



The

DAUBENEY

September 2011

Diary

Welcome Message

Welcome to our autumn newsletter. We would like to welcome all the pupils back and hope you all had a lovely summer break. All of our new Year 5 pupils have settled in very well, with a number of students also joining us since September, to whom we also extend a warm welcome. Once again there are a large number of activities taking place this term and we hope that the children will take the opportunity to become fully involved in the life of the school community.

SATs Success!

The Joint Headteachers of Daubeney Middle School would like to congratulate those pupils who took their Key Stage 2 tests (SATs) in 2011. The percentage of pupils attaining Level 4 (the expected level) or above for English was exactly the same as the national average, whilst the school's Maths results for Level 4 or above was higher than the national average. Furthermore, in Maths, the progress of 87% of these pupils for the whole of Key Stage 2 (from the beginning of Year 3 to the end of Year 6) was in line with or better than national expectations.

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 is 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 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.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">School Meals</h2>	<p>Caterlink, our school lunch provider has issued a new school meals menu for the Autumn term which pupils have brought home. Further copies are available from the school office. Lunches are £1.95 per day, and this can be paid daily, weekly (£9.75), monthly or half termly. Cheques for school lunches should be made payable to Caterlink. On the reverse of the cheque, please include the child's name and address, and your cheque guarantee card number and expiry date.</p> <p>STOP PRESS : Special Offer for the Autumn Term!! – Caterlink are currently offering 6 weeks lunches for the price of 5 (a saving of £9.75!). If you would like to take advantage of this, you will need to send in a cheque for 5 weeks lunches (£46.25) and you will receive a voucher from the school office to entitle your child to 1 week of free lunches. Please note: this is only available to children who have lunches every day of the week.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Storybook Library</h2>	<p>Pupils are enjoying listening to story cassettes and CDs to improve their vocabulary and use of language. However, we would like to build up a library with a greater range of stories to choose from. If any parents or carers have story cassettes or CDs, at any level, they no longer need, we would be grateful if they could be donated to the school.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mrs Chopping</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Office Information</h2>	<p>Office Times Please note the school office is manned from 8.30-4.30 daily (4.00pm Friday). The telephone is manned between 9.00am-4pm. Our school office is extremely busy and therefore occasionally we are not able to answer the phone in time. If you telephone the school and the answer machine takes the call, please do leave a message which will be dealt with as soon as possible.</p> <p>Emails to Parents In order to improve our communication to parents and to save school resources, we hope where possible to eventually send most letters by email to parents by Groupcall. This should help with letters that are lost and don't make it home! We will continue to send both paper and electronic copies home at the moment while we trial this.</p> <p>Pupil Information It is extremely important, especially in an emergency situation, that the school office is kept updated with changes in pupil information, therefore if your address, emails or mobile numbers change, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can update your child's information. Data collection sheets were sent home on the first day of term for parents/carers to complete and return. Thank you to all the parents who have returned these. If you have not returned this sheet, please could you send it back as a matter of urgency so that we can update your child's record.</p> <p>A reminder to pupils and parents: We encourage the children to be responsible for organising their time and school equipment, therefore it is not possible to allow pupils to phone home for forgotten items such as PE kit, homework, cookery ingredients, social arrangements, afterschool clubs (unless cancelled at short notice by the school). We would be grateful if parents could support us in this.</p>

Newsletter Sept 2011 Music



Musical Notes



Instrumental Lessons

We are delighted by the number of pupils, especially in year 5, who are taking the opportunity to learn an instrument at Daubeney. All pupils will benefit from being able to borrow an instrument (except a piano!) and will be encouraged to join in the many musical groups available. We offer a wide range of instruments including, flute, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, trumpet (and all the brass family) violin, cello, double bass, piano and percussion (drum-kit and orchestral percussion). We also offer guitar lessons but its popularity means that at the moment we have a waiting list.

There are a few places still available for some instruments so pupils should see Miss Love as soon as possible if they'd like to start lessons.

If your child is learning or is about to start please could you note the following:

- Parents should please sign the pupil planner book each week and use the booklet for messages to the instrumental teacher
- Instruments should only be brought in on the day of the lesson
- All instruments **MUST** be clearly labelled with name and form
- Pupils need to catch up with school work missed
- The lesson timetable appears on the music room door every Friday for the following week, it will also appear on the learning platform (from September 23rd)
- Pupils need to check their lesson times carefully and inform me at least the day before if they need to change

Timetable of Musical Activities for this term

	Activities	Instrument lessons
Monday	Brass Group at lunchtime	Brass - Mrs Schofield
Tuesday	Choir at lunchtime	Woodwind - Mrs Bentley Cello - Mr Knight
Wednesday	String Group for ALL string players 8.30 am. Orchestra 3.30 -4.30 (invited players)	Violin – Mrs Dunham Percussion – Mr Hodge
Thursday	Keyboard Club at lunchtime and instrumental practice time	Keyboard/piano – Mr Grant-Jones
Friday	Rock Bands at lunchtime Harmonise 3.30-4.30 (by invitation)	Guitar – Mr Simpson


Dates for the diary

Christmas Service at Kempston East Methodist Church on Wednesday 7th December at 7pm.

