



WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

The Headmaster writes...

Some people love dressing up, some people enjoy fancy dress parties and it just so happens that most of them work at Davenies. I have had an interesting day showing prospective parents the school whilst dressed as Dick Turpin and pointing out to parents that if they are looking for Wally there seem to be about 20-odd of them in Year 7! The Three Blind Mice are coping well with their duties in the office and the air of excitement has not entirely stopped people from working. However, it has been quite odd to see teachers dressed as medieval peasants sitting at their desks, marking. The storyteller is in, seamlessly taking over from yesterday's History Man and, just as an able storyteller can bring the words on the page to life, so can a good school help children to see that learning also happens outside the classroom walls.

This morning, Bob the Builder and I had a meeting with some Year 4 parents, one of a series of meetings this term with those who have boys in this year group. Year 4 parents often ask if a similar meeting will be held in Year 5. Rather than the school contact you, what happens is that parents tend to arrange these meetings as they wish, often after visiting a few schools.

Mrs Russell writes...

Charity Challenge Fun Run/Walk – End Polio Now

As part of this term's Charity Challenge Extra-Curricular Activity, Harry Baxter (Year 8), Alton Walker (Year 7), John Henry Kelly (Year 6), Hayden Davis (Year 6), Daniel Ward (Year 6) and Euan Wales (Year 5) presented an assembly on Monday 1st March on their chosen Charity Challenge, which is to raise funds to pay for vaccines to help Rotary International's "End Polio Now" campaign. Whilst Polio is in decline, it is still prevalent in India and Nigeria, and Rotary International together with their many sponsors, including Bill Gates, have decided that it is time to wipe out this debilitating disease. Just £1 will supply vaccines for 5 children in the 2 countries still greatly affected by the disease. For more information on the Rotary's campaign, please visit: www.ribi.org/thanks-for-life.

To raise funds for this worthy campaign, the boys have arranged a sponsored **Fun Run/Walk** which will take place at **4:15pm on Monday 15th March 2010** on the Sports Field. As there are no Extra-Curricular Activities or matches that day, the boys are hoping for maximum participation. The event is **open to all** our boys from Pre-Prep to Year 8, and to staff, parents, siblings and friends. There is no set distance to cover, and no set time to finish in. All that is required is for participants to either walk or run a distance of their choice, to be sponsored to do it, and to come dressed up for the occasion or at least wearing silly socks, or preferably BOTH! The target is to raise £500, which could save the lives of 2,500 children.

Sponsorship forms can be obtained from either Mrs Russell, Mrs Rush, or from the School Office, and contain further information about the challenge. Also look out for "walking posters" around the Sainsbury's Gate at the end of the day.

Mrs Churchouse writes...

Music Exam Success

Many congratulations to the following boys for their achievement in gaining these wonderful results:

Prep Test on the piano: Alistair Whittick, Benedict Thornham, Ben Fallowfield, Jack Blair, Louis Williams, Alec Shackleton

Grade 1: Euan Wales – Piano (Pass), Ruben Sector – Cello (Merit) & Piano (Merit), Thomas Reyner – Piano (Merit), Jonathan Davis – Saxophone (Merit), Ben Cooper – Piano (Merit) Spencer Chritchley – Saxophone (Distinction), Jonathan Clifford-King – Piano (Merit)

Grade 2: Harry Baxter – Flute (Merit) John Henry Kelly – Piano (Distinction)

Grade 5: Michael Colman – Clarinet (Distinction)

Concerts

Next week's concert on Tuesday at 1:15 is purely for our brass players. The ensemble will be playing and a number of boys are performing solos. You are warmly invited to join us in supporting the boys.

The concert for the Rock Band which was cancelled earlier in the term will now take place at 1:30 on Tuesday 16th March.

There will also be an informal concert on Friday 19th March at 1:15. The Jazz Band and Mrs Standen's recorder group will be performing; further details shall follow.

