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# DAUBENEY

*Diary*

## Welcome Message

This is our first newsletter of the school year and it outlines some of the many activities that have taken place since September.

Forthcoming events over the next few weeks include the annual Christmas Fayre, Carol Service, performances at the Salvation Army concert and the switching on of the Kempston Christmas Lights.

## Christmas Fayre

The school's Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

There will be a variety of stalls including: cakes, refreshments, tombola together with games for the children to have a go at.

Donations of cakes for the cake stall, items for the tombola such as chocolates, sweets and toys will be gratefully received.

Donations can be brought into school from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November

## SATs

We are pleased to be able to report that the 2010 SAT results showed a larger percentage of Daubeney's pupils reaching the nationally expected level 4, or higher, than last year. This was the case in all areas tested (Maths, Reading and Writing).

Furthermore, the percentage of pupils making good progress from Key Stage 1 also improved significantly.

Daubeney's results were above average for Bedford Borough Education Authority in all areas and above the National average in both Reading and writing.

Our congratulations go to the pupils, together with thanks to all those parents/carers who supported them throughout the year.

## Operation Christmas Child



A dedicated team of Year 8 students spent their free time preparing this year's Operation Christmas Child appeal on behalf of the charity Samaritan's Purse.

Every year, shoe boxes are filled with gifts suitable for a child, and sent to children around the world who may be victims of poverty, war, neglect or natural disaster.

The students gave up their lunch times to wrap shoe boxes in Christmas paper, which they distributed to all the classes in the school. They also prepared speeches to give in assemblies promoting the appeal and to encourage their class mates to make gift boxes of their own and bring them to school.

If that was not enough, they organised a charity raffle and cake sale to raise funds towards the transportation of the boxes abroad. In one lunch time, they raised £42!

Every day, the team of Year 8 students visited classrooms collecting boxes which had been donated; finally achieving a grand total of 86.

These were collected by Samaritan's Purse staff, to be given to needy children in Romania.



Our Year 8 students organised a selection of events to raise money for the Children in Need appeal on 19<sup>th</sup> November, organised by the BBC.

They held a raffle, organised a cake sale, encouraged other pupils to pay to throw wet sponges at a teacher, and held a non-uniform day for the school.

The raffle and cake sale raised £56 and overall the school raised £497.00.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our Year 8 pupils decided that they wanted to support this worthwhile charity. Parents were invited to come along on 4<sup>th</sup> November and buy coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits, all of which the children had supplied either by themselves or through their families. The children invited Martin Quince, Mayor of Kempston to come along, which he duly did with his wife, and they both enjoyed 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.

The afternoon raised £188.00. Many thanks to all parents who helped support this afternoon.

# Jeans For Genes

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.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October the whole school took part in helping to raise money for this charity with various activities. Overall the children raised £328.00.

# Parents please Note

## Administering medicines to pupils

Medication should only be brought into school only when absolutely essential. Parents/carers are encouraged to request, where possible, that medication be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable it to be taken outside school hours i.e three times a day – before and after school and at bedtime.

However, if your child needs to take medicine during school hours we 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](http://www.daubeneymiddleschool.co.uk) under the 'Forms' section.

Medicines brought in should be in the original container from the chemist and clearly labelled with:

- Child's name
- Class/Tutor Group
- Name of medicine
- Strength of medicine if appropriate
- How much to be given (i.e. dose)
- When to be given
- Expiry date if available
- Any other instructions

Parents should notify the school in writing of any changes in medicines and make suitable arrangements to replenish the supply of medicines if necessary.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer of pupils who need medication such as Epipens to ensure that the pens are renewed on a yearly basis, and that the old pens are removed from the premises.

It is also the responsibility of the parent/carer of pupils who need inhalers for asthma to ensure that replacement inhalers are brought into school before the supply already issued runs out.



## Musical Notes



### Carol Service

Everyone is welcome to our annual carol service at Kempston East Methodist Church on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. The carol service is a real tradition at Daubeney and we do hope you will come along to help us welcome in the Christmas season and join in the singing of carols.

