

## *The Headmaster writes...*

The sun shone so brightly on Wednesday's rugby that parent supporters wondered if the boys should be dressed in their whites and, indeed, some of the scores would have been more usual on a cricket square.

We were delighted that it shone also on Thursday's Open Morning, which was very well attended, even though we do not seem to have any spaces for September 2012 in Reception. Clearly many of today's visitors were here because of your endorsement, for which I am very grateful. The Year 8 boys acted as guides and were a tremendous credit to both you and the School. Prospective parents talked about the boys' diverse passions and interests, as well as how they were able to conduct themselves. Some of the tours were very long and thorough, moving from noticeboard to noticeboard which showed at the very least that they had a lot to talk about, and did so with real enthusiasm.

I hope that the sunshine continues and you all have a terrific weekend.

## **External Works by the Newton Building**

Parents will be aware that we are aiming to conclude the development of the Lockyer, Tennant and Newton Buildings by a refurbishment of the island area that links them all together. This will include the area immediately in front of the Newton Building, part of which has been ear-marked to accommodate the named bricks which have already been delivered to School. A key part of the programme is tree work which requires the permission of the South Bucks District Council Tree Officer. This is expected shortly, and hopefully work can then progress over half-term.

## **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September Autumn Term 2011**

### **Week 5 – What's On...**

#### **October is Walk to School Month...**

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October*

**U'9 A/B/C/D IX v Caldicott (H)**

**Year 3 Parents' Evening, 4:30 – 6:30**

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October*

**Leaders' Breakfast, 8:00am**

**Buddy Reading, Years 3 & 5, 11:15am**

**1<sup>st</sup> XV, Colts B/C XII, U'10 A IX v Caldicott (H)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> XV, Colts A XII, U'10 B IX v Caldicott (A)**

*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October*

**11+ Exam #1, 9:00am**

**Year 6 Education Adventure**

**Year 5 @ Baitul Futuh Mosque**

**Shackleton Cross-Channel Swim, 4:00**

**Year 3 Parents' Evening, 4:30 – 6:30**

*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October*

**Walk to School Month**

**Hot Chocolate & Croissants, 8:00am**

**Year 3 @ Highclere Castle**

**Pre-Prep Drumming Workshop**

**Lunchtime Concert, 1:15**

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October*

**U'8s @ Gayhurst Tournament**

**10:00am – 1:00**

**Year 5 Cubs Jubilee River Cycle Ride**

**11:30am – 2:00**

## Meet the New Staff...

This week, **Ms Lyn Smith**, our new Maths and Science Teacher, took a few minutes out to answer some questions to help us get to know her...

"I have been teaching for just over 3 years. I have one son (Ethan) who is 8 years old. Prior to having my son and retraining to be a teacher I spent 14 years working in industry, the last 9 of which was for Mars Confectionery!"

Q *Describe yourself in 3 words*

A I asked my friends for help with this!  
Friendly, Firm (but), Fair

Q *Who was your favourite teacher at School?*

A My Maths teacher - he was great and really helped develop my confidence

Q *Finish this sentence: When I was at School...*

I played netball for the school team, had a trial for the county netball team, and ran the fastest (girls) 200m of my year group

Q *Physics, Chemistry or Biology?*

A Definitely Physics. It's the closest Science to Maths, and it was the Science I was best at in school as I had a great teacher

Q *Using eight 8's and addition only, can you make 1000?*

A Yes!  $888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000!$

Q *What do you like to do when you're not teaching?*

A Spend time with family and friends, especially my son, Ethan. I also play badminton at league level, and swim (not competitively!)

Look out for an interview with another new member of staff next week!

## Wycombe Phoenix Harriers Schools Cross Country Races

This is the last chance for boys to enter the Wycombe Phoenix Harriers Schools Cross Country Races on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at Hughenden Park. The event is open to all boys in Years 5 – 8 who would like to race. If you are interested, please collect a letter from Mr Thomas on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If you then decide you would like to race, please complete the slip at the foot of the letter and return it to Mr Thomas as soon as you can. Thank you.

## Saturday Football

Please note that there will be **No Saturday Football** on 1<sup>st</sup> October or 8<sup>th</sup> October owing to school commitments. The next Saturday Football session will therefore be on 15<sup>th</sup> October, and it will then resume after half-term from 12<sup>th</sup> November, until the end of term.