Tesco Vouchers

Please collect these for us again and post them into the boxes in the foyer(s). Last year your efforts on our behalf enabled us to purchase 2 sets of boom-whackers and a site licence for composition software 'Sibelius Groovy'. It would be fantastic if we could add to our collection this year.

PRE-PREP NOTICES

Miss Scott writes...

The boys have thoroughly enjoyed character day today; thank you for helping your sons with such fabulous costumes. We started the morning with a whole school assembly, led by Mr Affleck and his Year 5 form, who encouraged everyone to join in with the sound effects for '*We're Going On A Bear Hunt*'. We have discussed our characters and our favourite books, and everyone in the Pre-Prep has enjoyed listening to our visiting storyteller, Bill Lars, who has shared a range of exciting tales with us as part of our World Book Day celebration.

On Thursday, Years 1 and 2 were treated to an array of arms and armour by Mr Ashley Holt, aka The History Man. The boys thoroughly enjoyed trying on medieval clothes, finding out about helmets, shields, swords, arrows and even got to try their hand at jousting! Pictures of the morning are in the photos section of the Pre-Prep Intranet site to download.

Here are the star totals from the last fortnight:

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| Swallows | 243 |
| Kingfishers | 264 |
| Robins | 269 |
| Penguins | 293 |

PREP SCHOOL NOTICES

Mr Gibson writes...

House Points

At the end of Week 9, the competition is as follows:

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| Cook | 115.46 |
| Scott | 117.61 |
| Drake | 124.20 |
| Shackleton | 136.88 |

Open Days

Please note that the Open Day at **Bloxham School** on Saturday 6th March has been cancelled owing to an outbreak of Norovirus.

Winchester College, an exceptional school for academically able boys, has an Open Day on 13th March from 9:30 am (Years 4 – 6).

Miss Young writes...

Greece Goes to Pieces – Year 3 Play

Just a reminder that costumes for the production are due into school on Monday; please ensure they are on a named hanger. I look forward to seeing them.

Mr Thomas writes...

Panagraphics 3 & IAPS Swimming

Swimmers were out in force last week at two events. Davenies hosted a 3rd Panagraphics League Swimming Gala on Thursday with Chesham Prep School and Rickmansworth PNEU, and then the following day 13 boys represented Davenies at the IAPS National Swimming Competition, qualifying round, at The Dragon.

Thursday's event proved to be a valiant effort from boys across three Year Groups. Overall points put us ahead on 92 with Chesham on 89 and PNEU on 88. There were individual backstroke wins for C.J. D'Virgilio (U'9) and Tobias Cathrall (U'11); breaststroke wins for James Baldwin (U'9), Danny Beard (U'10) and George

Simmons (U'11); a butterfly win for James Wyatt (U'10); and freestyle wins for James Bell (U'9), Jonathan Davies (U'10) and Calum Stewart (U'11). Davenies boys won five of the six relays across the year groups.

In a tougher swim, against the clock and under strict ASA rules and supervision, all boys who attended The Dragon IAPS qualifying round did themselves and the school proud. Particular mention to George Simmons who completed his U'11 50m breaststroke swim in an unofficial personal best time. All times are submitted to the national coordinator for verification and will be published before the end of this term.

On Monday 8th March, we are taking A and B teams (across the age groups) back to The Dragon for a more friendly encounter: details and selection for this are on the Intranet.

Miss Auster writes...

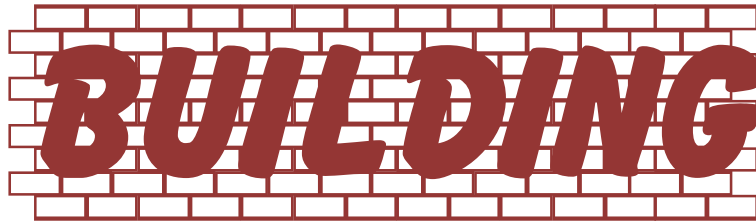
Misbourne Fun Run – Saturday 13th March

I have been really pleased to see so many of you taking part in this event. I have received the running numbers and will be allocating them to a parent representative for each year group just in case I am not there myself! I would suggest you get there at least 30 minutes before your race to warm up, especially as parking can be problematic. If I do not make it, I wish you the very best of luck. Have fun!

