



WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

The Headmaster writes...

By the time you read this those boys in Year 6 who took the 11+ in October for Grammar School entry will have received their envelopes and scanned their letters for the three digit number they have been given. 79% of those who sat received the qualifying mark which is, of course, very high. You will remember that my aim at this time of the year is not so much to celebrate the success, but to support those who did not get the required mark and to give them a sense of perspective when they may well feel very disappointed.

In the same way that a three digit number does not capture all that a Davenies boy is or has to offer so, too, you will have not found us in "The Times' league tables". Countless Independent schools no longer send any information for these league tables because they give the impression that the quality of a school is indicated purely by Key Stage 2 results. The results at this and many other Independent schools in these tests have been so high as to be meaningless and uninformative. Many do not do them, just as academic secondary schools often prefer international GCSE tests because they are more challenging, even though they are not recorded in league tables. Trying to boil a boy or a school down to a few numbers really misses the point about what it means to be educated or to educate in a full sense. Hence I am very pleased for those boys who have worked so hard and have been successful but I do feel sorry for those who have not passed such a narrow test and I have limited time for the use of narrow league tables, as reassuring as they may be for parents. Children, education and schools are more complicated than this.

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our public exhibition of building plans in the PAC on Monday 23rd November at any time between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Your support will be greatly valued.

Mr Cooke writes...

Mobile Phones

A reminder that all mobile phones **must** be handed into the School Office. Any boy found with his mobile phone in class will have it confiscated, and his parents will be asked to come in to collect it.

Mrs Russell writes...

DVD Sale for Aquabox

Please keep bringing in your unwanted DVDs (U & PG certificate only) for the Aquabox DVD sale next Friday, **27th November**. Collection points are at the School Office or outside Reception classrooms. All DVDs will be on sale for £1:00 each.

The DVD sale will coincide with the **Bacon Butty Sale** to raise funds for **DrugFAM**, both taking place by the Sainsbury's' Gate from 8:00 – 8:30 am.

PRE-PREP NOTICES

Mrs Rush writes...

Thank you to all the parents who accompanied Year 2 on their trip to the Natural History Museum on Tuesday; you were a fantastic help and we could not have managed without you.

Rehearsals for the Nativity play are well underway and a letter will be coming home shortly telling you all about it. Thank you in advance for getting the boys' costumes sorted, as well as to Year 2 parents helping their sons with their lines.

I have a feeling that a parent borrowed some angel costumes last year for a party. We seem to have mislaid a few of these costumes. Please could you return the costumes if you have them at home?

A reminder about the Pre-Prep DT Challenge – please bring your Christmas-themed table decorations to school on **Friday 4th December**.

PREP SCHOOL NOTICES

Mr Gibson writes...

House Points, Week 11

Scott	211.86
Drake	213.27
Cook	217.42
Shackleton	218.62

Davenies Football Academy

There are still places available at the Davenies Soccer Academy during the Christmas holidays. This four day training camp is open to boys in Years 3 – 8. Application forms are available from the School Office, or from the PE & Games page of the Davenies Intranet.

Mr Scriven writes...

Geography Expedition to Iceland

Thank you to all the boys and parents who took part in this fascinating visit – I hope you all had a great time! Please feel free to collect your son's EHIC card from the School Office. I have started to put up photos onto the Geography Intranet site, under 'Photos'. If boy or parent took photos/video of the trip which they think would be suitable to add (geysers erupting, the Blue Lagoon, etc), please would you put them on a disc and send them into me at school?

A couple of weeks ago the boys were sent home with a memento of their visit to Iceland – a small coffee table book about the country – so please frisk your son thoroughly to retrieve it.

I am now in the process of planning for next year – somewhere much hotter – details to follow in due course!

National Geographic Kids Magazine

As promised, a letter about this offer has been sent out via ParentMail. Around forty boys have taken a subscription to the magazine and their first issue will arrive in January. This also means that there will be a copy or two for the Library, so well done!

Year 7 Bushcraft Survival Week

Photos of this week have finally made it onto the Geography Intranet site, under Photos. Please feel free to have a look at the gory details of what the boys got up to when they were away in the woods!

