



The

DAUBENEY

Diary

Welcome Message

They say that the older you get, the faster time appears to pass, and this year certainly seems to be doing so! We can hardly believe that the time has come for us to be preparing to receive a new cohort of children in September.

Even before this newsletter was written, Daubeney staff have been visiting lower schools to talk with both pupils and staff about how we can all make the transition to middle school as successful as possible for the children. At the very end of June, parents/carers and their Year 4 children are invited to the school to exchange information and discuss any concerns they may have. Even if you already have a child at Daubeney, or have had a child at the school recently, we would ask you to attend if you can.

We welcome all pupils and their parents/carers who will be joining us next term.

Naturally, we are also aware that soon we shall be saying goodbye to all those in Year 8. Our staff have been involved with upper school colleagues, working to make this next step equally successful for the children.

May we take this opportunity to wish every single member of Year 8 all the very best at their new schools. We would also like to thank their parents/carers for their support throughout their time at the school. We take a keen interest in what happens to our pupils after they leave us; so watch out Year 8!

Trust Status

Once again an 'Aim Higher' ambassador from the University of Bedfordshire has been working with a selected group of Year 8 students. On Tuesday 22nd June the group is going to Shuttleworth College to undertake an activities day aimed at developing communication and leadership skills. They will also be joined by pupils from Robert Bruce Middle School.

Another joint teaching and learning conference is to be held at the university on Friday July 2nd. Last year this proved to be a great opportunity for staff within the Kempston Trust to share good practice.



Well Done To Our Pupils



Kempston Rotary Club Young Writer Competition

Each year, the Kempston Rotary Club asks local middle schools to enter their annual Creative Writing competition. Pupils can enter work achieved at home or at school.

After a record number of entries this year, many of which were judged to be of considerable merit, the Rotary Club decided to award runners-up prizes for both poetry and prose categories in addition to the usual winner's prizes.

Daubeney Middle School is celebrating the success of Molly McGrath (Yr 8) – winner of the Prose competition, and Catherine Bray (Yr 8) runner-up in the Poetry competition.

Dr. A Barber, Committee Chairman of the Rotary Club of Kempston, attended a full school assembly recently to present both pupils with their awards.

Enterprise Council £10 Challenge

The Bedfordshire and Luton Enterprise Learning Partnership (BLELP) launched a £10 Challenge to all secondary schools in November 2009. 23 teams entered. The idea was that students either individually or in teams were given £10 to make as much profit as possible to create a social impact in their local area. In taking part the students developed their enterprise skills such as: teamwork, creativity, problem-solving, risk-taking, effective communication, decision-making and financial management. The fund-raising activities continued until February 2010.

The final of the £10 Challenge took place on Monday 22 March 2010 at Shuttleworth College with seven teams participating from Alban Middle School, Biddenham Upper School, Daubeney Middle School, Holmemead Middle School and Wootton Upper School. The judges were Carolyn O'Donnell, CEO of the BLEBP, Tony Lockwood, MD of Transforming Potential and Ian Campbell, BLELP Coordinator. An enjoyable time was had by all, especially the judges. Judging criteria looked at the idea, standing out from the crowd, overcoming difficulties, social impact and money.

The contest was hard fought and the standards were very high. Ideas presented ranged from a talent show through chocolate, cakes and samosas to a gardening club. There was certainly a food theme running through and the judges were plied with goodies! It was won by a team from Daubeney consisting of Gino, James and Luke who raised £785, which they are donating to Macmillan Cancer support. Many congratulations to them! The BLELP will match this funding.

Performing at the Palladium

Chloe McCourt-Baird is a Year 6 student at Daubeney, who, for the past five years has attended a Theatre Company. Currently Chloe is rehearsing for a show of Rhythm and Blues, involving the story of The Blues Brothers and performing songs from The Jackson Five and Marvin Gaye. Chloe will be performing in the show at the London Palladium in June.



Photography Club Exhibition at Project 229

15 Year 7 students, who form part of Daubeney's highly successful Digital Photography Club, hosted their first ever exhibition outside of school.

Entitled "Interesting Objects Through the Eye of the Lens and Computer" the students were challenged to take a range of interesting objects from their daily lives, photograph them and then change, manipulate, and enhance them through the latest computer software.

Their highly innovative and powerful results were displayed in full at a local community exhibition at Project 229, Bedford Road, Kempston from 1st April to 31st May 2010.

Oliver Twist at The Theatre Royal, Drury Lane

One of our Year 5 pupils, Ashley Miles, who has been a member of a theatre company for 4 years and is studying there to become a professional actor has been rehearsing since May for the West End Show, Oliver. Ashley will be performing in the show that will be playing at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, in London from June.

