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DAUBENEY DESPATCH

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Message from the Head:

Following the school's latest Ofsted inspection, which took place on the 5th and 6th May, I was informed that the inspection team judged Daubeney to be 'good' in all five Ofsted categories. I was then given strict instructions not to share the grades with anyone. You might be surprised to learn that this included the staff at the school and I'm sure you can understand it has been a difficult secret to keep.

Over two weeks later, permission was granted to publish the full report and a copy was distributed to every student on Wednesday, 25th May, to take home for parents/carers. If you didn't receive a copy, you can access the full report on the home page of the school's website. My covering letter can also be found on the 'Letters to parents' page of the website.

Naturally, it is very pleasing that Ofsted has recognised the great progress made by the school since the last inspection and the high standards being achieved at Daubeney today, but this will not be the end of the story. All the staff at the school are determined to build on all that is positive; recognise areas where further improvements can be made and continue the improvement journey. Our ultimate goal is not to be satisfied with being a 'good' school, but to strive to become an 'outstanding' school.

Jeremy Chopping
Head teacher

OFSTED—GOOD

We are delighted with our recent Ofsted report where Daubeney Academy was given a very strong 'Good' by Ofsted.

We would like to thank all parents for their continued support in helping the school achieve this result.



Personal Development

We are pleased that the following pupils have had their pictures added to our Personal Development board—well done to everyone

George Rowland and Koppány Nemeth have developed their creative skills and designed amazing Roman shields.

Prabhjot Kaur has improved her confidence in challenging her own and other pupils' beliefs in Ethics.

Rishi Kalyan has developed his computing skills by making a website for his brother's restaurant.

Josh Smith has been chosen to play for the Luton Town Player Development Squad.

Katie Quince performed her Karate moves in a whole school assembly.

Cameron Moore raised over £750 for The Fire Fighters Charity.

Shivani Kaur made an outstanding presentation about her Sikh faith

Oscar Barlow has achieved a red belt in Karate.

Luke Banghar volunteered to speak to other year groups during assemblies about his experiences at Daubeney Academy

Lauren Morton has achieved a grade 3-4 in her singing exam

Amrita Klair made huge improvements with her handwriting.

Giacomo Moreton has improved his sketching ability.

Year 6 Netball team win bronze

Congratulations go to the year 6 netball squad who repeated last years success at the Bedford, Kempston and Sharnbrook Partnership Championships in March. The girls had a difficult first match, and a loss, against the team that were to become the eventual champions Lincroft 'A' team. However, Daubeney showed great determination, steadily growing in confidence and playing some increasingly impressive netball. After victories against BMS 'C' team, Harrold, BGS 'D' team and Livingstone, Daubeney finished 2nd in their group and thus went through to the semi-finals. They met a strong Goldington, and despite playing extremely well, and never being more than 2 goals behind their opponents, went down narrowly 4-2. This led to a 3rd and 4th place play-off against our rivals Westfield where the girls battled hard and persevered to win a close fought match 6-4, thus gaining Daubeney the bronze medal (a repeat of last year's success). The girls were once more elated to have gained a tremendous 3rd place behind Lincroft 'A' and Goldington 'A' teams.

Well done to the following squad: Ava Caulfield; Sofia Cimmino; Jessica Cook; Makayla Crichlow; Aaliyah Hans; Megan Jones; Hannah Major; Paige Nicholls-Fountain; Abigail Preston and Keeley Stein.

Our Years 5 and 6 Girls Football Team reach the counties again but now they are joined by the Year 7 and 8s too!

After reaching, and winning, the final of the indoor futsal league, the year 5&6 girls wanted to continue their success in the outdoor tournament. Daubeney started off well with victories over Harrold Priory, Elstow Abbey Primary, Westfield Middle School 'B', Shackleton Primary and Lincroft Middle School to remain unbeaten in the league section. This therefore led to us going through as winners of our group to the semi-final. We met the previously unbeaten Livingstone Primary in the semi-final, but never looked in danger, winning with some very good team play and goals from Bronagh McClelland and Faye Garnham. This in turn led us through to a final against Westfield 'A', a team we had faced on a number of occasions this season. The final saw Daubeney grow in confidence even more, playing some superb football, and deservedly getting victory with the goals from Bronagh, Faye, Leah Jones and Jessica Norman. With all members of the squad getting match time the strength of the young squad (over half of them are still in Year 5) came through. A deserved victory. The girls then went on and won at the county finals at Leighton Buzzard which means that Daubeney retain the trophy for the second year running!

