

The **DAUBENEY**

Diary

Welcome Message

At last the days are getting noticeably longer and the opportunities for after school outdoor sporting activities increase. However, as this edition of the Daubeney Diary shows, many of our pupils have already been involved in a great number of sports events; others have maintained their fitness levels by cycling to school, and others still have experienced the adrenalin rush of public performance! Many thanks to so many parents who have supported their children in these endeavours.

We look forward to seeing even more children enjoying the large range of extra-curricular activities offered by the school during the coming months.

Trust Status

Congratulations to Shaun Josen (6RL) for his contribution to the Kempston Education Trust Logo Design Competition. Although the overall competition winner was not a Daubeney pupil, Shaun was presented with £50 for producing the best design from Daubeney.

Open Evening

On Thursday 13th November we held our Open Evening for the families of current Year 4 children at our local feeder schools to come and look around the school.

Evaluation forms were sent out to the lower schools for those that we know visited us on the evening, in order to make sure that we can improve the event next year. We had 51 responses and the results are shown below:

Questions	Results:
	1 highest – 6 lowest)
Was the information you received about the open evening clear and helpful?	29 = 1 17 = 2
How welcome were you made to feel on the evening?	38 = 1 11 = 2
How useful/informative was the presentation from the joint headteachers and pupils?	24 = 1 23 = 2
If you had a guided tour did you find it useful and helpful?	18 = 1 6 = 2
How helpful was the written information you received on the evening?	24 = 1 24 = 2

	<p>Did you find the school resources on show in the classrooms helpful?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">35 = 1 12 = 2</p>
<h1 style="text-align: center;">Illness</h1>	<p>If your child is unable to attend school it would be helpful if you could ring the school <u>in the morning</u> 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 <u>day before</u> to avoid confusion.</p>
<h1 style="text-align: center;">Community Board</h1> 	<p>We have recently bought an external notice board which will be put up on the wall outside the Drama Hall.</p> <p>As a school we will be using it to advertise our activities.</p> <p>However, if any community group wants to advertise their activity then we will be happy to put your poster up on the community board.</p> <p>Please bring your posters into reception and advise staff that you would like it to go up on the board.</p>
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">Well done to our pupils</h1> 	<p>Alanah Harris ran in the Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire Cross Country County Championships recently. Alanah came first and also qualified for the Mini London Marathon representing Bedfordshire and the East of England in the Under 13's.</p> <p>We would like to congratulate the following Year 8 pupils who have been trained and will be taking part in mentoring some Year 5 pupils with regard to improving their reading during the Spring and Summer term:</p> <p>Glyn Richardson, Max Le, Gemma Thurstons and Melissa Zarella in 8BP, Henry Atkinson and Rachel Botrugno in 8RG, Connor Lowndes, Yasmin Meeda and Sonaskshi Khosla in 8PP, Joshua Gibson-Lennon 8AE.</p> <p>*Just to remind parents/carers that all children should be heard reading each night as this greatly improves their reading skills.</p> <p>If any parents would like to help hear children read at school then please contact the school office and leave your contact details.</p> <p>We are aware that some parents volunteer to listen to children read at lower school, but feel less sure about continuing with this when their child starts at middle school. If this applies to you, please be aware that we would welcome your help in this area and that children of middle school age would continue to benefit from this assistance.</p> <p>Equally, if you have not been a lower school volunteer, we have staff who would be happy to discuss recommended approaches with you.</p>



Since the last newsletter we have had lots of exciting events taking place:

Year 5/6 Girls Indoor Football Team Win the League!

Back in November and December the girls took part in an indoor football league. After the group stages the team finished 2nd behind Goldington Middle school (the only team to beat us). This meant we progressed through to the semi-finals where we took on St. Gregory's and won 3-1 with a strong performance. This also meant a re-match with Goldington in the final. The standard was extremely high and at the end of normal time the score was 1-1. The girls and Miss Payne knew that they had the ability to win the match and took the lead through Morgan Patterson, one of the players of the tournament.