Parents please Note

We would ask parents/carers to make this clear to pupils, as no-one likes having to change a hairstyle they have paid for:

Hair Styles

We have seen an increase in the number of children who are coming to school with hair styles that do not conform as stated below. Can we remind you of the following that is in the student planners:

The Governors will not allow the following:

- Extreme hair styles
- Bleached/coloured hair
- Hair accessories, e.g. beads, braids and other fashion Items
- Stylized/shaven haircuts

Pupils who come to school with any of the above may be subject to disciplinary procedures within school.

Administering medicines to pupils

If your child needs to take medicine during school hours we now need a form (held in the office) to be completed by yourselves before we can administer anything to your child.

Medicines should be brought into school by the parent/carer, and once no longer needed should be collected by them.

A copy of the form for you to download should you need one will be on the school's website www.daubeneymiddleschool.co.uk under the 'Forms' section.



Musical notes



'Joseph' at Hastingsbury

A write up in the press no less! Our Year 5 and Year 8 pupils had a wonderful time working with staff and students at Hastingsbury Upper School. It was a very polished and professional production, which received rave reports in the local press. As usual Daubeney pupils were a credit to the school and the staff at Hastingsbury praised their commitment, behaviour and talent.

The whole project started with the choir learning the chorus songs in our normal practices on Tuesday lunchtime. After rehearsals at Hastingsbury the production performed to 3 packed audiences. We are very proud of our singers, and we are sure they enjoyed themselves too. WELL DONE EVERYONE.

Thank you to Mr Dye

Year 8 were treated to an acoustic guitar demonstration by Mr John Dye. John is a self taught musician who clearly demonstrated his enthusiasm and love for his instrument. We learned about the dulcimer and different styles of guitar playing too.

Harmonise at the River Festival

WOW!! Harmonise have been asked to perform on the MAIN STAGE at 12 noon on Saturday 17th July. This is great news. Please come along and support Miss Lusby and our wonderful singers. We are contacting all past Harmonise members and hope to have a big reunion on stage.

Music presentation Evening

Watch out for invitations to the Music Presentation evening, it will be on Thursday 1st July at 7.30 pm.

Fiddle Fiesta

The annual Fiddle Fiesta takes place on 29th June at Wootton Upper School. As usual our musicians will be travelling by coach along with pupils from Camestone. If you haven't brought in your replies.... please do so fast!

Guitar Festival

Well done to all our guitarists who attended the Guitar Festival this term at Newnham Middle School. Our guitar tutor, Mr Simpson, said that the Daubeney pupils performed really well and were a credit to the school.

Grade success

- Christie Redfern Grade 2 voice Distinction
- Luke Greenhill Grade 1 Distinction
- Bobbie Anese Grade 1 Tuba Merit
- Catherine Bray Grade 2 Euphonium Merit
- Neil Martin Grade 8 'Cello Distinction



Violins, Violins and More Violins

Miss Love thought it would be a good idea, but when she mentioned to some staff that all Year 5 pupils would be learning violin this term a silence descended....then... "Violin....30 of them.... with year 5!!" well we think it's going really well. All Year 5 have their own allocated violin and are having a great time learning these tricky but wonderful instruments. We are starting to use the bow after half term and Miss Love is really looking forward to getting onto some more funky tunes. Many thanks to Newnham Middle School for the kind loan (they borrowed our guitars last term).

Bass Guitar

We have decided to add a bass guitar to our collection of instruments. With the proceeds from the Spring Showcase we have purchased a fabulous new instrument which will be used by the Year 8 students who are currently learning how to play guitar in their weekly music lessons.

Spring Showcase

The Spring Showcase was a great success. We were treated to some really fantastic performances and our pupils never cease to amaze us with their talent. Some pupils gave really outstanding performances, first Natalie Davidson in Year 6. Her performance of the song 'The Climb' was spellbinding even though it was her first public solo at Daubeney. Christie Redfern sang one of her grade 2 pieces and demonstrated to us just why she received such a brilliant exam result. Other superb performances were made by Neil Martin and Thomas Smith, Sam Fattorusso, Aran Watt, Tom Lowe, Connor Homer McCormack, Anoop Jotel and Kingsley Lambert (percussion ensemble), and all the members of Harmonise. Special thanks must go to Zack Robinson, Stefan Thorman, Shane Dennis and Aaman Beg, our hard working stage hands.



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Thank You

Lastly Miss Love would like to say a huge THANK YOU to her 2009 /2010 music monitors for this year, Caren Sohal, Stefan Thorman and Olivia Clarke. They have all worked so hard to keep the department (and her!) running smoothly. They are all delightful, trustworthy and reliable; Miss Love has said that she will miss them a great deal next year.

SATs

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents/carers and pupils in Year 6 for ensuring that there was 100% attendance for the SAT tests.

Although the test week is prepared for over what seems like many months, they were all over 'before we knew it' and the whole Year group were able to celebrate with a disco on the Friday afternoon!

