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embrace
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work hard and **be kind to each other**

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Welcome to the Spring Term edition of Daubeney Update.

In this edition, find out about our support of the **Bedford Foodbank**, Science trips to Bedford School and the **NEC**, earning '**Colours**', a trip to **MK Dons** for a training session, 'Stayers' hoodies, Geography field trip around **Kempston**, a performance on **online safety**, the trip to see **The Lion King**, **International Women's Day** celebrations, staff and students dressing up for **World Book Day**.



Challenger Trust Fundraising Event

On Wednesday 08.06.17, a group of 5 Year 8 students, headed to London to with Mr Miles and Mrs Muscroft in order to represent Daubeney as ambassadors at a Challenger Trust fundraising event at Millbank Tower, in the shadow of the Houses of Parliament.

All of the students who took part were a credit to themselves, their families and the school that they are proud to attend both now and over the next three and a half years. Our main speaker at the event, Dylan

Watson, spoke with an honesty and passion that left a huge impression on all of the people who were present.

Most adults would find the prospect of addressing a room of politicians, Lords and CEOs of influential companies too much to handle, but not Dylan. Confidence, of course, is one of Daubeney's core values, and it was personified during the speech, and indeed during the entire evening, by the composed and elegant manner in which all of our students behaved.



Proudly supporting Bedford Foodbank

On a **chilly February afternoon**, ten Daubeney Academy students went to **Bedford Foodbank's warehouse** to learn more about the **work** that goes on there in **support** of the **local community**. They were both **surprised** and **encouraged** by what they discovered.

Bedford Foodbank, working with the Trussell Trust, provides emergency supplies of food and domestic products such as toiletries, to people who find themselves in a crisis situation.

There are many reasons why people need support; perhaps through job loss, illness or the breakdown of a relationship.

The students were shocked to learn that the Foodbank has supported over 2000 local children who have found themselves without food, and that between 450 – 600 people are fed each month.

After spending the afternoon helping in the warehouse, the students realised just how important the work of the Foodbank is and felt that they wanted to do more to help. On their return to school, they set about writing a letter to Mr. Miles, the Head Teacher, in order to persuade him to make Daubeney Academy a Foodbank collection point. When



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he read the letter, Mr. Miles was impressed by the students taking on the responsibility to do more to help their local community. He immediately agreed to support their initiative.

Daubeney Academy is now an official Foodbank collection point. If you are collecting your child from school, or perhaps dropping them off in the morning, please feel free to bring in your donations of food or toiletries which can be handed in at the office. Students at the school can also bring donations in and leave them in the box. In fact, any visitors to Daubeney Academy are welcome to use this facility in order to support those who need a little extra help. **Currently items such as coffee, shampoo and tinned potatoes are particularly needed.**



“There were lots of loud bangs and fire!

On Wednesday the 15th March, Mrs Willn and a group of our budding scientists travelled to the NEC in Birmingham in order to learn more about

Science, Maths and Engineering. The site was immense and packed with stalls and shows and hundreds of excited children.

The Big Bang STEM Fair

Our outstanding science students were keen to build upon their current knowledge and skills in preparation for the GCSE studies that they have ahead of them a Daubeney Academy

Our students enjoyed learning outside of the classroom. Ivana Bartolic went to the Careers cabin to find out which careers she might like, she tried a quiz to help her



Bedford School Science Trip

We went to Bedford School and watched lots of experiments. It was really cool. We watched experiments with gases – there were lots of loud bangs and fire! At the beginning we got sprayed with a water gun!

There were so many exciting opportunities to participate in experiments and was a great afternoon.

Jessica Crawford 7R

decide and she went to test shapes in wind turbines and watched a super show called “Science Magic, Magic Science”, which she said was fun.