Music Exam Successes!

Well done to:
Brett Saralli Grade 2 trumpet
Amber Saralli Grade 2 trumpet with merit
Luke Greenhill Grade 2 cello with merit

Miss Love

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Water Bottles</h2>	<p>Please ensure all children bring a water bottle to school, as it is extremely important that they have enough to drink throughout the day, even in the cooler weather. Children do tend to suffer with headaches and stomach aches if they are not adequately hydrated. In addition, it is advised that pupils have access to water bottles during their P E lessons.</p> <p>We hope to be able to sell water bottles from the school office in 2012 at a very reasonable cost.</p>																								
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Upper Schools Open Evenings Autumn 2011</h2>	<p>Below are the details of the Upper Schools Open Evenings for Year 8 pupils:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="443 539 1544 842"> <thead> <tr> <th>SCHOOL NAME</th> <th>DATE</th> <th>TIME</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bedford Academy</td> <td>Wed 28 September</td> <td>6.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Rutherford Upper School</td> <td>Thurs 6 October</td> <td>6.30-9.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Thomas More Catholic School</td> <td>Wed 5 October</td> <td>6.00-8.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Biddenham International School</td> <td>Wed 12 October</td> <td>6.00-9.00pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hastingsbury Upper School</td> <td>Tues 4 October</td> <td>6.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sharnbrook Academy</td> <td>Mon & Tues 3/4 October</td> <td>6.30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wootton Academy</td> <td>Thurs 29 September</td> <td>6.30-8.45pm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	SCHOOL NAME	DATE	TIME	Bedford Academy	Wed 28 September	6.00pm	Mark Rutherford Upper School	Thurs 6 October	6.30-9.00pm	St Thomas More Catholic School	Wed 5 October	6.00-8.30pm	Biddenham International School	Wed 12 October	6.00-9.00pm	Hastingsbury Upper School	Tues 4 October	6.30pm	Sharnbrook Academy	Mon & Tues 3/4 October	6.30pm	Wootton Academy	Thurs 29 September	6.30-8.45pm
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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Homework Club</h2>	<p>As it is so well attended, Mrs Kaler will continue running a homework club on Wednesday lunchtimes, 12.25pm to 1.25pm in Room 1. The club is for Year 5 and 6 children primarily, but children from other year groups are most welcome to attend.</p>																								
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Daubeney Functional Skills Success!</h2>	<p>Daubeney Middle School received excellent news in July. Sixty pupils from Year 8 were entered into the National Functional Skills exam in English, which tested their skills in Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening. This exam is normally attempted when pupils attend upper school. However, due to the fact that Daubeney School felt some of their pupils were ready to test their skills, they were entered at a much earlier age and with what success!!</p> <p>100% of the pupils passed the Reading and Speaking and Listening tasks; with 97% passing the Writing test with flying colours.</p> <p>These pupils can now achieve the next level at their upper schools with increased confidence. Well done to them all!</p>																								
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Community Board</h2> 	<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>																								

Mobile Phones

We would like to remind parents that although we allow pupils to bring mobile phones into school, these should be switched off and 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.

Medicines in School

Medication should only be brought into school 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 to be completed by yourselves before we can administer anything to your child. This form is available from the office or can be downloaded from the school website - www.daubeneymiddleschool.co.uk under the 'Forms' section

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

Every child who has an inhaler or medication in school must have a medical form completed by the parent at the beginning of every school year in September.

Please note, under no circumstances should pupils bring in medicines or tablets themselves. All medication is to be administered by the office staff. It is the policy of Bedford Borough Council that Ibuprofen is not permitted in school.

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Late Summer 2011: Further to our earlier successes in the athletics and cricket, as reported in the last Newsletter, I am extremely proud that the Year 7 & 8 girls cricket team were also crowned as Champions of the Bedford, Kempston and Sharnbrook partnerships after taking part in competition with other middle schools. Daubeney batted and fielded superbly to remain unbeaten at the end and therefore were crowned champions of 2011. As with the Year 5/6 team, Daubeney then qualified for the county finals but unfortunately neither of these tournaments took place in 2011. Well done to: Kayleigh Dynes, Shannon Goldsmith, Simran Chana, Jessica Chand, Sasha Mills, Caitlin Hickey, Beth Prior, Delvinder Bains and Megan Field.