Rehearsals are taking place and there is a buzz of excitement in the air. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December all pupils taking part will make their own way to the church for 8.50am and rehearse until 12.10pm when coaches will arrive to take us back to Daubeney. No tickets are required to attend the service but ALL reply slips regarding the rehearsal and coach trip need to be in school NOW.

### Choir to Perform at The Corn Exchange. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5pm

Earlier in the term the Choir received an invitation to sing at the Corn Exchange at the Salvation Army's 'Joy of Christmas' concert. It is a real privilege to be asked to perform at this wonderful venue and I am sure it will be a highlight of the season for us all. Tickets are available from school - £5 for adults and £1.50 for children. You can also obtain tickets from 'The Box Office' on 01234 269519. (Performers do not need a ticket)

### Composer in the house!!

Once again we are delighted to have a Christmas song composed especially for Daubeney School. Mr Charles Evans, a local musician and teacher, has produced a really catchy number for us this year and it will be 'premièred' at the Corn Exchange performance on the 5<sup>th</sup> (If you listen to the words carefully it gives loads of tips for Christmas presents for people who are tricky to buy for).

We are really fortunate to have Mr Evans come back and work with us; we do value his continued support for music at Daubeney School.

### Switching On of the Christmas Lights in Kempston

The Mayor of Kempston has asked to us to sing at the switching on of the Christmas lights event on 1<sup>st</sup> December at the Saxon Centre. We will need to wrap up warm if it is to be anything like last year! (Thermals to the ready!) We will be meeting at 5.45 outside Sainsbury's and our performance slot is at 6.15pm, just before the actual 'switch on' at 6.30pm.

We do hope you will come and support us.

### Reminder about Instruments

All instruments music books/ bags should be clearly labelled please. Also if your instrument is not needed in school for rehearsal please could you take it home as we have 104 pupils learning instruments at Daubeney and practice room 4 sometimes just can't take the strain! (Never mind your music teacher!)

Thank you to all out instrumental teachers, Miss Lusby, Miss Isted, Mr Evans and Miss Andrews for their continued help and support in the department.

# Bedford and Kempston School Sports Partnership

## Lower School Sports Competition

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October Daubeney hosted a Lower School Sports competition. Each Lower school and Special school within the Kempston area was invited to bring 30 pupils who were then split into 3 sports; Football, Multi Skills and Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. Daubeney Year 8 Games Captains were involved in running an activity as well as supporting and encouraging the lower school pupils during the event. It was a really successful morning and all involved found it very beneficial.

The next lower school competition is arranged for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

## Club Ambassadors at Daubeney School

November brings the middle schools annual 'Open Evenings' across Bedford, as an opportunity to promote the school and indeed the activities and achievements of their students. Although most schools conduct an open evening for similar purposes they are nearly all different as they reflect the ethos, learning ideals and environments that the individual schools wish to portray. Daubeney is no different and has always looked to develop the event to reflect the changing needs of the school and its community. In recent years the school has invited local clubs to join the open evening to promote themselves and maintain its links to the community.

This year however the school used its club ambassadors to help continue this work. Club ambassadors are something that the schools will develop further, however in this instance it was seen as important to use Year 5 students in the role as it was Year 4 students coming to look round the school. The club ambassadors were responsible for approaching their clubs to source posters, flyers and leaflets to be used on display boards which the ambassadors were also responsible for assembling.

Throughout the evening the ambassadors chatted to parents bestowing the virtues of their organisations, taking details of those children who might wish to join them. A huge debt of gratitude must be paid to the students involved for their efforts as they acquitted themselves in a very mature manner receiving many compliments from the prospective parents and from the staff.

# Lost Property

There are a few 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December will be disposed of.



## Illness

If your child is unable to attend school please make sure that you ring the school by 9.30am 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Homework Club

Mrs Kaler is running a homework club on Wednesday lunchtimes in Room 1.

The club is for Year 5 children primarily, but children from other year groups are welcome.

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

Mrs Chopping is running a Maths Computer club on Friday lunchtimes.



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.

For more information on careers, jobs and qualifications pupils and parents can also visit [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com)

### 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/>

Enter code: bfx. Username and password will be the one your child uses at school.

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



### Bedfordshire Parent Partnership Service

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 276267, and one for Central Bedfordshire on 0330 300 8088. The Bedford Parent Partnership office is based at 109 London Road.