**Mr Locke-Hart**

## D&T

I hope to do a project with the Year 7 boys about a solar light for the garden, and so we will need some largish **Jam Jars** to put the panel in/on. If anyone has clean jars they have finished with (about the size of a red sauce jar or slightly bigger), I would be most grateful for them. Boys will be given a plus for each one brought in.

Please visit the D&T area of the intranet to solve our **Lateral Thinking Problem**, and join in our **Textile Challenge**.

**Mr Borns**

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## News from the Pre-Prep

A letter went out yesterday via ParentMail to all Pre-Prep parents regarding the forthcoming Parents Evenings on 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October. A list of appointment times will be put up outside your son's classroom on Monday morning for you to fill in.

Congratulations to Mrs Noakes, mother of Max in 2MR for producing Teddy Thomas, another son for Davenies!

Congratulations to Clement David in 2R and Michael Breith in 2MR for being elected the Year 2 Form Reps. These boys will wear a blue badge and meet once every half-term with Mrs McIntosh and myself to discuss boys' concerns. The boys will convey their concerns to the Form Reps and they will be often discussed as part in Circle Time.

We have introduced a different treat for the winning house every fortnight. They will play in the Reception outdoor area with new construction toys as well as large trucks or use the large wooden blocks on a Thursday lunch play. Tomorrow it will be Robins who start this experiment, and hopefully the boys will be positive about it.

As you may be aware, we segregated the new Reception boys at break times with Reception in the Bottom Dell and Years 1 and 2 in the Top Dell for the first 3 weeks of term. This week we have started to let Reception boys use the Top Dell for morning break, only if they wish. At lunch play they are back in the Bottom Dell without Years 1 and 2. We intend to keep to this arrangement until the end of next week and then let Reception play wherever they like. It has been very successful in helping our very new boys settle and to make friendships with their own year group. Older brothers in Years 1 and 2 have not been so happy, but then we can't please everybody!

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October all the Pre-Prep boys will be involved in our drumming workshop arranged by Mrs Standen. All boys will have a go at playing a drum to both African and Latin American music. Each class will have a separate session and then at the end of the afternoon, all the boys will gather together for a Pre-Prep grand finale.

Please may I remind parents of boys in Year 2 that if their sons are going home with a different adult, please write a note in the Reading Record Book? In Year 2 we do not use boards but rely on written notes instead. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### Walk Once a Week ("WoW")

Monday sees the start of our first Walk to School Month, when we are asking everyone to join in a trial 'Walk Once a Week' scheme. For those of you who wish to 'Park and Stride', Waitrose in Beaconsfield have kindly agreed that parents may use their car park once again as a base for 'striding'. However, please observe their 2 hour parking limit.

We look forward to seeing all participants for hot chocolate and croissants on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 8:00am outside the Dining Room.

For further information, please visit the 'School Travel Plan' area of the intranet.

*Please kindly observe the School's "no cycling or scooting on school grounds" policy*

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## A Win for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV

After a shaky start to the season against St John's, the 1<sup>st</sup> XV put in a strong performance against The Oratory on Wednesday. Fielding an unchanged line up, the team took to the field on a spectacular afternoon determined to make up for last week's disappointment. Whilst there is certainly room for improvement, the boys were much more clinical in their attack and stronger in defence, and were rewarded with a resounding 43-0 victory. Fly Half James Wyatt had another fine game, as did fellow Year 7's Finn O'Toole, Ben Hillier and Oliver Jones. It was good also to see Harry Woodall return to the field as a second half replacement, having missed the majority of last season through injury.

Next week the 1<sup>st</sup> XV host local rivals Caldicott in what promises to be a tough match.

### Barnardo's Beaconsfield Fund Raising Group Autumn Supper

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011 @ 7:30pm  
Coleshill Village Hall

Mr Raymond Payne, Head of Construction Strategy and Logistics, will be giving a talk on the vast project: 'Construction of the Olympic Village, venues and infrastructure'.

*Please pick up a form from the School Office*

### Puffin Book Club

Thank you to all parents who have placed orders with the Puffin Book Club. If you wish to place an order using the hard-copy order form in the catalogue, could you please ensure that these are handed in to the School Office by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October? Thank you.

