



The

DAUBENEY

Diary

Welcome Message

This is the first newsletter of 2011, Christmas is a distant memory and we are all looking forward to longer spring days and a touch of sunshine.

As you are no doubt aware, if you have visited the school recently, work has begun on our entrance hall and the extension to the main office. The next 12 weeks are going to prove challenging whilst this work is going on but the new administrative area and foyer will make all the upheaval worthwhile.

Once again this term there are a number of events aimed at enriching your child's experience. Sometimes in providing these opportunities we have to ask parents to contribute towards costs. Naturally, we are aware that these are difficult financial times for many people and we will endeavour to keep costs down as far as possible

5Ck 'Time For A Change'

5CK are piloting a Social Enterprise programme called 'Time For A Change'. The class are working in teams running their own social enterprise business. Each business is making products from recyclable material to sell. Their profits will be used to buy goods for third world villages, such as goats and chickens.

Thank you to everyone who has so far brought in items to the class. Please continue to collect plastic milk bottles (with lids), tetra packs (with lids), jars, wire coat hangers and everything else on the list which was e-mailed to every pupil.

We will let you know when products are ready to buy.

School Uniform

School polo shirts are now on sale from the school office. These can be worn during the Summer Term.

28" - £8.00
30" and 32" - £8.50
34" - £9.00

34"/36" (s) - £9.00
36"/38" (m) - £9.00
42"/44" (l) - £9.50

Pupil Lunches

Our current school lunch provider, Eden Foodservice, contract ends with Bedford Borough Council on 8th April. The new school lunch provider from that date will be Caterlink, with the current catering staff remaining in school.

Can you please make sure that all monies owed for school lunches are paid by Friday 8th April. The catering staff will not be able to accept payment for school lunches for the Summer term, until school re-opens on 27th April.



Musical Notes



Well done to all our pupils who took part in the Carol Service on December 8th. Over one hundred pupils took part and as usual they were all a credit to the school. Some notable contributions came from Chelsea Beard and Jonah Atkinson who performed the 'Christmas Postman', a festive and thought provoking poem. The guitar ensemble and all members of choir and Harmonise also gave really beautiful performances. They accompanied the traditional carols and it was wonderful to see pupils making their first public performances having only just started learning instruments in September. Many thanks to Kempston West Methodist Church, all school staff, parents and of course our pupils.

Well done to Amber Saralli, Brett Saralli and Sam Matthewman for fantastic success in their brass music grade exams.

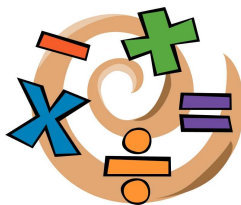
A reminder about Instruments and parent contact books; All instruments music books/ bags should be clearly labelled please. Also if your child's instrument is not needed in school for rehearsal please could they take it home. All pupils having instrumental lessons in school are given a practice/contact book by their tutor. This is used to keep a record of the lessons, as well as a means of communication between parent and tutor. I would be very grateful if parents could please sign the practice book weekly and encourage pupils to use the practice books regularly.

We are delighted that the music department has recently purchased new updated keyboards, voice recorders, music software and hi-fi equipment. All will be in use as soon as we complete minor modifications to accommodate them in the music room.

Spring Showcase!

Tickets are now on sale for our ever popular spring event. Dancers, musicians, poets, gymnasts and a whole host of top class talent will be entertaining us on Wednesday 30th March at 7pm in the Drama Hall. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible as they are limited. Adult tickets are £2.50 and concessions £1.50 and are available from the school office.

Bedfordshire
Adult Skills
& Community Learning



For the second year running Daubeney Middle School engaged the services of Bedfordshire Adult Skills and Community Learning to run a free two hour family numeracy workshop.

The workshop took place in November and is designed for parents who are not confident with maths and would like to build skills so they can better support their children with numeracy.

Those parents that attended the workshop were so interested in the work they were doing that a ten week family numeracy course is now taking place at the school on Wednesday mornings.

Joint Headteacher, Mrs. S. Evans has said that she is delighted to host the course and was pleased that parents were taking an active interest in their children's education. Daubeney Middle School is very keen to work with the local community and would welcome any suggestions for further courses.

Parents can contact the school on 01234 400111, or email daubeneyms@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk.

P.E



Girls Football

Daubeney Middle School's Girls Football team won the Year 5/6 Indoor Championship this year. This is the 3rd year in succession that teams from Daubeney have won the trophy.

The school's Year 7/8 team were also the runners up this year, showing superb effort too.

The successes of the teams this season led on from last season's fantastic results which saw Daubeney's Year 5 and 6 team representing North Bedfordshire at the County Finals. Their outstanding performance, which included not conceding a goal in the whole tournament, then saw the girl's progress through to the Regional Championship where they represented Bedfordshire with pride. Miss. B. Payne, P.E/Games Co-ordinator at Daubeney Middle school commented that 'the girls played well against some difficult opposition, and benefitted from playing at such a high level, preparing them for the change in standards if they are successful in representing Bedfordshire again this year'.