Well done to the victorious team: Erin Boyes; Hannah Dimpleby; Faye Garnham; Leah Jones; Bronagh McClelland; Hannah Major; Jessica Norman and Abigail Preston.

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.

Year 6 Netball Team become 'B' league champions

The success that Year 6 had is no surprise when you consider that the team had remained unbeaten all season in their weekly league matches. They have faced some difficult opponents including Lincroft 'B', Westfield, Goldington 'B', BGS 'C' and BMS 'B' but have achieved a 100% record throughout the season! They will therefore be crowned 'B' league champions. Well done once again to all those who represented Daubeney with pride and determination this season.

Year 6: Ava Caulfield; Sofia Cimmino; Jessica Cook; Makayla Crichlow; Aaliyah Hans; Megan Jones; Hannah Major; Paige Nicholls-Fountain; Abigail Preston and Keeley Stein.

Years 5 and 6 Girls Football Team



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.

The Years 7 and 8 Girls Become District Football Champions

With the disappointment of missing out on the indoor championship still in the girls minds, we went into the outdoor championships with even more determination (if that is possible!). We started quickly, remaining tight at the back and breaking with speed in midfield and attack. This approach led to victories over Newnham 'A', indoor champions Harrold Priory, Westfield and St. Gregories 'B' and a couple of draws, against Lincroft 'A' and BMS 'A' where we struggled to score despite applying all of the pressure!! These results meant that we progressed through to the semi-finals against our archrivals St. Gregories' A Team. In the previous rounds we had unfortunately gained a number of injuries which kept key players out. However, the strength of the squad was proven with a tremendous display right from the first whistle. Daubeney were really motivated throughout, playing some superb football and limiting St. Gregories to one or two shots in the whole match. In the end we gained the victory, which was thoroughly deserved, with a 2-0 scoreline to take us through to another encounter with Newnham 'A' Team. The final followed a similar pattern to the semi-final with the girls playing some excellent football, but the Newnham goalkeeper was playing a 'true blinder'. In fact she performed so well that we just couldn't score, 0-0 at the end of the game, and after extra time! The dreaded penalties ensued with our stand in goalkeeper Zoe Trinder playing extremely well. With the scores level we went to sudden death. Zoe then took her own penalty, and scored to put Daubeney ahead, and in a twist of fate, a player that Zoe had faced a number of times when playing outfield stepped up, With Zoe making herself look big in goal the Newnham player ran up and put her shot wide meaning that the Year 7&8 team had got their rewards for playing some excellent football. A deserved victory meaning the girls end up as champions and represented the partnership at the county championships on the 26th April where they achieved a very well-deserved 5th place!

A massive congratulations to the following: Mya Banghar; Leia Buzzle; Lucy Chambers; Chloe Esposito; Angel Hasler-Norris; Emma Heley; Sophie Hopkins; Tehya Moran; Sammy Rowkins; Ciara Thompson and Zoe Trinder.

Emma Abbey earns a place at the County Cross-Country Championships.

Emma Abbey (year 6) has been our outstanding cross-country runner this year. Since her success in year 5 she has joined the Bedford and County Athletics Team, training extremely hard in all weathers, growing in strength and confidence. Emma followed up her excellent performance at the District Championships, a tremendous 4th place, with an equally impressive 4th at the Partnership Championships, which is also the qualifier for the County Championships. A top ten finish gives you automatic entry to the County Champs at Ampthill Park. Through her hard work and dedication Emma ran superbly and finished a superb 14th in a race that also included year 7s. A top 16 finish means that you are good enough to represent Bedfordshire at the National Championships, but unfortunately only year 7 and above can progress through to the Nationals! In a clear case of, if you're good enough you should be old enough, Emma should have made it through, but she should be proud of her progress and remain patient until next year!

Extremely well done Emma, all your hard work is paying off. Here's to more success in the upcoming athletics season!!

Message from the PE Department

Another superb selection of results!

Thanks to all those who have represented the school with such dedication and pride!! We continue to be truly proud of you, and your performances for the school!! We look forward to reporting on more success in the next newsletter.

Well done to everyone from Miss Payne, Mr Pugh and Mr Brown-Bolton.

Year 5 Pupils

Y5 pupils are looking forward to a residential visit to the Chellington Centre next month. Over 80 pupils will be attending and there will be a parents' information evening held at Daubeney on 7th June, 2016 at 5:30pm. More details to follow.