*Mrs Ellis*

## Junior Sports Camp

From Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October the Davenies Junior Sports Camp will swing into action. Staffed by the Davenies P.E. Department, the Camp will give boys in Years 1, 2 and 3 the chance to play a whole variety of sports, as well as enjoy a splash in the swimming pool. The Camp will start at 8:30am each day, running until 12:30pm. A drink and biscuit will be provided.

If you would like your son to join in the fun please use the following link:

<http://davenies.wufoo.eu/forms/davenies-junior-sports-camp/>

or contact Mr Hutchings at [jhutchings@davenies.co.uk](mailto:jhutchings@davenies.co.uk)

## Senior Schools Open Days...

### Aldenham

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
10am to 12:30pm  
[www.aldenham.com](http://www.aldenham.com)

### Leighton Park School

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
9am to 12noon  
[www.leightonpark.com](http://www.leightonpark.com)

### Milton Abbey

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
11am to 2pm  
01258 882182  
[admissions@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:admissions@miltonabbey.co.uk)  
[www.miltonabbey.co.uk](http://www.miltonabbey.co.uk)

## Division 10 Swimming Gala @ St. Helen's

With St. Anthony's late withdrawal, Davenies went head-to-head with St. Columba's College in the first of 5 Division 10 Galas this year. Official results will come through shortly, but unconfirmed placings suggest that Davenies made a clean sweep across all three year groups. Matthew Healy and Herbie Smith won both their individual races in Year 4; Scott Masson, Alec Shackleton, Ben Fallowfield and Calum Inchbald won their races; and in Year 6 there were individual wins for Jack Blair, James Baldwin and Louis Williams. The A and B relay teams were fast, but with one or two suspicious looking strokes and 'early' change overs there is work to do!

Thank you to the late stand-ins for being so enthusiastic. Our swimming has strength in depth; this will continue if boys take the opportunities on offer to maximize their pool time. Well done to all swimmers yesterday; it was a complicated day and, by and large, all were organised, competitive and smiling!

*Robin Thomas*

## Equipment Needed in the Pre-Prep

A plea! This term in Reception we are looking at 'People Who Help Us', and are looking to recreate a building site, a mechanics garage and a 'den'. So, does anyone have hard hats, fluorescent jackets, overalls, cars or tractors (the little people can sit in), garden canes, fabric etc. that we can have, use and/or borrow please?

Please email: [jpeers@davenies.co.uk](mailto:jpeers@davenies.co.uk)

Thank you,  
*Jen Peers*

## House Results

At the end of the first 4 weeks of term, the average House Points per boy per House are:

<b>Scott</b>	<b>45.63</b>
<b>Cook</b>	<b>45.89</b>
<b>Drake</b>	<b>53.00</b>
<b>Shackleton</b>	<b>58.96</b>

## Rugby Results

Teams	Score	Result	Scorers
U'9 A IX v Ridgeway	5 – 40	L	H. Smith
U'9 B IX v Ridgeway	40 – 10	W	P. Meigh (4), H. Tack (2), E. Hliditch, F. Hughes
U'9 C IX v Ridgeway	30 – 0	W	M. Ettling (2), O. Ward (2), C. Egan, H. Kramer-Brown
U'9 D IX v Ridgeway	15 – 10	W	G. Morrison (2), M. Tresidder
1 <sup>st</sup> XV v The Oratory	43 – 0	W	A. Coleman (2), B. Hillier (2), X. Garnham, C. Stewart, C. Murray, J. Wyatt (4 Cons)
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV v The Oratory	51 – 0	W	T. Reyner (3), J. Garnham (2), R. Jutla, C. Poulter, M. Roberts, J. Ward, J. Dunkley (3 Cons)
Colts A XII v Linslade	63 – 0	W	E. Mullarkey (2), F. Umar (2), C. Hickman, M. Moseley, B. Quick, L. Williams, J. Baldwin (1 + 9 Cons)
Colts B XII v Linslade	61 – 0	W	C. Owen (4), R. Adalsteins, Z. Green, N. Lucas, S. Tang, A. Swede (1 + 8 Cons)
Colts C XII v Linslade	33 – 0	W	J. Lewton-Evans (2 + 4 Cons), J. Bell, L. Taylor-Smith, J. Streete