



WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

The Headmaster writes...

"Connect", the magazine for parents by parents has landed on door mats and been retrieved from school bags. Stylishly produced, I want to congratulate all the parents involved for producing such an interesting read. I hope that it will thrive and enhance further the community of parents who make Davenies such a friendly school. My thanks go, also, to the parents who helped Mr Tennant launch his house charity's car boot sale; it was another event which showed how willing the parents are to support the school's initiatives. Finally, my piece last week was particularly short. I spent Friday with a group of Governors and the Bursar listening to the short list of builders tendering for the new Dining Room/DT Suite/Library and classrooms. One was chosen and the date of April Fool's Day set for the build to be completed ... we will see.

Mr Gibson writes...

REMIX 2010

With summer in the air, a reminder that you can now buy your "Remix" tickets online at: www.albemarle-london.com/Remix.php or, with one click from the Davenies Intranet homepage. Alternatively, drop your cheque into the School Office. Book early and help support Friends of Davenies and Help for Heroes.

Cup Cake Sale

On Friday 28th May, the Year 8 mothers will be selling delicious hummingbird bakery style cupcakes in aid of Help for Heroes, at the Sainsbury's Gate. This will take place from 3:00 pm on the last day of the first half of term – a perfect way to start the holiday week! This will be a nut-free affair...

Mr Affleck writes...

Dracula Rock Show

Tickets for the Dracula Rock Show are now available from the School Office. There will be one performance only, on Tuesday 6th July, so book your seats before they run out. If you send your son in to book them for you could I please ask respectfully that you send a note in with him specifying how many seats you require? There will be a formal dress rehearsal on Friday 2nd July, if you cannot make the 6th, which you are most welcome to attend. Please do email me at school to let me know.

Mrs Churchouse writes...

Associated Board Exams

The timetable for the examining session next Thursday is on the Music page of the Intranet. Please ensure that your son puts in some worthwhile practice and that he brings his instrument and music to his class music lesson this week as well as on the day.

PRE-PREP NOTICES

Mrs Rush writes...

Please may I remind Year 2 parents that the doors open at 8:20am? We are delighted to see so many boys walking from the Sainsbury's Gate on their own, but some boys are arriving in school at 8:10 am. It is very difficult for staff to keep an eye on these boys as they are busy preparing the school day.

The second Sports Club runs from Tuesday 8th – Tuesday 29th June. At present we have ten spaces available; if your son would like to attend this second session, please let me know as soon as possible.

Please may I remind you to ensure all your son's kit is named, including shoes, as we are having problems trying to find lost property?

Boys are required to wear their grey summer socks this term. I have noticed some boys still wearing their long, blue socks and they are complaining of being itchy!

There will be no games lesson for Year 2 next Thursday owing to our concert taking place at the same time. We look forward to seeing you next Thursday or Friday at the Pre-Prep concert.

Here are the star totals for the last fortnight:

Swallows	315
Kingfishers	371
Robins	377
Penguins	400

Mr Locke-Hart writes...

Pre-Prep Sports Camp

There are still places for the Pre-Prep Sports Camp that runs from Monday 31st May – Thursday 3rd June. The camp runs daily from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, and costs £25 a day.

PREP SCHOOL NOTICES

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	66.29
Scott	71.71
Cook	71.88
Shackleton	80.42

Mr Affleck writes...

Dracula Rock Show Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the Dracula Rock Show will take place on Tuesday 25th May from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and on Friday 28th from 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Year 8 CE Revision Course

Places are still available on the Year 8 CE revision course. Please contact either myself or Mr Tennant if you would like your son to attend.

Book Amnesty

I am missing a few text books and class readers. Could you check at home please and have a look in your son's bag and return any to me at school?

Mr Thomas writes...

IAPS National Swimming Finals at K2 Crawley 2010

Congratulations to the U'10 Medley Relay Team (Ben Hillier, James Wyatt, Jonathan Davies and Danny Beard) and George Simmons who represented Davenies at the IAPS National Swimming Championships on Saturday 15th May.

The Medley Relay Team beat their qualifying time by 3 seconds and climbed a place to finish 10th in the final. There were originally 120 schools competing at regional level in this event!

George swam a personal best time of 42.25 secs in the U'11 50m Breaststroke in the semi-final and hung on to 3rd place overall in the final – a fantastic achievement! Well done to all five boys for their efforts and enthusiasm on the day.

Mrs Churchouse writes...

Year 6 Concert with High March School

You are invited to join us for an informal concert on Tuesday 25th May at 2:30 pm in the PAC, performed by the Year 6 pupils of High March and Davenies schools. This is our first joint venture and we very much hope that you will be able to come along and support the event.

If you are a Year 6 parent attending the concert and your son has no after-school commitments you are welcome to take him home with you at the end of the concert. The boys have a sheet of words to learn for the occasion – your encouragement would be greatly appreciated!

Exam Congratulations

Very well done to Esher Bains and Luke Maxwell in Year 4, both of whom gained Distinction in their Initial Guitar exams last term.

Practice-a-thon

It is not too late to sign up for this. When your practice is completed please hand your form and sponsor money to the office (in a clearly labelled envelope).

Miss Auster writes...

Super Penn Fun Run 2010 – Sunday 20th June

Just a reminder that the forms and cheques need to be handed in to Mr Thomas by **Friday 28th May**. It is open to anybody – boys, Mums, Dads, sisters, friends! You can find the form at www.bucksinfo.net/pennseven or collect a letter and form from Mr Thomas.