Sports Results

| Team | Score | Result | Scorers |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|---|
| U'8 A VII v St. Piran's 'B' | 6 – 0 | W | J. Chapples × 2, B. Fallowfield, J. Hallows, J. Hernandez, J. Warburton |
| U'8 A VII v St. Piran's | 4 – 0 | W | O. Masters × 3, J. Chapples |
| U'8 A VII v Northwood Prep | 0 – 1 | L | - |
| U'8 A VII v Chesham Prep | 1 – 0 | W | J. Chapples |
| U'8 A VII v Northwood Prep | 1 – 0 | W | J. Chapples |
| U'9 A VII v The Beacon | 2 – 0 | W | M. Bowen, o.g. |
| U'9 B VII v The Beacon | 2 – 2 | D | F. Gardner, J. Gray |
| U'9 C VII v The Beacon | 1 – 2 | L | A. Gill |
| U'9 D VII v The Beacon | 4 – 0 | W | J. Streete × 2, J. Bell, J. Lewton-Evans |
| U'9 E VII v The Beacon | 2 – 1 | W | D. Brown, S. Moorley |
| 1 st XI v The Beacon | 2 – 3 | L | C. Chritchley, L. McGuire |
| 2 nd XI v The Beacon | 2 – 2 | D | F. Williams, o.g. |
| 3 rd XI v The Beacon | 0 – 3 | L | - |
| Colts A XI v The Beacon | 2 – 2 | D | J. McGurk, K. Nemoto |
| Colts B XI v The Beacon | 2 – 1 | W | J. Dunkley, C. Stewart |
| Colts C XI v The Beacon | 0 – 4 | L | - |
| Colts D XI v The Beacon | 0 – 10 | L | - |
| U'10 A VIII v The Beacon | 1 – 0 | W | C. Poulter |
| U'10 B VIII v The Beacon | 1 – 2 | L | W. Rose |
| U'10 C VIII v The Beacon | 0 – 4 | L | - |
| U'10 D VIII v The Beacon | 2 – 2 | D | C. King, C. Woolf |
| U'10 E VIII v The Beacon | 0 – 3 | L | - |
| U'8 A VII v The Beacon | 2 – 0 | W | J. Hernandez, S. Masson |
| U'8 B VII v The Beacon | 1 – 2 | L | O. Galvin |
| U'8 C VII v The Beacon | 0 – 8 | L | - |
| U'8 E VII v The Beacon | 0 – 2 | L | - |

Davenies Art & DT Spring Competition



Boys are invited to submit entries for a combined Art & DT competition entitled, "Building".

House points will be awarded for all entries, with prizes for winners and runners-up in all categories.

Entries will be judged in 4 age groups: **Pre-Prep** (Years R to 2); **Junior** (Years 3 and 4); **Middle** (Years 5 and 6); and **Senior** (Years 7 and 8).

There are 4 categories from which to choose and boys may enter more than one; they are:

1. **A Picture** – The picture may be from observation or the imagination. It may be drawn, painted, printed or created using collage. It may be in colour or black and white. The size must be between A4 and A2.
2. **A Model** – The model may be improvised using card, lolly sticks, matchsticks, polystyrene, plasticine or other materials. Kits may also be used. The base must not be larger than A3.
3. **A Design** – The design may be a plan, an elevation or both. It should be clear, measured, labelled with an indication of scale. The design need not be limited by practicality or science. The size must be between A4 and A2.
4. **A Photograph** – The photograph may be in colour or black and white and may be manipulated using 'Photoshop' or similar computer software. The title, "building" may be interpreted freely.

The closing date for the competition is Monday 17th May.