[www.bedfordshireparentpartnership.co.uk](http://www.bedfordshireparentpartnership.co.uk), or you can email them on [parent.partnership@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:parent.partnership@bedford.gov.uk) (Bedford area) and [parent.partnership@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:parent.partnership@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) (Central Bedfordshire).

For those parents whose children are going through statutory assessment, coffee mornings are held on the second Thursday every month. You can get information about the assessment process, time scales, parental rights and responsibilities throughout the process, parental contribution and sources of other help. Parents and carers are automatically contacted by them through this process, but if you would like to find out anything about statutory assessment, call or email them. Parent Partnership can talk to you on the 'phone or you can make an appointment to see them at their offices in London Road.

If you have concerns about your child's special educational needs when they transfer to a new school, you can talk in confidence with the Parent Partnership Service by telephone on (01234) 276 267. If you would like help applying online, or have any questions about school admissions, the Parent Partnership Service will be available to offer free advice in the Central Library on Wednesday 8th December 2010 between 1.00pm – 5.30pm, and again on Wednesday 12th January 2011 between 10.00am – 3.00pm.



Parents, you can help us to earn green leaves and improve your own energy efficiency by visiting [www.generationgreen.co.uk](http://www.generationgreen.co.uk)



### FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR LISTENING BOOKS

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.

Please contact Mrs Bonar at the school if you would like to join.

## Domestic Abuse Information Line

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.

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.

FREEPHONE NUMBER – 0808 202 1796

## Community Board



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.

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.



## Kempston Library, Halsey Road, Kempston, Bedford

Tuesday 30th November - Census Information Event - Meet the Census Team - ask them anything you like about next years Census: 10am - 4pm  
Saturday 11th December - Christmas Stories and Activities - Join them for festive stories and to make tree decorations: 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Wednesday 19th January - Census Information Event - Meet the Census Team - ask them anything you like about next years Census: 10am - 4pm

Homework Centre (Term time only): Tuesday 3:30pm - 5:30pm,  
Thursday 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Rhyme Time (Term time only): Tuesday 11:00am - 11:30am

Silver Surfers: Mondays 2.00pm - 4.00pm

ESOL Reading and Writing Class (10 week course): Mondays (18th Jan-29th March) 11.00am - 1.00pm

U3A Italian - Contact the library for more details: Alternate Mondays 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Teen Reading Group: 3rd Monday of the month 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Kempston Walnuts Reading Group - Please ring for more details: First Thursday of the month 2:00pm - 4:00pm

MP Patrick Hall: Every 3rd Saturday of the month. By appointment only

Chatterbooks Reading Group - Please ring for more details: 1st Monday of the month 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Councillor Nicky Attenborough: Every 1st Saturday of the month 10:00am - 12:00noon



## 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](http://www.project229.org)

## 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.

In the past they have offered classes, such as street/jazz dance, Hip Hop, percussion, singing, clay modelling, Egyptian painting techniques, musical with performance and other similar classes. So far, around 200 young people have taken part in our 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).



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7/8 parents evening	4.15-5.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 7 trip to Cadburys World	8.45am to 5.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Daubeney Christmas Fair	4.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PC Longstaff to talk to 7JW	11.30am
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir singing at Corn Exchange with Salvation Army	1.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at Kempston East Methodist Church	7pm to 8.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	School 'Drop Down Day'	All day
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 to the Pantomime in Milton Keynes	12noon to 3.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch	12.25pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holidays	3.30pm
5th January 2011	Pupils return to school	8.45am Registration

### **AUTUMN TERM 2010**

Autumn Term: Friday 3 September – Friday 17 December 2010

### **SPRING TERM 2011**

Spring Term: Wednesday 5 January – Friday 8 April 2011

Half Term: Week beginning Monday 21 February 2011 for one week

### **SUMMER TERM 2011**

Summer Term: Wednesday 27 April – Friday 22 July 2011

May Day: Monday 2 May 2011

Half Term: Week beginning Monday 30 May 2011 for one week

### **Teacher Training Days = school closed**

Tuesday 4 January 2011

Tuesday 26 April 2011

Friday 1 July 2011

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