



DAUBENEY

DESPATCH

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Message from the Head:

So where did that term go? It doesn't seem a moment since our pupils were returning from their Summer break, getting to grips with a new timetable and getting to know their new Form Tutors. I'm sure that Year 5 pupils must look back over the last three months and wonder how a school with which they are now so familiar can have seemed so strange!

I am writing this during the final week of term and Christmas is well and truly upon us. The Christmas shoe boxes have been sent, the Christmas tree has been decorated, the PTFA has run a successful Christmas Fayre, Year 6 pupils have been to see the pantomime at Milton Keynes (oh yes they have), the instruments have been taken to Kempston East Methodist Church in readiness for our carol concert, crackers have been stockpiled in readiness for the school Christmas lunch and final plans put in place for the whole-school Christmas assembly.

Most of the above wouldn't have been possible without the combined efforts of pupils, staff and parents. This really has been a case of 'working together for your child.' My thanks go to everyone who has helped, in whatever capacity, to make these various events a success.

I would like to give a special mention to this year's group of volunteers from Years 7 and 8, who form our team of 'Friendly Faces'. As well as supporting some younger pupils, at Daubeney and at Springfield Lower School, they have done a splendid job as guides to visitors to the school this term. Many of them were praised individually, as well as collectively, by the parents of Year 4 pupils who visited our Open Evening and our Open Morning. Well done to them all.

It only remains for me to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a successful New Year!

Jeremy Chopping
Head teacher

Year 8 Basketball

This year has been very exciting for the Daubeney Year 8 Basketballers. The team, led by their captain Nakeal Gill has had a successful winning streak that secured them a place in the Bedford and Kempston Semi-finals.

However, in their semi-final game they were defeated by Lincroft by only 1 basket. The mighty Daubeney boys were not disheartened; they continued to play in the 3rd/4th playoff game and succeeded, receiving overall 3rd position in the Bedford and Kempston Basketball Championships.

Christmas Carol Service

Daubeney held it's annual Christmas Carol Service at Kempston East Methodist Church on Wednesday 16th December, 2015 and once again the performances by our pupils were outstanding. The evening was enjoyed by everyone who attended and further information together with photographs will be placed on our website shortly. Well done to everyone who took part.

2015 Shoe Box Appeal

As we prepare ourselves for the Christmas holidays, many of us will be thinking about festivities and celebrations. However, we are also aware that Christmas is not a happy time for everyone. Many children in other parts of the world are living in conditions of poverty, neglect or war.

Your generous support of this year's Shoe Box Appeal, organised by the charity Samaritan's Purse, will enable children to feel a little Christmas joy. Your gifts, however small, will make a huge difference to the lives of others. Perhaps a soft toy which has been donated will bring comfort to a lonely child, or a pencil may enable someone to attend school whereas they could not do so before. Or even something as simple as a toothbrush may allow a child to have an item of their own rather than share it with others in an orphanage. Be assured that your gifts are important to those who receive them.

This year we sent a total of 96 boxes to the warehouse in Olney where they were checked, securely sealed and sent abroad, possibly Romania. On behalf of the staff at Daubeney and the Year 8 pupils who organised this year's appeal (Aimee Brown, Sophie Schreiner, Nadya Tahir, Omnia Siddig, Prabhjot Kaur, Maariyah Beg, Jessica Davidson and Danielle Maycock), I would like to thank you all for making this great total the highest we have had in the last five years!



Voluntary Help Needed

Are you or do you know someone who would be willing to volunteer to help look after the school's Memorial Garden? If so, please contact the school for further details.



PTFA News

Thanks to everybody who supported the recent Christmas Fayre especially the pupils who took part in the Bake off competition, the winner of which was Thomas Keep 6JB—well done. We hope that all who attended enjoyed the wide range of stalls and attractions on offer. We are also grateful to those who possibly could not attend but donated items or money to help make the event a success. We would also like to extend a special thanks to everybody who helped to run stalls or organise performances as the PTFA can only exist because of the willingness of people to volunteer their time. The funds raised (approximately £740) will be added to the PTFA bank account and we will spend some of this money in the new year on items that will benefit the pupils.



The beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the school lobby was kindly donated by Stagsden Christmas Trees. It certainly brightens up the building and adds a festive touch to the school.