Mrs Churchouse writes...

Maidenhead Music Festival

Many congratulations to Joshua Harris, Year 3, for winning his class and gaining a gold medal for his piano playing in the Maidenhead festival last week. He also took the 2nd and 3rd places in subsequent classes – a talented young musician!

IAPS Music Courses

I have details and application forms for the vocal and instrumental courses in 2010 – please see the poster on the music notice board.

Lunchtime Concert

You are invited to join us for this month's concert, next Friday at 1:15. The recorder group will be performing, as will the junior choir, the clarinet ensemble and selected soloists. The programme will be posted on the intranet at the beginning of the week.

Rehearsals

As Christmas approaches rehearsals are particularly important. Please ensure that your son arrives on time for early morning practices, and also that he has his instrument for ensemble rehearsals. Many thanks for your support.

Brass and Guitar

There will be no lessons next week, but you'll be delighted to know that this is the last of Mr Dale's continental performing commitments. For the remainder of the term the timetable will function normally and I have been assured that there will be no further disruption next term. Thank you very much for being so tolerant of the situation.

Rugby Results

Team	Score	Result	Scorers
U'9 A IX v The Dragon	0 – 15	L	-
U'9 B IX v The Dragon	30 – 0	W	N. Lucas × 2, M. Moseley × 2, A. Gill, E. Mullarkey
U'9 C IX v The Dragon	40 – 5	W	J. Pallister × 3, S. Tang × 2, R. Adalsteins, C. Rushton, D. Whitefoord
U'9 D IX v The Dragon	25 – 55	L	E. Bains × 2, J. Bell, C. Kramer-Brown, J. Streete
1 st XV v St. John's	22 – 26	L	C. Chritchley × 3, T. Howe, A. Woodland × Con
2 nd XV v St. John's	5 – 0	W	B. Arnold
3 rd XV v St. John's	24 – 14	W	D. Deakin × 2, D. Flood, A. Walker, J. Lowe × 2 Cons
Colts B XII v Quainton	21 – 26	L	H. Birdsey, O. Down, J. McGurk, T. Cathrall × 3 Cons
U'10 A IX v The Dragon	15 – 15	D	D. Beard, H. Woodall, J. Wyatt
U'10 A IX v Ridgeway	5 – 0	W	D. Beard
U'10 A IX v The Beacon	10 – 5	W	B. Hillier, J. Wyatt
U'10 A IX v Ridgeway	0 - 10	L	-
U'8 A VIII v St. John's	40 – 35	W	J. Hernandez × 3, O. Masters × 2, J. Chapples, B. Fallowfield, S. Masson
U'8 B VIII v St. John's	45 – 20	W	J. Willcock × 4, S. Martin × 2, A. Buchanan, B. Jameson, A. Shackleton
U'8 C VIII v St. John's	40 – 40	D	C. Inchbald × 4, O. Daily × 2, J. Drummond, J. Hallows
U'8 D VIII v St. John's Ds	15 – 10	W	C. King × 2, M. Thorne
U'8 D VIII v St. John's Es	20 – 15	W	M. Thorne × 2, C. King, S. Wright
U'8 D VIII v St. John's Fs	20 – 5	W	M. Thorne × 2, C. Clemow, S. Wright
U'8 E VIII v St. John's Ds	5 – 20	L	R. Chaudhry
U'8 E VIII v St. John's Es	10 – 5	W	R. Chaudhry, D. Meijer
U'8 E VIII v St. John's Fs	20 – 5	W	J. Harris, D. Meijer, T. Nutt, C. Woodall
Colts A XII v St. John's	7 – 14	L	X. Garnham, S. Walsh × Con
Colts B XII v St. John's	40 – 0	W	H. Birdsey, O. Down, J. McGurk, I. Rodgers, M. Sewell, T. Cathrall × 5 Cons
U'10 A IX v St. John's	40 – 0	W	D. Beard × 2, A. McDonald × 2, B. Hillier, R. Hutchinson, O. Jones, J. Wyatt
U'10 B IX v St. John's	25 - 20	W	B. Cooper × 3, C. O'Donoghue, F. O'Toole