



*The*

# DAUBENEY

*June 2011*

*Diary*

## Welcome Message

Yet again we have had a very busy and successful year, with our pupils being involved in a number of activities, as outlined in this newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity in thanking parents/carers who have supported the school in its aim to provide a rich and varied experience for the students. We would also like to wish all the Year Eight students all the best for September, when they will be starting at their new schools.

After several weeks of major upheaval the entrance/office extension has now been completed. It has given the office staff a better environment in which to work and has provided more security at the front of the school.

We hope that everyone has a pleasant and enjoyable summer and we look forward to working with you again in September.

## School Uniform And School Shop

We have a new system for parents to buy school uniform. Our new order form is available to download on the website and copies of the form are available from the school reception.

In order to purchase uniform, please complete and return an order form with payment. Please send in the form and the correct payment (cheques made payable to Daubeney School Fund) in a sealed envelope. All uniform orders will be completed by the office and the items will be given to your child together with any change due during the day.

The school shop trolley will now be available at every day at break time for pupils to buy stationery supplies. We have a wide variety of items for sale at very reasonable prices.

## Pupil Lunches

We have had an increasing number of children borrowing lunch money recently, and the school is now owed a large sum of money. I am sure you will understand that on a school's tight budget this is impossible for us to absorb. Therefore, please note, in future parents will be telephoned and we will request that some lunch money or a packed lunch is brought in for your child if they are unable to buy their lunch. Money can only be lent in an emergency and must be repaid immediately. Could you please make sure that all money owed for school lunches is paid to the school office **at the latest by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July** so that we can get our financial records up to date by the end of term.

## Sainsburys Vouchers

Please could you send all remaining vouchers into school for counting. We are able to buy very useful items for the school with the vouchers contributed. Please bring them all in as soon as possible. Thank you.



# Musical Notes



## Spring Showcase

Once again musicians and performers at Daubeney Middle School presented a fabulous evening of entertainment from trophy winning Irish Dancing to Lady Gaga and Bohemian Rhapsody at their Spring Showcase. Over 100 pupils were involved in the event and thanks to Mr Pugh and his team of backstage support; everything ran smoothly. Oliver Hope and Chelsea Beard did a fantastic job as comperes for the night and entertained us with anecdotes and information about many of the performers; much of which they had researched themselves. Some really notable performances were: Miss Lusby's Maths dancers and all of the dancers presented by Mrs Isted. I was particularly pleased with the school orchestra's performance and the ukulele group. Well done to everyone who took part and thanks to all staff who came along to help and support on the night.

## Harmonise

Harmonise, a fantastic acapella singing group, were recorded at the end of May, singing for ex pupil Amy Leeder's album, which will be released soon. Amy left Daubeney a few years ago and was already a talented singer and guitarist. She is now pursuing a career in the music business as a singer songwriter. The song is called 'Broken Angels' and the singers sounded wonderful!

## Folk Ensemble Visit

On the 19<sup>th</sup> January Year 5 and 6 pupils were treated to a live performance by 5 Folk Ensemble musicians. Pupils had their first experience of hearing a **bodhrán** (an Irish frame drum) and we were treated to lots of different examples of traditional songs and dancers from different European countries as well as songs from the UK.

## Well Done

To Jenny Grant who passed her grade 1 flute with merit and Jack Chambers who passed his grade 1 Rock School exam with a distinction!!!

## Orchestra on Tour!!

Well done to all our instrumentalists who entertained all the pupils at Springfield Lower School with 'toe-tappers' like, 'The Pink Panther' and 'Wallace and Gromit'. Some of our players provided fantastic little demos of their instruments and everyone had a lovely time. One of the most special bits for me was when Lewis Kaler showed how the body of his double bass 'shakes' when he plays a low note... one little year 2 pupils' face was an absolute picture when she put her fingers near the bridge on the bass and felt the vibrations!! Our last performance was at Camestone Lower School on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of June.

