficiency by visiting www.generationgreen.co.uk



Crash Band start to the new term

A new group has been formed in school thanks to The Fawthrop Music Trust and the kind donation made by Mrs Audrey Fawthrop to purchase congas and fund an ensemble in school for a year. Our percussion teacher, Mr Matt Hodge, has been able to start a group of young players performing on timpani, an orchestral size xylophone, congas and a whole battery of other instruments. They are rehearsing every Thursday lunchtime with him, and I'm sure we will be seeing and hearing more from them towards the end of this term.

Ukulele Fun

What's pink, red, yellow, purple blue and green? You've guessed it – The Daubeney Ukulele Orchestra... yet to be fully formed, but certainly on its way. Every child in year 6 and 8 is having basic tuition on these fun and accessible instruments. We will be inviting interested players to make a ukulele orchestra later in the term. So watch out for us.



String Group performs in Year 8 Assembly

On Wednesday 7th October our string group led by Mrs Dunham performed for the first time this year. They played 3 pieces in the Year 8 assembly. For some of our younger players it was their first performance in school and they should be very proud of themselves. Well Done Everyone! (Don't forget to collect your merits from me)

Welcome

To Mr Tim Grant- Jones who joins us as piano / keyboard tutor.
Mr Grant –Jones works with us every Thursday morning.

Choir

As usual we have received several requests for our choir to sing in residential homes and in the wider community. Letters will be sent out with plenty of notice for these events. Please always return your slips to the music room and put it in the big 'Yellow Box'. We can only take out those children who return permission slips by the time indicated on the letter. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Forward planning

The annual 'festive' performance at Kempston East Methodist Church will be on Tuesday 8th December at 7pm. It is a lovely event and we hope you will put it in your diaries. All musicians and singers will be performing on that night.

Musical notes



<h2>Homework Club</h2>	<p>Does your child want help with their homework?</p> <p>Following on from a request from pupils a need for a homework club has been identified. Mrs Kaler is therefore starting a homework club on Wednesday lunchtimes in Room 1 from 4th November.</p> <p>The club is for Year 5 children primarily, but children from other year groups are welcome.</p>
<h2>Operation Christmas Child</h2>	<p>Children at Daubeney are taking part in this charity event again this year, which is a project of Samaritan's Purse International Ltd. The pupils should fill shoe boxes with gifts for children less fortunate than themselves, and these will be distributed by volunteers from Samaritans Purse.</p> <p>We are now taking in shoe boxes. All shoe boxes need to be in school by Friday 13th November.</p>
<h2>School Clubs</h2>	<p>Apart from the music and sports clubs the school currently runs the following clubs:</p> <p>Monday. Wednesday, Friday - Social Club-Room 10 Lunchtime – by invitation only</p> <p>Monday - Jarman Club – Room 11 12.30pm -1pm -Jarman House members</p> <p>Thursday - Step Up 2 – Sportshall 12.55pm to1.15pm - Breakdance/HipHop - Drama Club – Drama Hall 3.40pm- 4.30pm - All years</p> <p>Friday - Dance Club – Drama Hall 3.40pm – 4.30pm - Modern/Jazz - Cards Club – Room 7 12.55pm – 1.30pm talk to Miss Lusby first</p>
<h2>Krypton Factor</h2> 	<p>On 7th October 15 pupils from Daubeney went to Biddenham Upper school for a 'Krypton Factor' type day. The children took part in Graphics, Science and PE competitions. Students took part, in teams of five, in three collaborative activities. In competition against pupils from Robert Bruce Daubeney's teams came second in the Graphics section, first, second and third in the Science, and second and third in the PE sections.</p> <p>The pupils that took part are: Charlie Field, Ben Bedeau, Lewis West, Aaron Landa, Connor Steels, Luke Bagnall, Jayden Ram, Anthony Ellis, Jack Gale, Joel Course, Aaron Watt, Aiden Russell, Patrick Pain, Olivia Clarke, Amber Gallagher.</p> <p>The children thoroughly enjoyed their day working out the puzzles.</p>
<h2>Jeans For Genes</h2>	<p>Every half an hour a baby is born in the UK with a genetic birth defect or genetic disorder which could seriously affect their lives. Jeans for Genes helps to provide much needed help, support and information for children and their families. Investment is also made in ground-breaking research to establish the causes of these conditions and how they can be treated.</p> <p>On Friday 2nd October the whole school took part in helping to raise money for this charity. Special thanks goes to, Year 7 for their efforts in running a café and nail salon.</p>