Improvements to the school

During the summer break almost all of our classrooms will be having a make-over! They will be decorated and new flooring laid.

We look forward to our pupils learning in their much improved environment next academic year.

Attendance

We are pleased to report that our current school attendance is 95.76%, which exceeds the figure of 95.31% that we achieved at the end of the last academic year.

The current totals for each year group are as follows:

Year 5: 95.91% Year 6: 95.80% Year 7: 95.51% Year 8: 95.77%

As a school we aim for all our pupils' attendance to be consistently above 95.5%. Recent Government changes to the Persistent Absentee rate for schools in England from September 2015 means that attendance below 94.9% could trigger intervention from the School's Attendance officer and the Education Welfare Service.

100% Attendance

We are also pleased to report that the following pupils have 100% attendance for this academic year so far:

Abbey, Emma	6FK		Hulett, Niamh	7SO
Afreh, Perez	7SM		Kaur, Preeti	5DS
Armitage, Taylor	7NS		Kolesnik, Veronika	7SO
Asare, Emmanuel	8JW		Major, Rebekah	5DS
Asare, Freddy	6BY		Mall, Taran	7RG
Ayris, Skyeanaïs	7NS		McCready, Bethany	8BP
Baldassarre, Carmela	6JB		McCready, Luke	7SM
Barlow, Oscar	5MJ		Merry, Lucy-Jane	5MJ
Champkin, Dylan	8JW		Norman, Jessica	5MJ
Champkin, Harley	7RG		Patel, Kamari	7RG
Chand, Mya	6JB		Pheasant, Bailey	6FK
Chanetsa, Christian	6BY		Reid, Lashawntay	5NP
Clare, Pippa	6BY		Rowkins, Samantha	8CM
Clarke, Charlie	5DS		Sadowska, Ewelina	7NS
Clarke, Shannon	8BP		Santhosh, Abel	8BP
Craddock, Amber	8CM		Scales, Ruby	5MJ
De Quincey, Mason	5NP		Sheimar, Roma	7NS
Dean, Callum	8JW		Shoker, Ria	6MA
Dennis-Beddall, Leigha	7NS		Sivanesan, Thuwaragan	5DS
Fletcher, Bernice	8CM		Snooks, Reuben	6MA
Freeman, Sophie	8CM		Soho, Kismet	5DS
Gill, Jay	6JB		Spencer, Lewis	7SM
Green, Harley	7SO		Stein, Keeley	6FK
Gyamfiwa, Melody	7RG		Sunda, Jessica	6BY
Harris, Nico	5CK		Williams, Charley	7SM
Horne, Amy	7RG			



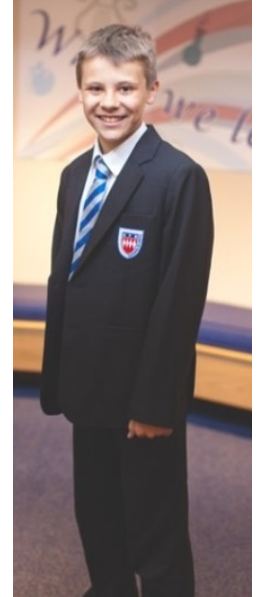
Uniform

At Daubeney Academy, we consider wearing correct school uniform an indication of commitment to our school. It is the responsibility of both parents and pupils to ensure that correct and appropriate uniform is worn every day.

Currently, pupils in Years 6 - 8 can wear either the old Daubeney uniform of blue sweatshirt, white shirt, Daubeney tie, black tailored trousers/skirts and black shoes or the new Daubeney uniform of Daubeney blazer and tie, white shirt, black v-neck jumper, black tailored trousers/skirt and black shoes. Year 5 pupils must wear the latter uniform.

Those pupils wearing the old uniform may wear the summer term polo shirt for this year only

For all pupils, it is not acceptable to wear trainers or inappropriate trousers or to arrive without a tie.



Current Year 4 Pupils

We would like to welcome the Year 4 children who will be attending Daubeney from September 2016. Over the next few weeks, our Year 5 Progress Leader will be visiting every child in their lower school with extra transition visits taking place for some children. A Year 4 Parents' Intake Evening is being held on Wednesday 15th June, 2016 which will offer a meeting between new parents and the staff at Daubeney.

All our new pupils will be attending two 'taster' days on 7th and 8th July. We are very excited about meeting everybody and hope to enable a smooth and happy transfer from lower to middle school.