Some excellent performances all round meant that we held on and won 2-1! A great achievement as 16 teams/schools took part.

Well done to the following pupils: Sasha Mills; Caitlin Hickey; Simran Chana; Beth Prior; Mia Parker; Morgan Patterson; Paris Smith.

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Our outstanding Gymnasts

Jayden Ram – During February Jayden took part in the Regional Boys Pairs Sports Acrobatics Championships. He performed to an extremely high standard with his partner and as a result they became the regional champions.

This is a tremendous achievement for Jayden. The school is extremely proud of him and his achievements. Jayden will now take part in the National Championships at Stoke, and the school wishes him the very best of luck!

Caitlin Wilcox – Caitlin had a tremendous season with her gymnastics. She went to the County Championships where she won an unprecedented 5 gold medals. This led to Caitlin winning the overall County Championships for which she received a trophy. Caitlin also demonstrated her talent and agility whilst on holiday where she won a gold medal for her slalom skiing!

Unfortunately Caitlin could not make the regional finals due to an injury. We are sure she will make up for this next year!

Caitlin is also currently representing the school at netball.

Alice Taylor – Another of our talented gymnasts, Alice, won a bronze medal at the County Championships for her floor work. This led to Alice going to the Regional Championships where she just missed out on qualifying for the National Finals by finishing fourth.

Well done to Alice and we are sure that you will make the Nationals in 2010.





Basketball

Our Year 7 and 8 basketball squads competed in the Partnership Tournament that took place over eight weeks at the Bunyan Centre on Thursday nights. Both teams performed well, achieving their fair share of wins overall. The Year 8's finished 6th, with the Year 7's finishing an impressive 2nd.

Athletes

Alanah Harris ran for Bedford and County in the Nike Birmingham Road Relays and finished 2nd. She also ran the Bedford and Buckinghamshire Cross Country Championships, coming 1st. Alanah has been selected to run for the Bedfordshire County team. She also came 1st in the Lincroft Bedfordia Championships and 1st in the District Schools Championships which were held at Priory marina in Bedford.



On 21st February Alanah came 20th in the National Cross Country Championships at Parliament Hill, London, out of a field of over 350 runners. Alanah was the first from Bedford to finish. Recently Alanah ran in the Beds and Luton County Championships U13 level and finished 2nd, which qualified her for the English Schools final in Leicester. If she finishes in the top eight in that race then she will run for the England team.

On Saturday 7th March Alanah ran for Bedfordshire in the national Inter-Counties championship held in Nottingham. With a field of over 250 of the best runners in Britain, Alanah was the first Bedfordshire runner home, finishing a tremendous 16th! We are sure she will be destined for even greater things with her fantastic attitude. Well done Alanah! The school is very proud of your achievements.

Football

On Friday 6th March, Year 8 pupils took part in a football competition held at the John Bunyan Sports Centre. The boys played four group games, winning three and drawing one. This put the team into the final against Harrowden Middle school – the pre-tournament favourites. In a tense and close final Daubeney took a 2-0 lead, with goals from Thomas Ellis. Harrowden pulled back one from the penalty spot, but the boys hung on for a well deserved victory.



Well done to: Keiran Carrington (4 goals); Thomas Ellis (7 goals); Joe Munday (1 goal); Taran Chana (3 goals); James Leek; Cory sanders; Paul Weaver.

Halloween Disco

As you are aware, due to the amazing efforts of Mrs Banga and Mrs Reader, the school's Halloween Disco raised £805.

This money will enable the school to purchase: equipment for the music department; two sewing machines for the Design department; paint to mark out games on the playground for Year 5 and 6; sets of science poster

books for the Science department.