Netball

Another successful season saw the Year 5 girls win 3rd in the District Competition against fifteen other schools, putting on a superb performance throughout.

This November/December, also saw the Year 8s finishing 2nd in the 'B' league. The Year 7s won the 'B' league, and finished 4th at the District Championship.

Athletics in the Summer of 2010

Another supreme set of league performances saw the Year 5/6s girls team qualify for the District Finals which were held at the Bedford International Athletics Stadium. They performed extremely well and finished a magnificent 2nd behind Robert Bloomfield team and just above Lincroft's 'A' team. Daubeney also had 2 District champions: Lee Johnson for the high Jump, and Vanity Bouju in the 75 metres race. The Year 5/6 Relay teams also won 2nd place in their races, as did Meghan Dimmock in the 1200 metres and Katie Mantle in the 100 metres. Performances that also stood out came from Jarrod Gayle in the Javelin event, Jay Nahar in the Shot Put, and Natasha Kuzhangaira in the Discus.

We are also really proud of our 2 main gymnasts, Alice Taylor and Caitlin Lee Wilcox, who have had success at County and Regional levels over the past year.

Miss. B. Payne, P.E Co-ordinator, commented on how proud she was of the pupils at the school and said 'the school had had an outstanding sporting year and all the pupils were to be congratulated on their efforts'.

Storybook Library

Do you have any story books with c.ds or cassettes which are in good condition that you could donate to the school??

Mrs Chopping would like to start a lending library so that children can listen to the stories being told whilst following the words in the books. It doesn't matter what age group they are for as they will be used by our pupils who are new learners to English. If you have any, you can bring them into school marked for Mrs Chopping where they will be gratefully received.

Bedford and Kempston School Sports Partnership

Lower School Sports Competition

On Monday 7th March, Daubeney hosted a Lower School multi sports competition for the Lower Schools in Kempston.

Year 8 Leaders were charged with running the event, with the support of School Sport Co-ordinators, Miss Preston and Mr Proud. Pupils from Camestone, Balliol, Bedford Road, Kempston Rural and Priory Lower School alongside St Johns and Grange Special Schools competed against each other in Tag Rugby, Score ball (a form of netball) and Sports Hall Athletics.

Camestone won all three events and will participate in Tag Rugby against other schools in Bedford on Monday 14th March to compete for the Title of Bedford and Kempston School Sports Partnership Tag Rugby Champions. We look forward to hosting the next multi sport competition later on in the year.

Mrs Evans, Joint Headteacher, said 'this was a fantastic opportunity to support an event organised within our schools community. It particularly gave our year 8 pupils the opportunity to enhance their leadership and organisational skills'.



'Souper Soup Café'

25th March

Our Year 8 pupils have been investigating the issue of poverty in their Philosophy lessons; finding out some of the causes, consequences and religious teachings regarding how people should treat others in need.

As March is national Celebrating R.E. month, the pupils have decided to help run a charity event in support of Christian Aid. They have organised a 'Super Soup Café', to which you are warmly invited.

A team of cooks will have prepared a selection of soups for you, and hot drinks will be provided. There will also be entertainment by other pupils.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 25th March 2011, from 2.15pm – 4.00pm. Why not pop into the Drama Hall during the afternoon, or stay after school when you collect your child and please feel free to bring along friends and family.

All monies raised will go to the charity Christian Aid, which helps people in need in many different parts of the world, regardless of race or religious background.

Maths Dictionaries and Pocket English Books

We have some Maths dictionaries for sale in school at a cost of £10.50 each. They are for age range 7-11 years and help children to develop mathematical language and encourage reference skills and development of key areas of knowledge.

We also have 'Pocket Poster' books for KS3. These books help with homework assignments, class activities and revision. They are on sale at £1.50.



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



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 each day that your child is off school. 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.

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 down load should you need one will be on the school's website 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.



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.

<h1>Homework Club</h1>	<p>Mrs Bifield is running a Maths homework club for all year groups in Room 14, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12.25pm-1pm.</p> <p>Mrs Kaler is running a homework club on Wednesday lunchtimes, 12.25pm to 1.25pm in Room 1. The club is for Year 5 children primarily, but children from other year groups are welcome.</p> <p>Mrs Chopping is running a Maths Computer club on Tuesday lunchtimes, 12.50pm-1.20pm.</p>
	<p>The Connexions Careers Library is in Room 8 (Mrs Isted's room). 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. Pupils should speak to Mrs Isted if they want any further information.</p> <p>For more information on careers, jobs and qualifications pupils and parents can also visit www.connexions-direct.com</p>
<h2>Daubeney's Learning Platform</h2>	<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>Enter code: bfx. Username and password will be the one your child uses at school.</p> <p>We would suggest that this address is added to your favourites or bookmarks.</p>
 <h2>Bedfordshire Parent Partnership Service</h2>	<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 276267, and one for Central Bedfordshire on 0330 300 8088. The Bedford Parent Partnership office is based at 109 London Road.</p> <p>www.bedfordparentpartnership.co.uk, or you can email them on parent.partnership@bedford.gov.uk (Bedford area) and parent.partnership@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk (Central Bedfordshire).</p> <p>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.</p>
<h2>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>