We should receive the results by 6th July and will inform parents/carers and pupils as soon as possible.

Bedford and Kempston School Sports Partnership

Ridgeway and Grange Schools, which cover all year groups, have hosted Students Teachers from the University of Bedford. As part of their placement, as with all secondary students, they have to spend some time with their SS Co. However the two schools do not host an SS Co and therefore a more creative approach to this has to be found. They were charged with running an event that would allow the two schools to compete against each other but with any age group of students. Both the students had not only to organise their event, but also train another team to compete in a second event.

Daubeney Middle School kindly hosted the event in their sports hall making the experience have an even more dynamic impact on the children's' learning as they do not have access to this type of facility on a daily basis.

A Ridgeway student who spends some of her time at Daubeney Middle School as part of her Personal Inclusion and Learning Program 'volunteered' to be a reporter for the afternoon with the following article:

"Ridgeway and Grange school were at Daubeney Middle School because they where competing in a floor festival against one another. The schools played Boccia and New Age Kurling.

Most students liked Boccia better, but some did like curling. All the students did well on the activity especially some students like Jolon and Emma , and also Lauren and Ben. All children did extremely well and I would like to say well done to all, it was a fabulous day.

The throwing was phenomenal, and all the steady gentle concentrated focus throwing was so exciting to watch. The adults did really well too."

By Shannon Toner

Cheerleading



Cheerleading is quite active and fun! There is lots of dance and gymnastics, but with no prior knowledge needed, everything can be taught. Ideal for those girls (or boys!!) who like to dance round their lounge or bedroom, but are too shy and feel too old to join a dance class. Uniform, including pom poms, is provided. First session always free as a taster. Good and easy way to get fit and keep fit whilst dancing to music.

The sessions are Tuesdays 4.50pm to 5.50pm at Daubeney school run by Kempston Stars Cheerleading Squads, contact 01234 851797 for more information or just come along and have some fun.

Lost Property

There are a large number of unnamed items in the school's lost property area. A lot of these items have been there for quite a few weeks.

If you think your child has lost a coat, lunch box, sweatshirt etc please can you check the lost property as soon as possible as anything not claimed as at 30th June will be disposed of.



Healthy Schools

School Meals and Healthy Schools



Summer is nearly here! Your lunchbox could be full of the tastes of summer.....

- Have you tried pittas, wraps or tortillas filled with cous cous or houmous and eaten with a crunchy salad of sweetcorn and tomatoes?
- Try different combinations of your favourite salad items using fruit and vegetables.
- Pasta and rice with meat or fish and roasted vegetables all finished off with fruit, a slice of malt loaf or a yogurt and don't forget your drink.
- If you are not sure about portion sizes, as a rule a portion is a 'handful'. Share ideas with your friends and enjoy the flavours of summer.

Try this idea as a tasty treat.....

Banana Freezies

Dip peeled bananas into some orange juice. Roll bananas in coconut or sprinkles or crushed nuts, push lolly sticks into them and put in the freezer. Then EAT!!!!!!

Remember that school meals have changed their menus to reflect the seasonal summer produce, so try a school meal a couple of times a week and enjoy the change from a packed lunch.

If you really like some of the meals, then tell the cooks. They would like to hear your comments and want to know what you think.

Whatever you decide to eat have fun and chat with your friends over lunchtime and stay healthy for summer!!!

The following websites might be useful and informative for parents and pupils:

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

The Healthy School's website is always a useful place for information on choices for packed lunches etc:

<http://www.healthy-schools.co.uk/>

Bikeability



Bikeability training continues this half term with children taking part in courses in June.

A 'Bike It Breakfast' is planned for 1st July so look out for the letters coming home.



Illness

If your child is unable to attend school please make sure that you 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 can you please inform the school office the day before by letter. Can you also make sure that your child knows what time you will be collecting them so that they can be in the school's reception area on time, as it is not the responsibility of the school office staff to remind or collect your child for you.

Sainsbury's Vouchers



Don't forget to ask your parents, family, neighbours, work colleagues, and friends for any vouchers they have lying around.

Sainsbury's have stopped giving them out now, but we can still accept them in school for a short time.

All vouchers are gratefully received as they help us gain items for your children to use in school.

PTA

If you are interested in joining then please contact Mrs Isted. Or if you are unable to attend meetings and cannot commit to being on the committee but want to help and can give up a few hours please let Mrs Isted have your contact details.





If you would like to be added to the list please e-mail eisted@bfx.md.e2bn.net

Playground Friends

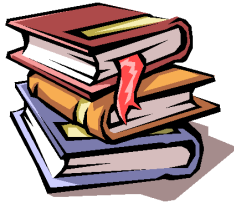


The playground friends are working to a full timetable covering break and lunchtimes on the Year 5 and 6 playgrounds.

