



DAUBENEY

DESPATCH

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Message from the Head:

On Thursday, 20th November, Daubeney held a very successful Open Evening. I am able to say this with confidence, because of the large amount of positive comments we received from parents and Year 4 pupils. Many of these were passed to staff in writing on the feedback forms provided.

Numerous pupils volunteered to 'show off' their school, either as guides or by demonstrating some of the many activities they take part in during their time at Daubeney. They were all a credit to the school and to their parents. If you were one of those parents who kindly allowed us to 'borrow' your child for the evening, please accept my sincere thanks.

Lower schools in Kempston have begun the process of consulting with parents and other stakeholders on the subject of possible conversion to primary schools. During the week beginning 23rd November, Daubeney will begin the process of consultation on the subject of possibly becoming a secondary school. Please look out for the explanatory consultation document, and complete the section where you can give your opinion, as we really do want to know what you think

Our pupils had lots of fun and put a lot of effort into their costumes and make-up at our Halloween Disco on Friday 23rd October, 2015. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTFA for all their hard work in organising the various events which are held to raise money to improve the school for our pupils.

Jeremy Chopping
Head teacher



Daubeney's Physical Education Department Achieves Gold Award.

Congratulations must go to all the P.E. Staff and pupils at Daubeney who have given their time and effort to represent the school with pride, or attend one of the extra-curricular activities on offer.

During 2014/15 we achieved greater variety in the clubs available, and also increased the number of students attending these. Other factors, including our excellent and efficient Games Captains successfully assisting with both house matches and festivals, plus Daubeney teams participating in a wide range/large number of interschool competitions led to us achieving the Gold Sportsmark Award for the first time in the schools history.

We are extremely proud of all those who have contributed to the achievement of this award.

Well done everyone!

Year 8 Basketball

The Year 8 Basketball team have strived to greatness in recent weeks, winning three of their games in a row.

With Nakeal Gill captaining the team, Kai Kalyan, Aaron Masih, Nicholas Judge and Harrai Singh have all been top scorers in their winning games and with Jack Willison, Connor Templeton and Taylor Payne defending the basket there is no stopping this winning streak.

If the Year 8 Basketball team's success continues and they win their next game against St Greg's, they will be entered into the Bedfordshire District Semi-Final.

Good Luck to the team!

Harvest Festival

Life can be like a game of Jenga! Sometimes all is well and our lives are strong. At other times, difficulties come our way and the supports which keep our lives stable seem to come apart. It's as if everything is about to fall down around us.

For many people in our community, it can be a struggle to provide the basics, including a hot meal. With your generous support, Daubeney Academy has been able to provide the help which is urgently needed.

On 20th October, Hayley Greetham from the Salvation Army led an Assembly for the school showing how our donations of food are the vital support that is needed when others feel like everything is falling down around them. Your donations will be used to help those in desperate need who rely on the Salvation Army or those who are referred to the local Foodbanks.

Thank you for being that vital support for others in the community.



PTFA News

We would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Halloween disco which raised almost £350 for PTFA funds. Great fun was had by all and there were some fantastic Halloween costumes on display. Thanks to Simon Robertson for providing his expert DJ services and operating a request system for the music which proved popular with the children. Congratulations to William Watson and Chelsea Nichol who won the prizes for the best fancy dress outfits.

Our latest purchase of a large flat screen television for the school currently has pride of place in the drama hall. We hope that it will be used to enhance school life for the children both in terms of education and recreation.

The Christmas Fayre has been changed to Thursday 10th December from 3.45pm until 5.30pm. This is to avoid clashing with other events taking place in Kempston on 3rd December. We really need helpers for the Fayre so if you can offer any assistance please contact us via the school office or at daubeneyptfa@gmail.com. Letters will be sent home later this month with details of items needed and these letters will include a tear off slip that prospective volunteers can return to school in order for a PTFA member to contact them.

A new Chair was elected at the AGM in October and the PTFA roles are currently filled as follows: President - Jeremy Chopping, Chair - Angela Cooper, Vice Chair - Charlie Kaler, Treasurer - Mandy Spavins and Secretary - Kathy Burns. In addition we have 9 Committee members and would welcome more. Our next meeting will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 23rd November and everybody is welcome.

Update from the PE Department

We have started the year really well.

The Year 7 Netball team are unbeaten at present with 2 matches to play in the Bedford, Kempston and Sharnbrook 'B' League.