Musical notes



Our musicians have been invited to perform again at the annual charity event, Charity Performing Arts Evening Performance, at the Addison Centre on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm. Mrs Isted and her dancers have prepared a couple of exciting routines, and Miss Lusby will be entertaining the audience with her close harmony singing group Harmonise. This year we have also decided to take our FAB choir along to sing a couple of popular songs. Tickets are on sale for the event from the school office, priced at £3 adults and £1 for concessions. We only have a small number of tickets so please request and pay for them as soon as possible.

April Fools Day..... Am I tempting fate on this date?!!
Daubeney dancers, entertainers, singers and musicians will all be taking part in the Easter Showcase which is being held on 1st April, starting at 7pm. The Year 5 band will also be making their debut performance.

We hope you will be able to come along and support us. Tickets are on sale at the school office £1.50 for adults and 50p concessions.

Mr 'Sing Up' Visits Daubeney School

On the 23rd of March year 5 pupils will be involved in a singing and music workshop by 'Mr Sing-Up' aka Aga Serugo-Lugo. This has been provided by Project 229 which is an extended schools initiative in Kempston. It will be a fun packed practical musical journey through lots of songs and rhythms.



The Eco-Team are working very hard on various projects around the school. Some of their efforts will require some help from the rest of the school, which is why they are organising '**Green Day**'. This will involve a week of activities, culminating in a day of 'green things' including a mint ice-cream sale! Keep your eyes peeled for information towards the end of term.

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

Gifted and Talented

Just before Christmas a group of Year 7 and 8 girls and boys participated in a gifted and talented sports day. The ex-olympic gold medal winner, Derek Redmond, gave a motivational talk and then the pupils participated in a multi-skills event. The pupils performed extremely well and were a credit to Daubeney and themselves throughout. Three of our pupils were in the winning team of the day – Georgia Atkins, Steph Reader and Alanah Harris – but well done to all! We hope this event might spur the athletes to pursue their favourite sports to a higher level!

The pupils that took part in the day were: Year 7 – Poppy Harris; Dani Lenton; Dani Shields; Jayden Ram; Connor Steels; Kingsley Lambert. Year 8 – Brandon Davis; Tom Ellis; Alanah Harris; Steph Reader; Kieran Carrington; Amy Johnson; Georgia Atkins; Abbie Ford; Ajay Banga

Cycling



Daubeney Middle School has a clear vision to see a high percentage of our pupils using bicycles for their journeys to and from school as well as being more active on their bikes at other times. In order to encourage pupils to cycle to school we have taken the following steps to help:

- Newly installed storage for 40 bicycles at the front of the school
- Lockers for the majority of our pupils to use to store cycling accessories
- Over 60 of our pupils have completed the Bikeability course (cycling proficiency)
- We are a 'Bike It' school, working in conjunction with the charity Sustrans to develop healthy and active cyclists, and move towards better use of sustainable transport across the country
- Dr Bike sessions have been run where pupils bought their bikes for a free health check and service
- Competitions have been run in school, most recently a time trial on special bikes in the sports hall
- Pupils in the school have formed the 'Bike It Crew' to monitor cycling and support activities in the school
- Go Ride coaching for 60 pupils to take place at the end of this month in conjunction with British Cycling, the governing body for cycling in the UK

Bedford and Kempston School Sports Partnership

On the morning of 20th October Daubeney hosted a Multi Sports Festival for our community of lower schools.



The following comments were written by Joe Munday, a Sports Leader at Daubeney Middle School. Having helped to run the lower school festival, which was a huge success, Joe responded to the days events with these thoughts;


The sports captains at Daubeney Middle School (including me) were selected to participate in a Sports Festival Morning with the Year 4's from the following lower schools; Springfield Lower, Camestone Lower, Balliol Lower, St Johns Special School, Kempston Rural Lower.



The events we were running were OAA (outdoor adventure activity, including problem solving and cross country running), Multi skills and Football, with Mr Proud, Miss Preston, Mrs Jackson and two football coaches who came to help. There were also certificates for the 3rd, 2nd and 1st placed schools.