Other students enjoyed the water rockets and wearing virtual reality goggles and most of the hands on stalls. Joe particular enjoyed testing his reaction time, a competitive computer game at the BBC Bitesize exhibit. Madison from year 5 said she had most enjoyed designing and testing propellers, she liked being able to improve her design. A young Engineer for the future possibly, which is actually what the day was all about, showing young people the endless possibilities open to them.

Thank you to Mrs Willn, Mr Pugh and Mr Canty-Diggins for such an exciting experience for our students.

Colours

Since we returned to school in January, students at Daubeney Academy have been logging **credits earned** towards their **Colours** via www.pupilrewardpoints.co.uk. Although both daily and monthly sessions take place in school that allow students to do this, I would **encourage** both parents and students to also **track progress outside** of normal school times and each child's **username** and **password** has been provided via **ParentMail** so that credits can be logged at home.

Our new Colours system is unique to Daubeney Academy and will allow our students to demonstrate that they are developing their character as well as their academic abilities. As the year goes on and our students are given even more opportunities to learn outside of the normal classroom environment, each activity will be added to the drop-down list of activities that can currently be found on the website listed above.

As you already know, our Colours system links with our shared values of:

// Respect // Responsibility // Learning
// Confidence // Honesty

As well as working towards gaining excellent academic qualifications, Daubeney students will be able make themselves more employable to businesses and attractive to colleges by gaining the nationally renowned Challenger Diploma, which we will offer as in integral part of our school life and our drive to produce effective contributors to society. Once students have earned 100 credits (20 against each of our shared values) they will have earned their House Colours and will be rewarded with a metal pin badge that can be worn on their school blazer.

After all four badges have been earned, which may take a few years of effort towards developing their character against our shared values, students will also have earned their Challenger Diploma. In order, the Colours that students who are committed not only to developing an outstanding character but also to Daubeney Academy can gain are:

// House Colours // Daubeney Colours
// CMAT Colours // Challenger Diploma Colours

Our unique Colours system is the latest in a succession of exciting developments for Daubeney Academy as we move towards becoming an outstanding secondary school. Without doubt, there will be further developments in 2017 and I look forward to the continued challenge of creating both academic and social excellence in Kempston.



Recently, just after the half-term break, parents were sent letters thanking them for committing to Daubeney Academy as we make our transition from an Ofsted-rated good middle school to an outstanding secondary school where academic excellence and character education go hand in hand.

In the letter, it was also stated that because of the importance that we place on the development of skills that are learned outside of the classroom, we will be taking Year 9 students to Brecon Beacons in Wales in September for a week of outdoor learning. A separate letter about this trip will be sent to parents very soon and we begin to make preparations for a parents' information evening on May 4.

Parents and students were also interested to hear that we have planned a number of other initiatives in order to celebrate the beginning of our first ever Year 9 curriculum, such as a Year 9 Prom, which will take place in September 2017 and a Daubstock Music Festival in Summer 2017 for students who have chosen to continue their learning journeys with us.

We will also provide students with Daubeney hoodies that can be worn at Daubstock (have you handed your reply slip back in?). As well as these initiatives, we will also be hosting a Colours Awards Evening for students who have earned 100 credits and gained their House Colours, the first milestone on the way to achieving their Challenger Diploma.

Staying at Daubeney?

Don't forget to order your **personalised hoodie!**

Geography Field Trip

My class and I went on a field trip in Kempston on Friday 27th January 2017. While on this trip we did a lot of fun things. There was three activities; tallying, interviewing and drawing items on a map. This trip was different from other trips I have been on which made it special. I thought this was a really fun activity.

Poppy Massey 6B

We went out of school on a trip to the local shops. Outside McCalls we asked shopkeepers about their jobs and then we went outside Springfield Lower School to see what hazard preventers are on the road such as zig-zags, barriers and humps. We then looked at cars at the traffic lights.

Ahmed Ali 6B

“I thought this was a really fun activity.”



We are delighted to be able to offer our KS2 students the opportunity to train with coaches from one of our local professional football teams during the summer term.