Well done to all our players.

## Forthcoming events

Music Presentation Evening: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm. Letters for all those taking part will be going out shortly.

## A Little reminder!

Please take your instruments home after your lessons! ( especially the guitarists!) There isn't room to store them in practice room 4 AND more importantly - you should have them at home to practice. Please ask your parents to sign your practice books regularly!

Happy Playing

Miss Love

# P.E



## Year 5 & 6 Girls Kwik Cricket- The girls win again!!

Following our tremendous performances in winning the junior girls football championships earlier this year, it is pleasing to note even more success in the Bedford and Kempston cricket competition. We turned up as relative novices but learnt quickly from watching others, and through good communication, to comfortably beat St.Gregory's on our way to the final against a strong Beauchamp team. With 5 runs being lost with every wicket taken, the girls started the final with some excellent bowling and fielding to take 8 Beauchamp wickets. This restricted them to a low batting total that would prove hard to protect. In fact, the girls dominated the batting too, and through a combination of skill and good decision making won comfortably. We even finished off with a couple of impressive sixes from Maya Sidhu(Yr 5). Well done to the following: Yr6-Tonilee Cunningham, Holly Kirkup, Claire Murega, Grace Whyte, Callie and Maia Williams and Courtney Vass. Yr5- Naomi Bedeau and Maya Sidhu. The team will now progress through to the county finals! Good luck girls!!

## DISTRICT ATHLETICS HEATS-SOME GREAT PERFORMANCES.

Well done to all those who represented Daubeney at the District Sports earlier this week. With only the winners of each heat (2 of which were at Bedford and 2 heats at Sandy) guaranteed a place at the finals, and then the 4 best runners up from all 4 heats going through, we are unsure as to how many Daubeney athletes will achieve a place as yet. However, congratulations to the following who are already through as heat winners- Amber Ebdon (Yr 8 800m), Jared Gayle (Yr 8 Javelin); Lee Johnson( Yr 8 High Jump); Louie Holden and Morgan Patterson (Yr 7 High Jump and Hurdles); Vanity Bouju (Yr 7 Shot Putt and 100m); Lewis Claxton and Vicky Jarmin (Yr 7 800m), Meghan Dimmock (Yr 7 1500m),The Yr7 Girls Relay Team-Olivia Barbarino, Vanity Bouju, Pornchita Judge and Morgan Patterson; Kierandeep Suri (Yr6 High Jump), Vanessa Nakalanzi (Yr 6 Shot Putt), Holly Kirkup (Yr 6 Discus) Frankie Johnson (Yr5/6 150m); Maya Sidhu (Yr5/6 Rounders ball throw).

Well done to all and good luck in the finals!! Mr Pugh and I are proud of your performances and behaviour on this important day.

## THANK YOU!!

A massive thank you to all those who have helped, and represented, the P.E. Department this year! I hope you realise how much Mr Pugh, Mr Sansom and I appreciate all the time and effort you give to the department when representing the school, attending practices and assisting with house matches. We are truly grateful for your dedication!! Hopefully see you all when the netball and football/rugby starts again in September!!

## SAD NEWS FOR THE DEPARTMENT!!

It is with great sadness that we have to report the news that we are losing both Mr Proud and Miss Preston next year!! They have both given SO MUCH to the department in helping to improve the opportunities available to all Daubeney pupils within the sporting arena over the last few years. I hope you will join us in wishing them all the best for what I am sure will be a very successful and happy future! Their help, advice and friendship will be sorely missed!! Thanks Barney and Jane and please keep in touch!!

Miss Payne and Mr Pugh.

## Year 6 - Wicksteed Park

Year 6 End of Year Visit to Wicksteed Park.

Year 6 Pupils are looking forward to the end of year visit to Wicksteed Park on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. This is an enjoyable and relaxing visit and we hope all pupils will be able to attend and end Year 6 on a positive note.