It was great fun and it gave me a sense of pride knowing that I had helped to make it a really good day. I was also pleased to see how happy the children were, and how much fun they were having.

Mr Proud commented "that it is refreshing to see that not only do our young people enjoy sport and being out of class to do it, but they do sometimes appreciate some of the same things we do as teachers and take pleasure from working hard and reaping the rewards".

<p>County Council</p> <p>Post Box</p> 	<p>As reported in last times newsletter, each month we receive a question which was decided upon by the under 12's in consultation last year. Pupils can then write their responses on a paper 'brick' and post them in the box. March's question is "what can we do to stay healthy?"</p>
<p>Local sports clubs</p>	<p>Want to play Rugby?? Go along to Kempston Rugby club at Kempston Hammers sports and social club on Sunday mornings from 10am or ring Terry on 07921562243.</p> <p>Fancy cheerleading?? Then join the Ice Gems. Training is at Daubeney Middle school on Monday evenings, 6 - 7pm under 12, 7 - 8pm over 13, call 07707 338649.</p> <p>Girls' Climbing Club at Kempston Outdoor Centre is held during term times on Wednesdays, and is open 4pm to 6pm. Ages from 11+. Meet at Kempston Climbing Wall and make new friends in a girl friendly environment, where you choose the climbing you want to do. Equipment is provided together with full instruction and guidance. No previous experience necessary. Cost - £2 per session.</p>
<p>School Clubs</p>	<p>Apart from the music and sports clubs the school currently runs the following clubs:</p> <p>Monday to Friday - Social Club-Room 10 Lunchtime – by invitation only Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Social Club – Room 24 – by invitation only Monday - Jarman Club – Room 11 12.30pm-1pm -Jarman House members Thursday - Step Up 2 The Sportshall – Sportshall 12.55pm to 1.15pm - Breakdance/HipHop - Drama Club – Drama Hall 3.40pm- 4.30pm - All years Friday - Dance Club – Drama Hall 3.40pm – 4.30pm - Modern/Jazz</p>
<p>PTA</p>	<p>Are you interested in joining the PTA??</p> <p>If you are then please get in touch with the school office. You don't have to give up a lot of time, just what you can spare: it could be that you are able to be on the committee or just want to give an hour up here and there to help out with events.</p>
	<p>The Connexions Careers Library is on the move! It will soon be relocated in Room 8 (Mrs Isted's room) and will be open for pupils to visit two lunchtimes a week. The library contains information about all sorts of career pathways and alternative ways into work. There will also be information coming soon 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>

	<p>This is a holiday arts and sports club held on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th April at Robert Bruce school. 9.30am to 3.30pm. This is open to all young people from 10 years upwards, places are limited so please apply early. Contact Ann Hadfield on 01234 824514 or Carol Macfarlane on 01234 824575, or email annhadfield@onetel.com.</p>
<h2>Operation Christmas Child</h2>	<p>Children at Daubeney took part in this charity event which is a project of Samaritan's Purse International Ltd. The pupils filled shoe boxes with gifts for children less fortunate than themselves, and these were distributed by volunteers from Samaritans Purse.</p> <p>With the donations of 72 boxes from the children at Daubeney, Samaritan Purse's North Beds warehouse was able to contribute 4,500 boxes to the total consignment of 150,000, which were shipped to Kiev.</p>
<h2>Leukaemia Research</h2>	<p>On the very cold afternoon of 3rd December Daubeney Choir sang outside town centre library for one hour. In that time they managed to raise £30 which they donated to the charity, Leukaemia Research.</p>
<h2>Keech Cottage</h2>	<p>During the Christmas Carol Service held on 16th December at Kempston East Methodist Church a collection was held and £147.58 was raised and sent to Keech Cottage.</p>
<h2>Mencap</h2>	<p>9 pupils from Daubeney held a cake sale in the school: Lara McErlean, Monae Matthews, Aditee Sewpal, Shanice Bangar, Rachael Wyatt, Kira France, Jana Craddock, Jeni Martin and Gurpreet Kaur.</p> <p>They raised £42.10 which they passed to the charity Mencap who are going to use the monies towards funding their Playscheme this Summer.</p>
<h2>Job Vacancies</h2>	<p>We are currently looking for a cleaner for the school. The hours are 3.45pm to 5.45pm Monday to Friday.</p> <p>If you, or someone you know, would like to apply for the above vacancy please contact the school on 400111, or email daubeneyms@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk and an application pack will be sent out. Closing date for applications is Friday 27th March.</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>