We would like to wish everybody at school a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing many of you at a meeting or event in the future. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 20th January at 6.30pm. As usual, feel free to contact us via the school or at daubeneyptfa@gmail.com

Girls Indoor Futsal League Teams

Congratulations must go to the Year 5/6 and year 7/8 Girls Indoor Futsal League teams who have both qualified for the semi-finals in December. Both teams have played some excellent football and should be proud of their 100% record, a difficult feat in any league. The year 5/6 squad, which contained 4 debutants from year 5, finished top of their league by beating the following schools, Newnham 'A', Harrold, Lincroft, Livingstone, Kings Oak and Beauchamp. The year 7/8 team also had success against Newnham 'A', Harrold, Lincroft and Beauchamp, plus victories against Bedford Free School and Biddenham Upper. The yr5/6 now play Elstow in the semi-finals and the yr7/8s will face their old rivals St.Gregories in their semi-final. The very best of luck to the following pupils, who have represented Daubeney superbly over the last few weeks.

Year 5/6: Erin Boyes; Makayla Crichlow; Hannah Dimbleby; Faye Garnham; Leah Jones; Hannah Major; Bronagh McClelland; Jessica Norman; Abigail Preston.

Year 7/8: Mya Banghar ; Lucy Chambers; Chloe Esposito; Emma Heley; Sophie Hopkins; Angel Hasler-Norris; Ciara Thompson; Zoe Trinder.

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Year 5/6 Girls-

Semi-Final v Elstow- 1-0 victory; Final v Goldington- 4-1 victory!

Therefore become District Futsal Champions!

Year 7/8 Girls-

Semi-Final v St.Gregories- 2-1 loss(AET) -3rd/4th place play-off v Goldington- 3-1victory.

Therefore 3rd place!

Athletics

Over the last couple of weeks Daubeney's athletes have taken part in the Bedford, Kempston and Sharnbrook Sportshall Athletics Championships at The Bunyan Centre. Well done to the following pupils who battled well in the fun, but highly competitive events!!

The results were as follows:

(a) Year 5/6 Mixed Indoor Athletics Team- A very creditable 4th place out of 16 schools, despite missing a number of our most experienced athletes.

Team Lists:

Girls- Jessica Cook; Makayla Crichlow; Hannah Dimbleby; Faye Garnham; Megan Jones; Hannah Major; Paige Nicholls-Fountain; Jessica Norman.

Boys- Tyreese Andrews; Kwasi Bando; Reece Beddal; Harry Hemming; Alex Judge; Milan Kostic; Kyron Matthews and Reuben Snooks.

(b) Year 7 Teams:

Girls- 5th place out of 16 teams.

Mya Banghar; Chloe Esposito; Merin Jeffrin; Sobini Sivanesan and Ciara Thompson.

Boys- 7th place out of 16 teams.

Perez Afreh; Sam Coleman; Jack Curryer; Antoine Dhillon; Samuel Koduah and Brandon Markland.

(c) Year 8 Teams:

Girls- 4th place out of 12 teams.

Dominika Domel; Angel Hasler-Norris; Sophie Hopkins; Sammy Rowkins and Zoe Trinder.

Boys- 9th place out of 12 teams.

Emmanuelle Asare; Nick Judge; Kai Kalyan; Aaron Masih; Taylor Payne and Jake Sasko.

Year 7 Netball Team

Our Year 7 Netball Team become the Bedford, Kempston and Sharnbrook 'B' League champions!

After being placed into an extremely competitive 'B' league, it is pleasing to report that victories against the following schools meant that the Year 7s finished unbeaten, and therefore claimed the 'B' League title: Margaret Beaufort; Lincroft 'B'; Newnham and St. Gregories. Unfortunately the match with BGS 'C' team couldn't be completed so we share the title with the Lincroft 'B' team who we defeated earlier in the season.

Year 7 Team: Mya Banghar; Chloe Esposito; Niamh Hulett; Merin Jeffrin; Angelie Paul; Sobini Sivanesan; Ciara Thompson and Taylor Webb.

After Christmas it is the turn of the year 5 and 6 teams to start their netball matches. After a turn-out of over 40 pupils at training, the competition for places will be fierce!

Girls Basketball

Well done the Year 7/8 Girls Basketball team who beat Beauchamp; Newnham 'A' and Westfield, plus gained a draw with Bedford Free School, to qualify as top team for the basketball league finals night!

Good luck in their semi-finals versus Lincroft 'B' team!! Report to follow after Christmas.