Daubeney's female footballers also have a 100% record in both the Years 5/6 and Years 7/8 Indoor Futsal Leagues so far - Keep it up!

Well done to all those who have represented Daubeney so far this year, including the impressive Open Evening Gymnastics and Dance performances.

Thanks also to the Basketball coaches who were superb in encouraging the year 4's to improve their shooting skills! Miss Payne, Mr Pugh and Mr Brown-Bolton.

Pupils with 100% Attendance

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

Name	Reg	Name	Reg	Name	Reg	Name	Reg
Abbey, Emma	6FK	Chumber, Khushi	5MJ	Garnham, Faye	5MJ	Konieczna, Klaudia	8BP
Adams, George	7NS	Cimmino, Sofia	6MA	George, Adam	6FK	Kore, Ofori	5CK
Afreh, Perez	7SM	Clare, Pippa	6BY	Gill, Jay	6JB	Gale, George	6MA
Ainley, Chloe	5NP	Clarke, Charlie	5DS	Gill, Kiran	6FK	Gardner, Kyle	8HL
Allison, Joe	6JB	Clarke, Shannon	8BP	Gobey, Callum	(7SO)	Garnham, Faye	5MJ
Almasy, Jeremiah	6MA	Colman, Samuel	7SM	Goodship, Tiah	5DS	George, Adam	6FK
Almasy, Saffron	8JW	Cooper, Emily	7SM	Goss, Harry	8BP	Gill, Jay	6JB
Armitage, Taylor	7NS	Cracknell, Jamie	8JW	Green, Ethan	7SO	Gill, Kiran	6FK
Asare, Emmanuel	8JW	Craddock, Amber	8CM	Green, Harley	7SO	Goodship, Tiah	5DS
Asare, Freddy	6BY	Cranston, Carys	5MJ	Green, Rhianna	5CK	Goss, Harry	8BP
Ashby, Kyron	5CK	Crawford, Jessica	6JB	Gumbeze, Daniel	6BY	Green, Ethan	7SO
Atkinson, Jamie	6BY	Cuccurullo West, Thomas	5NP	Gyamfiwa, Melody	7RG	Green, Harley	7SO
Aulsberry-Fuller, Olivia	6FK	Curryer, Jack	7NS	Haddow, Faith	5NP	Green, Rhianna	5CK
Bains, Ria	6JB	Daraz, Roch	7RG	Hall, Kai	8CM	Gumbeze, Daniel	6BY
Baldassarre, Carmela	6JB	Darnell, Matthew	7NS	Hancock, Rebecca	5MJ	Gyamfiwa, Melody	7RG
Baldassarre, CJ	5DS	Davidson, Jessica	8JW	Hans, Aaliyah	6FK	Haddow, Faith	5NP
Bandoh, Kwasi	6MA	De Quincey, Mason	5NP	Hans, Faith	5MJ	Hall, Kai	8CM
Barlow, Oscar	5MJ	Deag, Lisha	6MA	Harding, Caitlin	6JB	Hancock, Rebecca	5MJ
Bartolic, Ivana	5DS	Dean, Callum	8JW	Harley, James	5DS	Hans, Aaliyah	6FK