<h1>Home to School transport</h1>	<p>The Education and Inspections Act 2006 makes new provisions for free home to school transport which came into effect in September 2008.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If any parents would like an application form and guidance notes please <u>do not</u> ring into the school office but send you child in with a <u>note</u> to the school requesting these.</p>
<h1>Bedfordshire Parent Partnership Service</h1> 	<p>Does your child have additional needs that are affecting their education? If so, why not go along and join other parents at a coffee morning to discuss general areas of concern?</p> <p>Parent Partnership representatives take forward your questions and work with the Local Authority to improve provision for children with additional educational needs.</p> <p>The dates and venues of their forthcoming coffee mornings are detailed below:</p> <p>Bedford – Priory Methodist Church, 63 Newnham Avenue Tuesday 28th April 2009 10am to 12 noon.</p> <p>Leighton Buzzard – Leighton Buzzard Theatre, Lake Street Monday 18th May 2009 10am to 12 noon.</p> <p>Sandy – The Rectory Room, St Swithun C of E Church, High Street Friday 15th May 10am to 12 noon</p>
<h1>Forthcoming Events</h1>	<p>Our musicians have been invited to perform again at the annual charity event, Charity Performing Arts Evening Performance, at the Addison Centre on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm.</p> <p>Daubeney dancers, entertainers, singers and musicians will all be taking part in the Easter Showcase which is being held on 1st April, starting at 7pm.</p> <p>On the 23rd of March year 5 pupils will be involved in a singing and music workshop by 'Mr Sing-Up' aka Aga Serugo-Lugo.</p> <p>On Monday 16th March, we will be hosting another lower schools Multi-Skills Competition at Daubeney. This will take place between 10am and 12 noon.</p>
	<h3>Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers</h3> <p>Active Kids is all about giving young people the chance to take part in great, fun activities, learn life skills and get excited about having a healthy lifestyle. It's easy to get involved by collecting AK09 vouchers instore or online.</p> <p>The school are collecting vouchers and would be grateful if you could pass any you collect onto us.</p>

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
Friday March 13th	Red Nose Day 	All day
Monday 16 th March	Lower schools Multi Skills competition at Daubeney	10am to 12 noon
Monday 16 th March	Year 8 – Reverend Ben Griffiths to talk re Christian beliefs about death	2.30pm to 3.30pm
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 8 – Reverend Ben Griffiths to talk re Christian beliefs about death	2.30pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 8 – Mrs Afzol-Pagliari to talk re Muslim beliefs about death	11.25am to 12.25am
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter Showcase	7pm
Thursday 2 nd April	School nurse here to weigh and measure Year 6 pupils	
Friday 3 rd April	Break up for Easter holidays	3.30pm
Monday 20 th April	Teacher Training day	School Closed
<u>Tuesday 21st April</u>	<u>Pupils Back to school</u>	<u>8.45am</u> <u>Registration</u>
Thursday 30 th April	Year 7 and 8 E-Safety presentation for parents (letter to follow)	6.30pm to 7.30pm
Thursday 21 st May	Year 5 and 6 E-Safety presentation for parents (letter to follow)	6.30pm to 7.30pm