<p><b>Year 6</b></p> <p><b>SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES</b></p>	<p>It has come to our attention that many Year 6 pupils have joined social networking sites such as Facebook. This has caused some concern in school as it has been exacerbating friendship problems and disagreements between pupils, which have resulted in arguments spilling over into school and distracting pupils from their learning.</p> <p>In addition to this it leaves pupils open to the attention of older or less suitable contacts that parents may not be aware of. The lower age limit for children to join Facebook is in fact 13 so pupils who register are not complying with the site's own rules or standards and giving false dates of birth to register.</p> <p>At school pupils are unable to access Facebook and at home it is the parents' responsibility to monitor their child's internet activities. We feel that it is important to make everyone aware of the schools current concerns. We thank you for your support in this matter.</p> <p>Mrs S Brown Head of Year 6</p>
<p><b>Year 8 East of England Show</b></p>	<p>Year 8 visited the East of England Show on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. This was a follow up to their work in food technology. They were able to see the start of the food production chain and some of the processes that are in place to provide us with our daily nutrition. They saw livestock, farm implements, various competitions such as a Farriers shoeing competition. They were able to try their hand at piloting a fighter aircraft and finished with a cooking session. A great day was had by all.</p>
<p><b>Measles Protection</b></p>	<p><b>Updated advice on need for protection against measles - May 2011</b></p> <p>The Public Health Directorate is advising that children and adults planning a trip to France and the rest of Europe should be fully protected against measles.</p> <p>MMR is safe and protects against measles.</p> <p>Children and adults born after 1970 should have had two doses of MMR vaccine. Adults born before 1970 should discuss with their GP whether they are likely to be immune to measles and have vaccination with MMR if appropriate.</p> <p>Vaccination with MMR is available from GP surgeries.</p> <p>If you are unsure about whether you are fully protected against measles or not please contact your GP.</p> <p>More information about measles can be found at <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx">http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Mobile Phones</b></p>	<p>We would like to remind parents that although we allow pupils to bring mobile phones into school, these should be handed in to the office at the beginning of the school day, and may be collected at 3.30pm. Pupils must not use their phones during the school day and the school can take no responsibility for phones that are not handed in.</p>

## Digital Photography Club competition

### Digital Photography at Daubeney

The Daubeney Middle School Photography Club started about 3 years ago. Since then, it has gone from strength to strength with well over 50 students attending from all year groups. These pupils volunteer their time willingly during lunchtimes.

The club started with quite basic digital cameras, but the school has now been able to purchase more powerful, digital SLR equipment which has greatly enhanced our photographs. In addition, the pupils have been able to access a digital editing course which has taught them how to adjust the images so that the resulting pictures have a much more professional finish.

Our latest project has arisen out of an exciting new partnership with the Mercedes Benz dealership on Amphill Road. Our photographers were asked to produce some imaginative and innovative photographs based on the theme of 'Easter'. The resulting pictures were superb and were displayed in the Mercedes showroom over the Easter Holidays. Visitors to the showroom, as well as staff were asked to vote on their favourite image.

Mark Lawler from Mercedes Benz, came into an assembly and presented all the competitors with a prize. The overall winner was Oliver Hope who took a beautiful close-up shot of a flower in the school's Memorial Garden.

## Cookery Club visit Frankie & Benny's

Frankie and Bennie's, the restaurant chain, had invited schools to take part in workshops, tailored made for each individual school. These workshops would fulfill some of the criteria of the Key Stage Three curriculum. Daubeney Middle School's Cookery club were delighted to accept the invitation and consequently visited the Milton Keynes restaurant on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

The pupils were told the story of Frankie and Benny, how the restaurant began, and its subsequent growth into an international organisation. They were shown how the pizzas are made and how they are costed. After a demonstration by the Chef, they tried their hand at stretching the dough which they discovered was not as easy as it looked! They were allowed to personalise the toppings, later eating them for lunch.