Kempston Library, Halsey Road, Kempston, Bedford

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

Teen Reading Group - Contact the library for more details: 3rd Monday of the month 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Chatterbooks Reading Group - Ring for more details: 1st Monday of the month 4.30pm - 5.30pm

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

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

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.

Easter 3 Day Arts & Sports 2011

When April 13th, 14th, 15th 2011

Where Robert Bruce Middle School

Time 9.30am – 3.15pm Friday finish at 5.45pm

Fee Entrants who live in Kempston £6 for 3 days

All other entrants £12 for 3 days

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

Summer Art/Sport

5-day Multi Activity Course August 8th – 12th 2011 at Robert Bruce School, Hillgrounds Rd, Kempston

Fee: Entrants living in Kempston £10 per week

All other entrants £20 per week
Programme should include:-

MUSIC

ART

DANCE

DRAMA

SPORT

Sports Power

This specialist sports course continues on August 15th-19th 2011
Fee £10 for week course, free for those on free school meals
F4YP are delighted that Rob our chief coach returns for this course
Basketball...Rugby...Football,,Cricket...Rounders...Athletics

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 line. It's free to call and all calls are treated confidentially.

FREEPHONE NUMBER – 0808 2000 247 or visit the website:
www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk/



Tex Recycle Care Limited (TRCL) is a business that specialises in the collection and export of good quality second-hand clothing to emerging countries in Eastern Europe and Russia. They are working with Daubeney school to help raise cash through the collection of used clothing for them to export.

They need good quality men's, ladies and children's clothing as well as shoes, handbags and other household textiles to go into the collection bin at the school. All the clothes you provide will be exported for sale in local markets in Eastern Europe and Russia within ten days of the collection being made. So if you have any clothing please put in the bin for regular collection.

Book Fair

Our recent Scholastic Book Fair raised £1691.37.

This will result in over £1,000 of free books for the school library.

Many thanks for all your support.

Date	Event	Time
14 th March	Year 5 'Time for a Change' Programme	1.30pm-2.30pm
15 th March	Year 6 parents evening	From 4.15pm
16 th March	Parents Numeracy Workshop	9.10am-11.10am
18 th March	Comic Relief Day – non uniform wear something red	All day
18 th March	Year 5 – Play delivered by the Footprints Trust re Philosophy	
21 st March	Year 5 'Time for a Change' Programme	9.10am-11.10am
23 rd March	Parents Numeracy Workshop	
25 th March	'Souper Soup Café' Christian Aid charity event in the Drama Hall	2.15pm-4.00pm
28 th March	Year 5 'Time for a Change' Programme	
30 th March	Reverend C Howes and T Singh Bavia talk to Year 8 about Christian and Muslim beliefs	
30 th March	Spring Showcase in the Drama Hall	7pm
31 st March	Mrs F Afzal Pagliari talk to Year 8 - Muslim beliefs	
1 st April	Reverend C Howes talk to Year 8 about Christian beliefs	
4 th April	Mrs F Afzal Pagliari talk to Year 7 - Muslim beliefs	
4 th April	Year 5 'Time for a Change' Programme	
5 th April	Year 8 – Play 'Shaking Up Shakespeare'	
7 th April	Year 5 – trip to 'Hazard Alley' Milton Keynes	
7 th April	Mrs F Afzal Pagliari talk to Year 7 - Muslim beliefs	
8 th April	Mrs F Afzal Pagliari talk to Year 7 - Muslim beliefs	
8 th April	Year 6 – Play delivered by the Footprints Trust re Philosophy	
8 th April	Break up for Easter Holidays	3.30pm
26 th April	School Closed for Teacher Training day	
27 th and 28 th April	School Open as usual	8.45am registration
29 th April	School closed for royal wedding	
3 rd May	School Open as usual	8.45am registration
3 rd May	Year 8 QCA English tests all week	
9 th May	Year 6 SATs tests all week	
16 th May	Year 8 QCA Maths tests all week	
27 th May	Break up for May half term	3.30pm
6 th June	School Open as usual	8.45am registration

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 26 April 2011

Friday 1 July 2011

School will also be closed for the Royal Wedding on Friday 29th April 2011, but will be open on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th April.

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