Year 7/8 Team: Mya Banghar ; Dominika Domel; Chloe Esposito; Sophie Hopkins; Angel Hasler-Norris; Sammy Rowkins; Abbie Slater; Ciara Thompson and Zoe Trinder.

School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December, 2015 was our school Christmas Dinner Day. All pupils whether having a school lunch or a packed lunch were issued with a cracker courtesy of the PTFA and we would like to thank them for these.

The atmosphere was in the Dining Hall was very relaxed and enjoyable by all.

May we take this opportunity to thank our hard working kitchen staff who cooked no less than 13 turkeys (which went in the ovens at 6.30am!)

THANK YOU

A big thank you from Miss Payne, Mr Pugh and Mr Brown-Bolton for the dedication and commitment shown by all those who continue to represent the Daubeney teams with pride so far this year. We are all very proud of your efforts.

Parent/Carer Governor

Would you like to support the school and become a Parents/Carers Governor.

If so please contact Mrs Denise Willis, the Head teacher's PA (dwillis@daubeney.bbvtle.com) or 01234 844076) for further information.

Reminders

Parents/carers need to telephone the school each day their child is absent giving details of their child's full name, registration group and stating the reason for the absence.



Please remind your child that they should use their lockers to store their belongings in. If they have lost their key they will need to contact reception and pay £5 for a replacement key.

The school car park is for school staff and visitors only. Please do not use the car park for dropping off or picking up your child as an increase in traffic at these times causes severe congestion and poses a danger to our pupils.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 5 Progress Leader Drop-In Sessions

Mrs Kaler will be holding a child progress session every Wednesday between 3-4 pm.

This will be in the form of a 'drop-in' where you can come and discuss any issues regarding your child.



Head teacher Awards

For outstanding attainment for accelerated reading:

Jeslyn Ofori



For making fantastic Roman shields:

Taran Mall 7RG, Mary English 7RG, Kamari Patel 7RG, Jassika Kumar 7RG, Joseph Housden 7NS, Emma Heley 7NS, Ewelina Sadowska 7NS, Chelsea Nichol 7SO, Melody Lonsdale 7SO, Koppany Nemeth 7SM, Samuel Colman 7SM, George Rowland 7SM, Matilda Chappel 7SM, Brandon Markland 7SM, Amelia Lowndes 7SM, Kiran Bhimsingh 7SM, Romeo Barbarino 7SM

Message from the new Chair of Governors—Mr Geof Cole

Like many of you, I am not sure where this term has gone and it's Christmas already!!

Firstly I would like to commend all the staff and pupils of Daubeney for the amazing success they have achieved from the outstanding SAT's and other awards since last summer. The school continues to receive recognition and praise for all that has been accomplished.

As you are aware the school now faces probably its most challenging time in its history (even more radical than becoming an academy). Thank you to all those who were able to come to the consultation meetings, regrettably I was unable to be there, I know your support is very valued by the Head teacher and staff. I would like to encourage you to complete the consultation document and please do not be afraid to ask the 'difficult' questions. The information we, staff and governors, receive will be essential for us to come to the best decision for the ongoing success of Daubeney.

We continue to have open and honest discussions with the Challenger Multi Academy Trust and as soon as there is some concrete proposals on the table we will be consulting with you all again about the next step forward.

Education is a constantly changing and evolving environment and we are determined to offer the children of Kempston the best educational deal possible. This will mean change but unless we are willing to adapt our children will be disadvantaged.

Lastly I would like to wish the very best for the Christmas Season and hope you have some great fun and enjoyment over the holidays.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th December, 2015—Last Day of Term (school open to pupils)
Monday 4th January, 2016—Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 5th January 2016—School open to pupils—Spring Term
Thursday 14th January 2016—KS3 Parents Evening 4pm—8pm
Tuesday 19th January 2016—KS3 Parents Evening 4pm—8pm
Thursday 4th February, 2016—Year 5 Parents Evening 4pm—8pm
Tuesday 9th February, 2016—year 5 Parents Evening 4pm—8pm
Friday 12th February, 2016—25 Merits non-school uniform day
Friday 12th February, 2016—last day of half-term (school open to pupils)
Monday 15th February, 2016 to Friday 19th February, 2016—Half-term
Monday 22nd February, 2016—School open to pupils

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM ALL THE

GOVERNORS, STAFF AND PUPILS AT DAUBENEY ACADEMY