They were taken to the bar area, where they were shown the range of non-alcoholic smoothies. There followed a tasting session, the smoothie with blackcurrant in coming out a clear favourite. They also discussed other areas of the restaurant business, including the Birthday Ceremony.

The pupils were asked to take part in a competition to create and cost their pizzas, in the style of Frankie and Benny's. The winner would have the pleasure of canvassing the opinion of passers by, and of seeing their creation produced nationwide.

Frankie and Benny's were not only extremely generous with their time, but also with their products – for all members of the party. It was a wonderful experience and we are extremely grateful to the staff at the Milton Keynes Frankie and Benny's for giving us such a fantastic day. We would like to thank Yvonne Lawson, in particular, for leading the workshop, one the pupils will not forget in a hurry. It was truly a memorable experience.

Thank you Frankie and Benny's!



## Fun For Young People

The aim of F4YP is to provide after school and holiday sports and arts activities for young people (11-17 years), so that they may experience a wide range of activities and gain self confidence and motivation from developing new skills, team work and making new friends. So far, around 200 young people have taken part in their activities and due to the high demand, they are aiming to expand the project and cater for more teenagers.

**All 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](mailto:annhadfield@onetel.com).

### Sports Power Course

When August 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2011

Where Robert Bruce Middle School

Time Open at 9.00am

Check in – 9.30am

Check out – 3.30pm

Fee People living in Kempston/attending Kempston School  
= £10 per week  
All other entrants = £25

Open to all young people (10yrs upwards) *Places are limited, please apply early*

### Summer Art/Sport

When August 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2011

Where Robert Bruce Middle School – Year 5 Block

Time .30pm (6.00pm Fridays)9.30am

Fee People living in Kempston/attending Kempston School  
= £10 per week  
All other entrants = £25

Open to all young people (10yrs upwards) *Places are limited, please apply early*  
Programme should include:-

**MUSIC**

**ART**

**DANCE**

**DRAMA**

**SPORT**

### Sports Power

This specialist sports course continues on August 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2011

Fee £10 for week course, free for those on free school meals

F4YP are delighted that Rob, their chief coach, returns for this course

Basketball...Rugby...Football,,Cricket...Rounders...Athletics

## **SUMMER TERM 2010 DIARY DATES**

Monday 27 June	to	Thursday 30 June	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 29 June		4.00-5.30pm	Year 4 Meet the Parents Evening
Thursday 30 June		All day	School Closed – strike action
Friday 1 July		All day	School Closed – Staff training day
Monday 4 July		3.45-5.00	Yr 5/6 Cricket Tournament
Wednesday 6 July		7.00-9.00pm	Music Presentation Evening
Thursday 7 July		9.30-2.45pm	Year 4 Transfer Day
		9.00-4.00pm	Year 8 Transfer Day (Hastingsbury)
		4.15-5.30pm	Year 7 & 8 Consultation Evening
Friday 8 July		9.30-2.45pm	Year 4 Transfer Day
Thursday 14 July		7.00-9.30pm	Year 8 Prom
Tuesday 19 July		AM	Year 5 Trip – Cineworld
Wednesday 20 July		AM	Year 7 Trip - Cineworld
Thursday 21 July		All day	Year 6 Trip – Wicksteed Park
Friday 22 July		All day	Year 8 Trip – Jarman Park
		3.30	TERM ENDS

## **TERM DATES 2011-2012**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2011**

Wednesday 7 September – Friday 16 December 2011

Inset Training days: 5 & 6 September (school closed for pupils)

**Half Term:** Monday 24 October 2011 for one week

### **SPRING TERM 2012**

Wednesday 4 January – Friday 30 March 2012

Inset Training day: 3 January (school closed for pupils)

**Half Term:** Monday 13 February 2011 for one week

### **SUMMER TERM 2012**

Tuesday 17 April – Friday 20 July 2012

Inset Training days: 16 April, 6 and 23 July

**Half Term:** Monday 4 June 2012 for one week