The pupils are out there in their high-vis jackets at all times. Their main responsibility is giving out and collecting the new playground equipment, but on Tuesdays and Wednesdays they are also in charge of organised games on the top playground, so come and join in and learn some new games – so far we have had a go at Bulldog, Stuck-in-the-mud, Hospital Tag, Cars and Hands-in-a-tangle.

<h1>Homework Club</h1>	<p>Mrs Kaler is running a homework club on Wednesday lunchtimes in Room 1.</p> <p>The club is for Year 5 children primarily, but children from other year groups are welcome.</p> <p>Mrs Bifield is running a Maths homework club in Room 14 -12.25pm to 1pm: Monday - Year 6 Tuesday – Years 7 and 8 Wednesday - Year 5</p> <p>Mrs Chopping is running a Maths Computer club on Friday lunchtimes.</p>
<h1>Community Board</h1> 	<p>Don't forget our external notice board on the wall outside the Drama Hall. As a school we are 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>
	<p>Parents, you can help us to earn green leaves and improve your own energy efficiency by visiting www.generationgreen.co.uk</p>
	<p>FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR LISTENING BOOKS</p> <p>This is an online postal library with a huge selection of audio books available to anyone who struggles to read in the usual way due to an illness, disability or learning difficulty.</p> <p>Please contact Mrs Bonar at the school if you would like to join.</p>
<h1>Daubeney's Learning Platform</h1>	<p>All pupils can access Daubeney's Learning Platform at home by typing the following address into their browser: http://login.mp.e2bn.net/</p> <p>We would suggest that this address is added to your favourites or bookmarks.</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>

<p>Home to School transport</p>	<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>
<p>Domestic Abuse Information Line</p>	<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>
<p>Bedfordshire Parent Partnership Service</p>	<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. 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

The Library will be closed from Monday 7th June to Saturday 14th August and will re-open on Monday 16th August.

Children will not be able to use the library as a resource during that time for IT, homework and recreational reading, although they will be able to use Bedford Central and Wootton Libraries.

The library will be having a Summer Reading Challenge and will be visiting the pupils in Year 5 of the local lower schools soon to tell them about it.

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

Fun for Young People

The opportunity to play, read & research sport
Basketball...Rugby...Football...Cricket to name a few

Each entrant will produce their own sports journal.

COURSE DATES: June 1st – 4th August 16th – 23rd October 25th – 29th

BOOK NOW at a discounted rate of £15 for three courses!!

Individual courses can be booked, ring for further details.

Complete this exciting series of courses and join us for a free FLYING DAY

ARTS/SPORTS COURSE

August 9th – 13th Summer 2010

Join us this summer for a fun packed week at Robert Bruce Middle School. We will soon be confirming details of our exciting programme which will include:

Dance, Drama, Music, Sport, Art.....and lots more.

FEE: £10 for those living in Kempston or attending Kempston Schools

All others £20

BOOK NOW! 1st come-1st served

Activities will be confirmed in due course.

All our courses are offered FREE to those on free school meals OR in hardship

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



Date	Event	Time
17 th and 18 th June	Year 7 QCA Maths tests	
18 th June	Invited Year 8 pupils going to Peterborough Agricultural Show	9.15am to 5pm
21 st to 24 th June	Bikeability sessions	9.10-11.10am and 1.30-3.30pm
25 th June	Yr 8 Advancement day at Hastingsbury school	
29 th June	Year 7 and 8 Parent Consultation meetings	4.15pm onwards
30 th June	Year 4 pupils 'Meet the Parents' evening	4pm -5.30pm
30 th June	'Arson About' play for Year 8	2.15pm
1 st July	Music Awards Evening	7.30pm
2 nd July	<u>Teacher Training Day – SCHOOL CLOSED</u>	8.45 -3.30pm
8 th July	Year 8 Transfer Day to Hastingsbury	
8 th July	Year 4 Transfer Day to Daubeney	9.30am to 2.45pm
9 th July	Year 8 Transfer Day to Hastingsbury	
14 th July	Gifted and Talented pupils to Harpur Trust schools	
15 th July	Year 7 Cinema trip	11am to 3pm
20 th July	Year 6 trip to Wicksteed Park	All day
21 st July	Year 8 trip to Whipsnade Zoo	All day

SUMMER TERM 2010

Summer Term: Tuesday 20 April – Wednesday 21 July 2010

Teacher Training days = School closed

Friday 2 July 2010

AUTUMN TERM 2010

Autumn Term: Friday 3 September – Friday 17 December 2010

Half Term: Week beginning Monday 25 October 2010 for one week

Teacher Training Days = school closed

Wednesday 1 September 2010

Thursday 2 September 2010

Visit our website: www.daubeneymiddleschool.co.uk for more information