Healthy News For Autumn



Why not start the new term having a school meal a couple of times a week? Begin the new school year by trying something new!

If you prefer packed lunches, make sure they are healthy and tasty. Look forward to lunchtime and enjoy a balanced meal to get you ready for the afternoon.

School meals are much healthier than they used to be. Choose the days you like from the menus and enjoy your lunch with a group of friends.

Don't forget to have a drink!

Here are some really tasty ideas for your lunchbox:-

Main

Sliced roast beef with a mixed rice and vegetable salad.

Chicken tortilla wrap with peppers, carrot and tomato.

Salmon pasta salad with peas and sweetcorn.

Wholemeal pitta with sardines and mixed salad.

Egg and cress multi-seed sandwich and cherry tomatoes

Turkey, cream cheese and salad granary baguette.

Drinks

Fruit juice, Still or sparkling water, milk smoothie, yoghurt drink, flavoured milk drink.

Dessert

Dried apricots and orange segments.

Plum and a bio yoghurt.

Peach and a slice of raisin bread.

Seasonal berries and a fruit scone.

Currant bun and a Satsuma.

Crackers cheese and grapes.



Fruit yoghurt and a pear.

www.nutrition.org.uk
www.5aday.nhs.uk
www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk

Daubeney's Learning Platform

All pupils can access Daubeney's Learning Platform at home by typing the following address into their browser: <http://login.mp.e2bn.net/>

We would suggest that this address is added to your favourites or bookmarks.

<h1>MacMillan Coffee Morning</h1>	<p>Our Year 8 pupils decided that they wanted to support this worthwhile charity. Parents were invited to come along and buy coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits, all of which the children had supplied either by themselves or through their families. The children invited Steve Collins, Mayor of Kempston to come along, which he duly did, enjoying a hot drink and a piece of cake with the children and parents. We would like to say many thanks to all who came along and supported the children and the school in their fund raising efforts.</p>
	<p>The Connexions Careers Library is in Room 8 (Mrs Isted's room) and will be open for pupils to visit during Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes. The library contains information about all sorts of career pathways and alternative ways into work. There will also be information on the new options available to pupils when they reach Year 9, including the new diplomas.</p> <p>For more information on careers, jobs and qualifications pupils and parents can also visit www.connexions-direct.com</p>
<h2>Home to School transport</h2>	<p>The Education and Inspections Act 2006 makes new provisions for free home to school transport which came into effect in September 2008. Those eligible will now include families entitled to free school meals or in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit depending on the dates of birth of their children and distances from their school. If any parents would like an application form and guidance notes please <u>do not</u> ring into the school office but send your child in with a <u>note</u> to the school requesting these.</p>
<h2>Domestic Abuse Information Line</h2>	<p>Domestic abuse affects men, women and children from all walks of life. Domestic abuse is often thought about as just physical violence, but the reality has a much larger impact.</p> <p>The information line is available to parents, carers, guardians, students and staff and can be accessed for advice on the support services available in Bedfordshire, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a freephone number. It's free to call and all calls are treated confidentially.</p> <p>FREEPHONE NUMBER – 0808 202 1796</p>
<h2>Bedfordshire Parent Partnership Service</h2> 	<p>Parent Partnership representatives take forward your questions and work with the Local Authority to improve provision for children with additional educational needs. It provides a free, confidential and impartial service for parents of children with special educational needs.</p> <p>Parent Partnership have set up two services, one for Bedford Borough on 01234 316353, and one for Central Bedfordshire on 0330 300 8088, with both services still based at Westfield Middle school.</p> <p>Would you like to join a small group of parents that meets regularly with the Local Authority to pass on parents' comments, questions and concerns? Then please contact them on one of the two telephone numbers above.</p> <p>www.bedfordshireparentpartnership.co.uk, or you can email them on parent.partnership@bedford.gov.uk (Bedford area) and parent.partnership@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk (Central Bedfordshire).</p>



