



March 2016

# DAUBENEY

## DESPATCH

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### Message from the Head:

Last month, Daubeney was pleased to host an event in which all of Kempston's Schools celebrated Chinese Culture and the Mandarin language. Presentations included a fan dance, a demonstration of blossom painting, songs in Mandarin, Kung Fu numbers and lion dancing.

Special thanks must go to our two excellent Mandarin teachers who work across Kempston and are sponsored by both the British Council and the Chinese Government.

Due to the success of this event initial plans are already underway for next year.

**Jeremy Chopping**  
Head teacher



### Personal Development

A new initiative in school is to celebrate the personal development of all our pupils whether this be in school or outside. The first pupils whose pictures have gone on our Personal Development board are:

*Emma Abbey for developing her sporting abilities and now runs for Bedford County Athletics*

*Kwasi Bando for progressing to a red belt in Karate*

*Ofori Kore for progressing to an orange belt in Karate*

*Kimberley Starosta for enhancing her musical ability by passing her Grade 2 exam in Rock School with a distinction*

*Nadya Tahir for constantly challenged herself to improve in Philosophy lessons*

*Ria Shoker for making accelerated progress in English since arriving at Daubeney*

*Callum Dean for improving his use of poetry in English*

### Book Fair

A very big thank you to everyone who supported our very successful Book Fair last month.



Your support has given the school a £845 credit note from Scholastic which we will be able to spend on various resources for our school Library and our English Department.

We look forward to our pupils enjoying these new resources very soon.



## Year 6 Production of Oliver Twist

M&M Theatre productions visited the school on Wednesday 9th March to stage a production of Oliver Twist. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all our Year 6 pupils. It was followed by a stagecraft workshop where pupils were amazed to see the tricks employed to create the final production. This included sound and lighting effects, techniques used to rapidly change the scenery and to enable the actors to change from one costume to another in a matter of seconds.



We were so pleased with this theatre group that they have been booked already to perform a pantomime to our Years 5 and 6 pupils in December.



## PTFA News

The PTFA have been busy planning new events and the first of these will take place on Friday 18th March - we are holding an Easter themed Family Bingo Night and there will be a limited number of tickets available to purchase at the door. Doors open at 7pm, entrance tickets cost 50p per person and bingo books £2. There will be bingo prizes, a raffle and refreshments available so come along and enjoy a fun evening with the chance to win a prize or two .

We are also holding a Family Quiz Night on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and a children's disco for all year groups on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Further details will be available nearer the time. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June has been confirmed as the date for the summer fete and we would welcome any offers of assistance. Please email us at [daubeneyptfa@gmail.com](mailto:daubeneyptfa@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

As always we are grateful for the support of Daubeney's children and parents as this enables us to spend money on items to benefit the children. We have just agreed to fund the purchase of items for the cookery department and are considering requests from other departments.

## 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.

We hope to see many of you at our Family Bingo Night this week and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter.

## ParentMail

If you are experiencing difficulties with your ParentMail App, please contact Mrs Arkley in the school office who will be able to assist you.

## 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.



The school's 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.

## 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.



## Attendance

We are pleased to report that our current school attendance is 96.15%, 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: 96.66% Year 6: 96.47% Year 7: 95.47% Year 8: 95.82%**

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.