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.

Behaviour

We are delighted to have received a number of positive comments about the excellent behaviour and attitude to learning of our pupils. Indeed, on a recent visit to Daubeney, our School Improvement Partner, Jude Lovely, described the behaviour that she saw in both lessons and during break and lunch time as "exemplary". At last count, 69% of our pupils had acquired no behaviour points at all so far this year. This is a figure that we are quite rightly proud of.

Our behaviour policy is built around the idea of mistakes being learning opportunities and all members of the Daubeney Academy community taking responsibility for their actions and putting things right if they have gone wrong. On occasions, this may lead to a consequence such as an after-school detention. We would ask for the support of all parents when we feel that an after-school detention is appropriate. Working together, we are more likely to lead your child towards the effective behaviour choices that will need to be in place before the world of further education or employment is entered. All members of the Daubeney community will make mistakes on occasions, including those who would normally make excellent choices, and learning about appropriate behaviour is as much a part of education as learning about Maths or English.

Message from Chair of Governors—Mr Geof Cole



We are making good progress to become a secondary school and to join CMAT. I am pleased to say that the Governing Body had a thorough and informed discussion recently with the necessary paperwork passed by the majority of governors. The next step is for our applications to go to the Department for Education for their approval. If all goes to plan all the necessary "hurdles" will be cleared before the end of this term and then will be able to start carrying out the changes we will need to make.

It is with some sadness we see Mr Chopping retiring from Daubeney Academy in August but I'm sure you will agree he leaves the school in a very strong position ready for Mr Miles to takeover as Acting Head. The appointment of Mr Miles as Acting Head was considered by the governors to be the best way forward at the present time with so many changes to be made. He is very aware of what needs to be done, knows many of the children very well and has the confidence of the staff. We wish him well as he begins to take on more responsibilities over the next half term.

As many of you may have noticed we continue to make improvements to the school premises. The most recent is the reroofing of the PE Store and roofing an area for use by the Site Manager, giving him a much needed store and workshop. During the Summer holiday we start a phased round of redecorating and refurbishing a number of the classrooms. Over the next 2 years all of the classrooms will have been completed.

Like you - I had to await the result of our recent Ofsted! I had a very in-depth conversation with the lead inspector, I'm pleased to say there were no trick questions but I felt the conversation was very positive. I am sure you would wish to join me in congratulating the staff and students on the successful outcome.

Lastly, in this time of so many challenges, I would like to restate that I am available to talk to parents if you make an appointment via Mrs Willis (Mr Chopping's PA). Alternatively your Parent Governors should be able to help you.

PTFA News

The PTFA would like to thank all those who helped make the spring disco a resounding success. The children had a great time and we made a fantastic profit of almost £185 to add to our bank account.

Preparations are underway for the Summer Fete which will take place on Saturday 25th June from 12.30 -3pm and we are hoping for a good turnout and even better weather!

There will be a non-uniform day on 10th June to help us fund supplies for the fete. We will be sending raffle tickets home with the children to sell in advance and asking for donations for the cake stall nearer the time. Look out for our letters over the next few weeks. If you would like to help on a stall please let us know. We can be contacted via the school or at daubeneyptfa@gmail.com

Finally we would like to thank all those who made the recent quiz a resounding success, especially Audrey Turner who compiled and hosted the quiz. It was an enjoyable evening and raised £160.07 for PTFA funds. We aim to make some purchases with monies raised after the summer fete.

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 20th May, 2016—Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 Disco
- Monday 30th May 2016 to Friday 3rd June 2016—Half Term (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 6th June 2016—School open to pupils**
- Tuesday 7th June 2016—Year 5 Chellington Information Evening (5.30pm)
- Wednesday 15th June, 2016 Year 4/5 New Parents Intake Evening (4pm)
- Saturday 25th June, 2016—PTFA Summer Fete
- W/c Monday 27th June, 2016—Year 5 Chellington Trip
- Thursday 7th July, 2016—Year 4/5(Daubeney) and Year 8/9(Hastingsbury) Transition Day
- Friday 8th July, 2016—Year 4/5(Daubeney) and Year 8/9(Hastingsbury) Transition Day
- Friday 22nd July 2016—Last day of term
- Friday 2nd September—Tuesday 6th September 2016—School closed (Teacher Training Days)
- Wednesday 7th September 2016—School re-opens to pupils**