Kempston Library, Halsey Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 8AU

For opening hours and further information please ring: 01234 276453
Or go to: www.bedfordshire.gov.uk and click on "libraries".

Events

Friday 30th October the library is running a 'Wicked Witches and Ghouls' event from 11am to 11.45am. The children will be expected to dress up. This is a free ticketed event and tickets can be obtained from the library.

The library also runs a homework centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays during term time between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. The sessions are free and there are two people to help direct children when they are looking for information for their homework. The children can have access to a computer and printing is free for homework items.

Project 229

Project 229, at 229 Bedford Road, Kempston which is managed by Spurgeon's Child Care, is an open access meeting place for the people of Kempston, and a base for activities and services provided by community groups and organizations.

To see more information visit their website at: www.project229.org

Fun for Young People

Half term activities – Swimming at Bedford Modern School pool every morning, 26th to 30th October. £2 for the day trip – 12 years upwards.

Contact Ann Hadfield on 01234 824514 or Carol Macfarlane on 01234 824575, or email annhadfield@onetel.com.

Kempston Hammers Rugby Union FC

Do you want to play Rugby? Boys and girls aged 7 to 13 years are welcome. The club is now accepting registrations.

Training is every Thursday from 6.30pm and Sunday mornings from 10am at Kempston Hammers Sports Ground. The coaches are qualified and CRB checked.

Membership is £20 a season – September to April. Every child will have the opportunity to take part in matches and mini tournaments throughout the season along with fitness and rugby training.

Contact 07831 547406 or 07552 437141 if you are interested.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Friday 23 rd October	Break up for half term holiday	3.30pm
<u>Monday 2nd November</u>	<u>Pupils Back to school</u>	<u>8.45am</u> <u>Registration</u>
Wednesday 4 th November	PTA meeting – School Hall	7pm
Wednesday 11 th November	Year 5 go to Springfield Lower school to watch a theatre performance	2pm to 3.30pm
Thursday 12 th November	Open Evening for Year 4 parents	7pm to 9pm
Thursday 3 rd December	Proposed Year 7 trip to Cadburys World	8.45am to 5.00pm
Tuesday 8 th December	Carol Service at Kempston East Methodist Church	7pm
Thursday 17 th December	Year 6 Panto trip to Milton Keynes Theatre	11am to 3.30pm
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas	3.30pm
Monday 21 st December - Friday 1 st January	Christmas Break	School Closed
Monday 4 th January	Teacher Training Day	School Closed
Tuesday 5 th January	Pupils Back to school	8.45am Registration

TERM DATES 2009 - 2010

AUTUMN TERM 2009

Autumn Term: Friday 4 September – Friday 18 December 2009

Half Term: Week beginning Monday 26 October 2009 for one week

SPRING TERM 2010

Spring Term: Tuesday 5 January – Thursday 1 April 2010

Half Term: Week beginning Monday 15 February 2010 for one week

SUMMER TERM 2010

Summer Term: Tuesday 20 April – Wednesday 21 July 2010

May Day: Monday 3 May 2010

Half Term: Week beginning Monday 31 May 2010 for one week

Teacher Training days = School closed:

Wednesday 2nd September 2009

Thursday 3rd September 2009

Monday 4th January 2010

Monday 19th April 2010

Friday 2nd July 2010