



WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

The Headmaster writes...

The staff meeting for the Prep School was interrupted by a triumphant Mr Tennant, who shared with us the news of how our team of mathematicians had fared in a competition at Wellington College. Out of 42 teams, we were delighted to learn that Cameron Nuttall and Thomas Bickley were placed first. Thomas Reyner and William Rose did extremely well to come 12th. Congratulations to those boys.

Rory Cuff was in the local newspaper this week. Following in his father's tyre tracks, Rory is an avid and able karter and currently lies 5th out of 55 in Britain. He races again on 15th and 16th May and we wish him the very best of luck.

You may scratch your head and wonder how we have produced an extremely successful group of rowers in Year 8 – well, when I say “we”, it is Mr Berkley who has to take huge credit for the stupendous results at the Ball Cup Regatta at Dorney Lake last Sunday. Tom and Harry Berkley, Harry Oliver and Hugo Marsh won all four of their races over esteemed schools which placed them 5th out of 42. This is astonishing, particularly as it was Harry O's and Hugo's first regatta and the boys, with their coaches, fully deserve our praise as well as their rather handsome, gleaming, gold medals. Anyone interested in rowing next year should talk to Tom or Harry Berkley, or to Mr Tennant.

Davenies Remix tickets are now online: www.albemarle-london.com/Remix.php

Mr Cooke writes...

Sainsbury's Car Park

Can I make my termly plea about the need for vigilance whilst in the Sainsbury's car park? At the beginning and end of each day the car park becomes heavily used and some of the boys are less than focused on the need for road awareness and safety. Similarly, without wish to sound patronising, could I also ask that all drivers pay particular attention because small boys can be quite hard to spot at times! I have had a number of concerned parents mention specific incidences of near misses. Thank you for your support.

Mr Tennant writes...

Scott House Car Boot Sale

Ever eager, I am looking forward to seeing pupils, parents, friends and family at the first car boot sale that the school has ever run tomorrow morning. Gates open at 10:00, so please come and have a look at the bargains on offer, grab a hotdog, and raise money for charity! What better way to spend a Saturday morning?

Mrs Tennant writes...

Quiz Night

We are still in need of a few more teams for the Friends of Davenies Quiz Night on Saturday 22nd May. Please return your completed team slips to the School Office, or let me know if you do not have a full team but would like to join.

Mrs Ellis writes...

Family Photo Day

There are still some free slots on Saturday 22nd May or 26th June for the family photo day. Please email kwarden@davenies.co.uk for a booking form, which will need to be returned before Wednesday 19th May.

PRE-PREP NOTICES

Mrs Rush writes...

As from today we have 8 chicks that have hatched in Mrs Page's classroom. Please may I remind you to contact me if you are interested in keeping any of the chicks? They will be ready to go to a new home on Friday 21st May.

The boys are all busy practising for our concert which takes place on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th May in the PAC at 2:15pm. All boys in the Pre-Prep will take part. Parents of Reception and 1C are invited to the Thursday performance and parents of 1RM and Year 2 are invited to the Friday performance.

Thank you for being so supportive of our aim to encourage the boys to become more independent. It is wonderful to see so many Reception boys hanging up their blazers and caps with confidence and coming into the classroom on their own. It is also great to observe the Year 1 boys going into the classrooms alone and I am delighted with the increasing number of Year 2 boys who are walking from the Sainsbury's gate each morning.

On Wednesday next week, Year 1 will be visiting the London Transport Museum. Many thanks to the mums who are accompanying the boys and staff.

Mr Locke-Hart writes...

Pre-Prep Sports Camp

There are still places available for the camp on all four days – Monday 31st May to Thursday 3rd June. Boys from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited. The camp starts at 8:30 am, finishes at 12:30 pm and costs £25 a day.

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Mr Gibson writes...

Ski Trip 2011

Places are still available for this annual trip, which takes place in January 2011. Further details can be obtained from me, or from the Ski Trip page of the Intranet. Could all deposits please be sent in by Friday 28th May?

House Points

As half-term nears, the scores are as follows:

Drake	55.98
Scott	58.94
Cook	59.29
Shackleton	66.98

Mr Affleck writes...

Senior Production Rehearsals

Senior Production rehearsals will take place next week on Tuesday 18th May from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and on Friday 21st May from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

Longridge Trip

A meeting for parents for the Longridge trip will take place on Wednesday 19th May in the English Room at 4:00 pm. As space is limited, could we make it for parents only wherever possible? I shall be doing my own talk with the boys after half term. I am still missing some medical forms and permission slips – could they be returned to me by Monday at the latest please? I need to send dietary requirements to Longridge by Tuesday.

Mrs Churhouse writes...

Rock Band

Please join us for a short performance by the rock band on Tuesday 18th May at 1:30 pm in the PAC.

Dracula

After half term we shall need the Senior Choir to participate in the Tuesday extra-curricular rehearsals from 4:00 – 5:30 pm please.

Music Lessons

Thank you for your replies, I shall send out official confirmation letters after half term when pupils have been allocated their teachers.

Practice-a-thon

Ideally we will complete our two week sponsored practice before half term. Once the sponsorship money is collected in kindly hand it **to the School Office** in a clearly marked envelope (please do not post it directly to the charity). Thank you very much for your support.