



## **Whole School Notices**

### ***The Headmaster writes...***

You will be delighted to learn that on Wednesday the South Buckinghamshire Planning Committee gave the green light to our proposed development on the site of the Headmaster's House. It has taken an enormous amount of work to get to this point, the bulk of which has been carried out by our Bursar, Trevor Wickens. I believe that this development has tremendous importance for the future of Davenies and we were thrilled that the councillors saw fit to allow us to proceed. I am very grateful to all who attended our exhibition and who supported the project. All we have to do now is build it!

A special Happy Mother's Day, and many congratulations from us all, to Helen Auster and Robin Thomas following the birth of baby Phoebe on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March, weighing 8lb 15oz. Mother and baby are both doing well.

### ***Mr Gibson writes...***

#### **Davenies Remix**

Episode 3: Please see the next instalment at the end of this Newsletter.....the story unfolds.

#### **Bacon Butties**

There will be a Bacon Butty Sale in aid of the charity 'BasicNeeds' on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. BasicNeeds works to bring about a lasting change in the lives of mentally ill people around the world. Mental illness is a problem that is often ignored and this is especially the case in the poorest countries in the world. With an often complete lack of locally available, free mental health care, desperately poor mentally ill people stand little hope of recovery. BasicNeeds has transformed the lives of mentally ill people around the world working with partner organisations in Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Sri Lanka, India, Lao PDR and Colombia. Working with mentally ill people, rather than just for them, Basic Needs have built an innovative approach: [www.basicneeds.org](http://www.basicneeds.org).

#### **Everybody's Fine**

Those of you who enjoyed the Oscars' Ball two years ago will remember the tributes from Drew Barrymore, Kate Beckinsale and Robert De Niro. The film they were making with Kirk Jones, 'Everybody's Fine', is now due for national release:

Cineworld, High Wycombe: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, one evening performance at 9:35 pm.

Empire, High Wycombe: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, one evening performance at 9:15 pm.

[www.everybodysfinemovie.com/](http://www.everybodysfinemovie.com/)

***Mrs Ellis writes...***

### **Family Photo Day**

Last November my family and I visited Chenies Manor for a family photo shoot. The photographer was Andrew Redpath ([www.redphotos.com](http://www.redphotos.com)), and I was delighted with the results. The day was organised by my daughter's school as a fund-raising event, and I am delighted to let you know that I have been able to arrange a similar event for Davenies families. More details will follow in a few weeks' time, but please do keep Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and/or 26<sup>th</sup> June free.

### **Horrible Science**

Are you brave enough to encounter Horrible Science? If you dare, book tickets from the Wycombe Swan between 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April, where 3D Bogglevision will send disgusting blobby things straight at your head. If that is not bad enough, you can also borrow the books from the school library!

## **Pre-Prep Notices**

***Mrs Rush writes...***

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Windsor Castle on Tuesday. Many thanks to the parents who came along and helped make the day a great educational experience. The boys are now so knowledgeable as a result of the trip as well as The History Man last week. It is wonderful to be able to extend the boys' learning outside the classroom.

On Monday Reception will be going to Odds Farm Park. The boys will wear their tracksuits and trainers as most of the day is spent outdoors. If the weather is wet, please can the boys bring wellington boots and their raincoat.

On Tuesday Year 2 will be visiting the Sea Life London Aquarium which has recently been refurbished. We are looking forward in particular to seeing the sharks, rays and coral reef creatures which we have discussed at length in the classroom.

Thank you so much for coming to our parents' evenings this week. We hope you were pleased with the progress your sons have made.

Finally, please may I remind you to keep a regular eye on the Intranet. This week we have put the photos of Year 2S's wonderful pirate assembly up for parents to see. Next week we shall put the trip photos on as well.

# Prep School Notices

*Mr Gibson writes...*

## House Points

As the end of term approaches, the House Points so far are:

Cook	135.33
Scott	139.08
Drake	142.96
Shackleton	160.06

## Open Days

Haileybury will be holding an 11+ Open Morning on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April and a 13+ Open Evening on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Parents can book their places for these open events using the online booking forms which will be available just after the Easter holidays: [www.haileybury.com](http://www.haileybury.com).

## Cubs

Mrs Tennant will be away next week, from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. There will be no Year 3 swimming on Monday, therefore, and no cubs at all this week. Mrs T will be supervising the Year 3 swimming session on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:45 am.

*Mrs Churchouse writes...*

## Rock Band

Following Mr Sculpher's illness earlier in the term, the gig has been re-scheduled for 1:30 pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March: everyone is welcome to join us.

## Lunchtime Concert

Next Friday's concert will be at 1:15 pm and currently includes performances by Mrs Standen's recorder ensemble, the guitar ensemble, Jazz band, as well as solos by Stanley Walsh, Joshua Harris, Oliver Daily, James Baldwin, James and Andrew McDonald, Louis Kos and Alastair Rose (there may well be others too). Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Instruments

The number of instruments being left in the Music Department has now become unmanageable. As requested on previous occasions, please kindly ensure that your son brings his instrument home to practice. Quite simply we do not have the space to store such a large number of instruments and I am concerned that damage will occur. Thank you for your cooperation.

### ***Mr Affleck writes...***

#### **Play Rehearsals**

Despite there being no extra-curric next week, I would like to rehearse with Year 5 on Tuesday in the PAC from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Likewise, I would like another read through with Year 8 on Thursday from 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

### ***Mr Thomas writes...***

#### **Swimming**

Forty boys took on The Dragon School in a friendly swimming gala on Monday evening. Each swimmer was entered into both the medley and freestyle relays for their year group, as well as one individual event. There were backstroke wins for Louis Williams (U'9) and Danny Beard (U'10), and breaststroke wins for Alec Shackleton (U'8), CJ D'Virgilio (U'9), Ben Hillier (U'10) and George Simmons (U'11). Jonathan Davies (U'10) won his individual butterfly and there were freestyle wins for Calum Inchbald (U'8), James Baldwin (U'9) and Freddie Williams (U'13). In an exciting finale of freestyle relays and with one team disqualification the points were close! In the end Davenies scored 150 points to The Dragon's 149. This was a very close encounter with a number of boys swimming in their first galas. Particular thanks to the boys that stepped up to swim at the last minute, our 'whips' Mrs Simmons and Mr Nickless, and the noisy cohort of travelling supporters. Well done everyone!

### ***Mr Newman writes...***

#### **Commonwealth Day Service**

On 8<sup>th</sup> March three boys from Year 8 represented Davenies at the Commonwealth Day Service in Westminster Abbey. Also in attendance were: Her Majesty The Queen; His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh; Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. The boys chatted to the Dean of Westminster, The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

#### **Sports Results**

Team	Score	Result	Scorers
U'9 A VII v Ridgeway	4 – 0	W	J. Baldwin x 2, C. Hickman, o.g.
U'9 B VII v Ridgeway	4 – 0	W	E. Bains, J. Gray, F. Gardner, M. Moseley
U'9 C VII v Ridgeway	3 – 0	W	C. Owen x 2, W. Murray
U'9 D VII v Ridgeway	4 – 0	W	S. Tang x 2, J. Lewton-Evans, J. Streete
U'9 E VII v Ridgeway	1 – 1	D	W. Pottage
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI v Long Close	0 – 2	L	-

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