Basra, Deepika	7RG	Deloubes, Xavier	8HL	Harris, Nico	5CK	Hans, Faith	5MJ
Beddall, Reece	6FK	Dennis-Beddall, Leigha	7NS	Heley, Emma	7NS	Harding, Caitlin	6JB
Bedeau-Andrews, Tyreese	6FK	Dhaliwal, Sahill	6MA	Hemming, Harry	6MA	Harley, James	5DS
Bhimsingh, Kiran	7SM	Di Filippo, Valentino	8CM	Hill, Kirsti	8JW	Harris, Nico	5CK
Biby, Delna	8JW	Dillon, Antoine	7NS	Hopkins, Sophie	8HL	Heley, Emma	7NS
Bino, Merin	6JB	Doerffer, Daisy	7SM	Horne, Amy	7RG	Hemming, Harry	6MA
Boland, Lewis	5MJ	Donovan, Max	5NP	Horner, Ella	5MJ	Hill, Kirsti	8JW
Borromeo, Phoebe	5CK	Douglas, Gabriel	6BY	Howlett-Marro, Olivia	5CK	Hopkins, Sophie	8HL
Brackin, Cameron	5DS	Dowle, Courtney	5DS	Hulett, Niamh	7SO	Horne, Amy	7RG
Bradbury, Joshua	5DS	Elder, Jack	8HL	Jackson, Danielle	6JB	Horner, Ella	5MJ
Brown, Archie	5NP	Elliott, Molly	6BY	Jeeves, Madison	5DS	Howlett-Marro, Olivia	5CK
Burrows, Chloe	6FK	Ellis, Harvey	7NS	Jeffrin, Jeeva	5NP	Hulett, Niamh	7SO
Buzzle, Leia	8CM	English, Mary	7RG	Jeffrin, Merin	7SO	Jackson, Danielle	6JB
Buzzle, Luke	5DS	Fennell, Claire	5NP	Jones, Megan	6MA	Jeeves, Madison	5DS
Callaghan, Lauren	8HL	Filby, Joshua	6BY	Judge, Alexander	6FK	Jeffrin, Jeeva	5NP
Callaghan, Robert	6BY	Fincham-Thomas, Jack	5MJ	Kalyan, Anjali	6JB	Jeffrin, Merin	7SO
Catchpole, Rhys	5DS	Fletcher, Bernice	8CM	Kaur, Prabhjot	8JW	Jones, Megan	6MA
Chambers, Lucy	8BP	Fletcher, Ricky	6FK	Kaur, Priya	5MJ	Judge, Alexander	6FK
Champkin, Dylan	8HL	Fouhey, Joshua	6JB	Kaur, Preeti	5DS	Kalyan, Anjali	6JB
Champkin, Harley	7RG	Freeman, Sophie	8CM	Kawalec, Oliwia	8CM	Kaur, Prabhjot	8JW
Chand, Mya	6JB	Frodsham-Cope, Charlotte	7NS	Keep, Thomas	6JB	Kaur, Priya	5MJ
Chand, Sophie	8BP	Frodsham-Cope, Gabriella	5CK	Khan, Isaac	(7RG)	Kaur, Preeti	5DS
Chandi, Amaanat	6BY	Gadzinski, Kacper	8HL	Khinda, Baaz	7SO	Kawalec, Oliwia	8CM
Chanetsa, Christian	6BY	Gale, George	6MA	Kolesnik, Veronika	7SO	Keep, Thomas	6JB
Chohan, Esha	5MJ	Gardner, Kyle	8HL	Kolesnik, Violetta	7SO	Nandra, Dia	8CM