Sports Boys/Girls of the Year 2010-2011:

Year 5

Ryan Mongiovi & Frankie Johnson
Naomi Bedeau & Maya Sidhu

Year 6

Harry Clarke & Lamar Chamber
Holly Kirkup & Gracie Field

Year 7

Harrison Dowling & Lewis Claxton
Morgan Patterson, Vanity Bouju & Natasha K

Year 8

Zach Wilson & Lee Johnson
Kayleigh Dynes & Beth Prior

A couple of reminders:

- Please ensure all PE kit (new and old), including trainers, is fully labelled with you child's name and form group, to enable us to return lost items as soon as possible.
- It is always advised and encouraged that pupils bring a water bottle to all PE lessons, whatever the weather, as dehydration can affect performance levels and health.
- It is essential that any relevant medication, eg, asthma pumps, are up to date and brought to PE lessons. Earrings should be removed or covered with micropore tape if ears have just been pierced and it is not possible to remove them.

Sports Clubs

With the first round of Sports/Dance Clubs up and running, please note it is not too late to join any of the clubs on offer. The list of clubs is as follows:

Monday

Lunchtime Year 5 & 6 Basketball
3.30-4.30pm Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby

Tuesday

Lunchtime Marathon Club
3.30-4.30 Year 7 & 8 Netball (Girls)
Junior Games Club (Sports Hall) & Year 7 & 8 Football (Boys)

Wednesday

Lunchtime Marathon Club
3.30-4.30 Year 7 & 8 Netball league night
3.30-4.30 Year 7 & 8 Rugby (Boys)

Thursday

Lunchtime Marathon Club/Breakdance Club
3.30-4.30 Year 5 & 6 Netball (Girls)
3.30-4.30 Year 7 & 8 Basketball (Boys)

Friday

3.30-4.30 Dance Club

Advanced Notice: Girls Football to start soon!



Community
GROUPS



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.

We have lots of exciting after school activities for the Autumn Term

ADVENTURE course at Kempston outdoor centre

MONDAYS 4pm-5.30pm 6 weeks starting 10th October

Wall climb/Archery/Crate Stack/Balance Beam Fee: £1 per session

BEGINNERS ROCK MUSIC at Kempston East Methodist Church Hall

This NEW 6 week course is on **MONDAYS** at 4.15pm – 5.45pm. £1 per session

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and learn an instrument.

Choose from:- keyboards – vocals – drums – guitar

SPORTS POWER

SPORT-LEADERSHIP-TEAM GAMES
at Robert Bruce Middle School **TUESDAYS** starts Oct 11th/18th &
Nov 1st/8th/15th/22nd 5pm – 6.30pm Fee: £1 per session

Join us for our specialist sports course – new entrants welcome

The opportunity to play & learn new skills. Basketball/Rugby/Football/Cricket and more...

ROCK MUSIC Intermediate & advanced for those with musical skills

NEW VENUE:-Kempston East Methodist Church Hall, Foster Road (by 229 turn)

WEDNESDAYS Oct 5th/12th/19th Nov 2nd/9th/16th Fee: £1 per session

Intermediate starts 4pm – 5.15pm Advanced starts 5.15pm – 6.30pm.



Improvers THURSDAYS 3.45pm – 5pm.
Kempston Pool, Hillgrounds Road Oct 6th/13th/20th Nov 3rd/10th/17th.

Fee £1 per session

(Please allow time before your session starts to allow for check-in and changing time).

THEATRE 4 possible performances at THE PLACE

F4YP would like to take small groups of young people to `The Place` in Bedford. There are four performances to choose from, please ring our enquiry line for further details.

1. Dancing to the Beat with Zulu Nation Fri 07/10/11 7.45pm
2. In Memoriam – An evening of poetry Sun 06/11/11 7.30pm
3. An Evening of Epic Poems Sun 11/12/11 7.30pm
4. George's Marvellous Medicine Wed 14/12/11 7.30pm
by Roald Dahl

AUTUMN TERM 2010 DIARY DATES

Tuesday 4 October	8.50am	Harvest Assembly
Wednesday 5 October	2.00-4.30pm	Year 5 Welcome Afternoon
Tuesday 8 November	4.30	Year 6 Parents Eve – Core Subjects
Thursday 10 November	4.30	Year 6 Parents Eve – Core Subjects
Thursday 17 November		Open Evening for Prospective Parents
Tuesday 22 November	9.10-11.10	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Tuesday 29 November	4.30	Year 7/8 Parents Evening
Thursday 1 December	4.30	Year 7/8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 7 December		Carol Concert
Thursday 8 December		Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 13 December		School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 14 December	12.30-5.30pm	Year 6 Pantomime Trip
Friday 16 December	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