## 100% Attendance

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

|                         |     |                      |     |                         |     |                        |     |
|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Abbey, Emma             | 6FK | Elliott, Molly       | 6BY | Kolesnik, Veronika      | 7SO | Santhosh, Abel         | 8BP |
| Afreh, Perez            | 7SM | English, Mary        | 7RG | Kolesnik, Violetta      | 7SO | Scales, Ruby           | 5MJ |
| Ainley, Chloe           | 5NP | Filby, Joshua        | 6BY | Konieczna, Klaudia      | 8BP | Shoker, Ria            | 6MA |
| Asare, Freddy           | 6BY | Fincham-Thomas, Jack | 5MJ | Kore, Ofori             | 5CK | Singh, Harrai          | 8HL |
| Bains, Ria              | 6JB | Fletcher, Bernice    | 8CM | Leach-Proffitt, Durrell | 5CK | Sivanesan, Thuwara-gan | 5DS |
| Baldassarre, Carmela    | 6JB | Freeman, Sophie      | 8CM | Major, Rebekah          | 5DS | Snooks, Reuben         | 6MA |
| Bandoh, Kwasi           | 6MA | Gale, George         | 6MA | Mall, Taran             | 7RG | Soho, Kismet           | 5DS |
| Barlow, Oscar           | 5MJ | Gardner, Kyle        | 8HL | Marshall, Jessica       | 7RG | Spencer, Lewis         | 7SM |
| Bedeau-Andrews, Tyreese | 6FK | Gill, Jay            | 6JB | Mason, Callum           | 8CM | Stein, Keeley          | 6FK |
| Bino, Merin             | 6JB | Goodship, Tiah       | 5DS | Mattu, Gaurav           | 6JB | Sunda, Jessica         | 6BY |
| Buzzle, Leia            | 8CM | Green, Harley        | 7SO | McClelland, Bronagh     | 6JB | Taylor, Liarna         | 7RG |
| Buzzle, Luke            | 5DS | Gyamfiwa, Melody     | 7RG | Mehmi, Akiesha          | 6BY | Thagie, Tiana          | 8HL |
| Cadman, Colt            | 5NP | Hancock, Rebecca     | 5MJ | Mehmi, Kethan           | 6BY | Thompson, Jozef        | 8HL |
| Catchpole, Rhys         | 5DS | Harding, Caitlin     | 6JB | Merry, Lucy-Jane        | 5MJ | Thorman, Jack          | 8CM |
| Champkin, Dylan         | 8HL | Harris, Nico         | 5CK | Nandra, Dia             | 8CM | Toora, Priya           | 8CM |
| Champkin, Harley        | 7RG | Hemming, Harry       | 6MA | Nandra, Ria             | 6FK | Townhill, Sebastian    | 6BY |
| Chand, Mya              | 6JB | Horne, Amy           | 7RG | Ngabesong, Joel         | 5NP | Waller, Megan          | 6MA |
| Chanetsa, Christian     | 6BY | Horner, Ella         | 5MJ | Norman, Jessica         | 5MJ | Williams, Charley      | 7SM |
| Cimmino, Sofia          | 6MA | Hulett, Niamh        | 7SO | Ofori, Jeslyn           | 5DS |                        |     |
| Clare, Pippa            | 6BY | Jackson, Danielle    | 6JB | Patel, Kamari           | 7RG |                        |     |
| Craddock, Amber         | 8CM | Jeeves, Madison      | 5DS | Pheasant, Bailey        | 6FK |                        |     |
| De Quincey, Mason       | 5NP | Jones, Megan         | 6MA | Prestedge, Tom          | 6FK |                        |     |
| Deag, Lisha             | 6MA | Kaur, Priya          | 5MJ | Richards, Amy           | 5NP |                        |     |
| Deloubes, Xavier        | 8HL | Kaur, Preeti         | 5DS | Rowkins, Samantha       | 8CM |                        |     |
| Dowle, Courtney         | 5DS | Keep, Thomas         | 6JB | Sabu, Aiden             | 6MA |                        |     |



## Sonic Pi Workshops

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March Daubeney Academy was visited by Sam Aaron, a researcher at the University of Cambridge and the creator of Sonic Pi. This is a piece of music software that allows pupils to create music with computer code.

Sam led a Year 7 assembly and then worked with the Year 8 Music Technology class and another group of Year 7 and 8 pupils.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of creating music in a new and exciting way. Many of them have already told Mr Randall that they will be downloading the software— It is free!



## Young Writers' Poetry Competition

We are really pleased and excited that all pupils whose work was entered in the 'Young Writers' Poetry Emotions competition were successful and their work will be published in a book called Poetry Emotions—Southern England. This book will be sent to the British Library and further libraries across the UK and the Republic of Ireland providing a lasting record of their achievement. This book is scheduled for publication on the 31st May 2016.

Our talented writers are: Priya Vanti-Kaur, Emma Seaman, Carys Cranston, Alvin Mathew, Tuhin Ali, James Ashton, Jack Craven, Archie Brown, Laken Benson, Louis Frost, Harrison Laird, Rebekah Major, Rhys Catchpole, Charlie Clarke, Shaan Ramzan, Mad-die Jeeves, Faith Haddow, Lashawntay Reid, Durrell Leach-Proffitt, Jaya Nahar, Santi Mustafa Val-era, Khayleigh Mehmi, Molly Conlon, Jack Fincham-Thomas, Eleanor Mitchell, Joshua Bradbury, Thea Roberts and Haroon Shezad.



## Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th March, 2016 PTFA Family Bingo Night

**Thursday 24th March, 2016—last day of term (school open to pupils)**

Friday 25th March 2016 to Friday 8th April 2016—Easter Holiday (school closed to pupils)

Monday 11th April 2016—Training Day (school closed to pupils)

**Tuesday 12th April 2016—Summer Term starts (school open to pupils)**

Tuesday 19th April 2016—Class and Year 8 Photos

Friday 22nd April, 2015 -PTFA Family Quiz Night

Monday 2nd May 2016—Bank Holiday (school closed)

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**

Saturday 25th June, 2016—PTFA Summer Fete

**THE GOVERNORS, STAFF AND PUPILS**

**AT DAUBENEY ACADEMY**

**WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A HAPPY EASTER**