Pupils with 100% Attendance Continues

Name	Reg	Name	Reg	Name	Reg	Name	Reg
Khinda, Baaz	7SO	Mehmi, Khayleigh	5NP	Rees, Kian	6FK	Starosta, Kimberley	8CM
Kolesnik, Veronika	7SO	Merry, Lucy-Jane	5MJ	Reid, Lashawntay	5NP	Stein, Keeley	6FK
Kolesnik, Violetta	7SO	Miller, Abby	7SO	Richards, Amy	5NP	Stevens, Sophie	8HL
Konieczna, Klaudia	8BP	Milton, Shannon	8CM	Ridley, T' Sharn	7NS	Sunda, Alisha	8BP
Kore, Ofori	5CK	Minshull, Reece	5CK	Roberts, Thea	5DS	Sunda, Jessi	6BY
Kostic, Milan	6FK	Morawska, Oliwia	5DS	Rogers, Lauren	6BY	Sunda, Monika	5NP
Laird, Harrison	5MJ	Morton, Lauren	8CM	Rowkins, Samantha	8CM	Surji, Sameer	7SM
Lanik, Joshua	7SO	Mustafa Valera, Santia-	5MJ	Rowland, George	7SM	Tarkowski,	5MJ
Lawrence, Benjamin	6JB	Nahar, Harjot	8JW	Ruberto, Ewan	8CM	Tate, Morgan	8HL
Leach-Proffitt, Durrell	5CK	Nahar, Jaya	5NP	Sabu, Aiden	6MA	Taylor, Liarna	7RG
LLeshaj, Holly	5NP	Nandra, Ria	6FK	Sadowska, Ewelina	7NS	Templeton, Lucy	6MA
Loi, Rajan	7NS	Nemeth, Koppany	7SM	Sala, Jenny	5NP	Tester, Katie	6MA
Loi, Riya	6MA	Ngabesong, Joel	5NP	Sala, Rendija	7SO	Thagie, Tiana	8HL
Major, Hannah	6MA	Nicholls-Fountain, Paige	6BY	Salter, Noah	5CK	Thompson, Ciara	7RG
Major, Rebekah	5DS	Norman, Jessica	5MJ	Santhosh, Abel	8BP	Thompson, Jozef	8HL
Malik, Shyla	5DS	Ofori, Jeslyn	5DS	Scales, Ruby	5MJ	Thorman, Jack	8CM
Mall, Taran	7RG	Ofori, Jessica	7SO	Seaman, Emma	5NP	Tobin, Molly	7SO
Marlton, Jake	5DS	Patel, Kamari	7RG	Sharon, Sharon	6MA	Toora, Priya	8CM
Marshall, Jessica	7RG	Paul, Angelie	7NS	Sheimar, Roma	7NS	Townhill, Sebastian	6BY
Masih, Aaron	8BP	Paul, Jehna	6BY	Shoker, Ria	6MA	Tyrer, Callum	6MA
Masih, Kyran	6JB	Paul, Natasha	8JW	Shukar-Wright, Ni-	8JW	Waller, Megan	6MA
Masih, Sofia	5MJ	Payne, Taylor	8HL	Siddy, Tamzin	5DS	Wang, Cindy	7RG
Mason, Callum	8CM	Penwright, Mia	8HL	Singh, Harpreet	5DS	Watt, William	6BY
Mattu, Gaurav	6JB	Pheasant, Bailey	6FK	Singh, Harrai	8HL	Webb, Taylor	7SO
Maycock, Danielle	8JW	Pickering, Ben	8JW	Sivanesan, Thuwara-	5DS	Weir, Amelia	8CM
McClelland, Bronagh	6FK	Prestedge, Tom	6FK	Slater, Abbie	8HL	Wileman, Oliver	6JB
McLaughlin, Liam	7NS	Prokop, Nikoletta	8HL	Smith, Cameron	6FK	Williams, Amy	6MA
McLaughlin, Megan	8HL	Quyyum, Aadil	6MA	Snooks, Reuben	6MA	Williams, Charley	7SM
Mehmi, Akiesha	6BY	Quyyum, Danish	5CK	Soho, Kismet	5DS	Willison, Jack	8BP
Mehmi, Kethan	6BY	Rahal, Aleeya	8CM	Spencer, Lewis	7SM	Wing, Thomas	8CM
						Wooding, Kieran	5DS
						Zamany, Hares	8JW

Attendance Update

We are pleased to report that our current school attendance is 96.92%, 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: 96.5%, Year 6: 97.4%, Year 7: 96.31%, Year 8: 97.4%

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

Message from the new Chair of Governors—Mr Geof Cole

As some of you may know, I recently took over the role of Chair of Governors from Ken Devenson, who had faithfully served in that capacity for 12 years. He has done much for Daubeney and has been an active member of the school's community helping to form it into the successful Academy it is today. He will be an extremely hard act to follow!



My own working life can be fairly neatly divided into three phases. I have worked in business and industry, as a teacher I have taught from nursery to adults in college and been self employed. Like many I have known the stresses of being unemployed and the pressures that brings. I joined the governing body at Daubeney to bring what experience and expertise I may have to serve the children, parents/carers and staff in the school.

Now as Chair of Governors one of my main roles is to support and challenge the Head teacher, Jeremy Chopping. We are developing a good working relationship which will be crucial for the ongoing success of Daubeney. The school face massive possible changes and challenges over the next two years but without your support the task will be impossible. Children are very wary and sensitive to extreme change and we need you to help your children to stay feeling safe and secure whilst these changes take place. There will be opportunities to talk through issues and fears as the changes proceed, I would encourage you as parents/carers to use those occasions, to question and discuss what's on your mind whenever there is an appropriate moment.

The Governing Body is there to support the school's parents/carers, as well the children, so please approach us if you need our help. This can be done either by letter or email to Ms Denise Willis, the Head teachers PA (dwillis@daubeney.bbvl.com or 01234 844076).

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.



Request from the Drama Department

If you have any unwanted items that you could donate to the drama department for props/costumes we would be very grateful.

We would particularly appreciate items such as hats, old mobile phones (SIM cards removed) jackets etc.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 24th November—Year 6 Parents Evening

Friday 11th December—Year 6 Panto Trip

Wednesday 16th December—Christmas Concert (Kempston East Methodist Church)

Thursday 17th December—Christmas Dinner

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