Sessions will be taking place on Friday afternoons on our school field and Daubeney are happy to cover the cost of the training as we feel that our students will gain a great deal from the experience. However, there are only a limited number of places available so please ensure that you sign up as quickly as you can!

A selection of KS2 students visited Alban Academy for a performance called *In the Net* which was all about the importance of staying safe on the internet. This was a creative, interactive way to communicate an important message.

During a subsequent assembly, the students shared their experience; during the following week's social media/safer internet week.

Performance of 'In the Net'

Comments from students included:

“ I learned that what I put on the internet will be there forever so I have to really think about what I'm saying.

“ You should always be kind on the internet like you would to a person's face.



The Lion King

On the 1st March, 2017 54 Students left Daubeney by coach to watch a spectacular performance of **'The Lion King'** in London. When the curtains opened on this fabulous show the theatre fell quiet to watch a show that everyone said afterwards was a **magical** performance.

Actors, in beautiful mesmerising costumes danced around the stage which in itself was a masterpiece with intricate set changes. All students and staff who had the privilege to go on this outstanding trip, had a fabulous time and something they will remember for a long time to come.

Be Bold for Change

International Women's Day was celebrated across the world on March 8th. The theme this year was "be bold for change" and as part of this challenge four Year 8 female students were invited down to London to explore the career opportunities which are available within the growing technology industry. 4PS is one of the

world's leading internet marketing companies, having famous customers such as Selfridges, Jamie Oliver and Audi. Their job is to make sure these companies get as high a profile as possible through developing their websites.

Consequently, our four students were given a first-hand opportunity to see how females have specifically developed

their own careers within this business, and how they could then shape their own thinking and aspirations based upon this initial experience. All of the students really relished the opportunity to be mentored for the day by a range of female staff from 4PS, and this included having a video conference meeting with offices from around the country. This all then came very positively together when our students were challenged to both prepare and then present a digital marketing strategy for a leading clothing retailer.

“ All of the students undoubtedly gained a fantastic amount from taking part in this unique experience, and it has no doubt created lots of positive reflections as they develop the next stages of their educational journey.



World Book Day

Daubeney Academy celebrated **World Book Day** in spectacular style. Staff and students alike dressed as characters from various books with classroom doors being decorated to represent a well-known novel. Students and staff enjoyed the enhanced curriculum day where learning about various books and the joy of reading books were celebrated by all.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2017 Spring/
Summer
Term

APRIL

TUESDAY 4th

Maths Curriculum Enhancement Day

TUESDAY 4th

Last day of term (school open to students)

WEDNESDAY 5th - MONDAY 17th

Easter Holiday (school closed)

TUESDAY 18th

Teacher Training Day (school closed)

WEDNESDAY 19th

School open to students

THURSDAY 20th

Coffee Morning

MONDAY 24th

Financial Literacy Lessons (Lloyds Bank)

MAY

MONDAY 1st

Bank Holiday (School closed)

MONDAY 8th - THURSDAY 11th

Y6 SATs

FRIDAY 26th

Last day of term (school open to students)

MONDAY 29th - FRIDAY 2nd JUNE

Half Term (School closed)

JUNE

MONDAY 5th

School open to students

THURSDAY 22nd - FRIDAY 23rd

School Play

Don't forget to also check our website for the most up-to-date news and events >>>



Daubeney Academy Minibites on Facebook and Twitter

In order to both showcase the outstanding academic ability of some of our

Maths students as well as support others who have not yet reached the same levels of mathematical understanding, we have posted the first wave of our Minibites project online onto not only our website but also our Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Our Minibites are brief explanatory sessions, made by students for students, which can be used as revision aids during the build up to exams or as extra help for homework tasks. After only their first two days on our very popular Twitter account, the videos had been viewed over 2000 times and had attracted a number of very complimentary comments from other schools.

Over the next term, our students will be putting even more Minibites from even more subjects online so that the whole community can learn together!



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