



WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

The Headmaster writes...

As coalition and co-operation are the themes of the month, and perhaps the next five years, Davenies and High March entered into the spirit of things with a Year 6 concert. With about fifty families in common and a well-trodden path between the two schools, it made sense to bring into school so many of the connections which are evident in the car park. The girls did not seem too traumatised by the experience and sang beautifully. As a social experiment the boys kept to themselves and the girls also seemed happier in their own company. Those of us who watched and enjoyed the concert clearly saw that the boys were more wriggly yet so composed when playing their solos and they were clearly more untidy, even though Mr Cooke had checked each child as he entered the hall! How is it that shirts just seem to fall out of trousers, or instruments get knocked over by boys? The afternoon was, however, very enjoyable and I am grateful to both Heads of Music for miraculously putting a performance together with very limited rehearsal time. The experiment was a wonderful success. I hope we repeat it, but it made clear also why educating boys and girls separately has its merits.

In the last fortnight we have had Parents' Evenings for both Year 8 and Year 6. Soon all of the Year 8 boys will be gone and so, too, those in Year 6 taking the Grammar School route. We have been so fortunate to have two such groups of boys in the school. They have helped to make the school a friendly, welcoming place and the parents have been tremendously supportive and pleasant. At times the Parents' Evenings resembled cocktail parties as, clearly, so many enjoy being part of our community.

Mr Cooke writes...

School Policies

Just a reminder of the information that is available to parents via the School's website and on the Intranet:

- Admissions Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Curriculum
- Educational Visits Policy
- English as an Additional Policy
- Exclusion and Suspension Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Pastoral Care Policy
- SEN Policy

In addition, there is a list of schools we sent boys to last academic year, a list of schools we have sent boys to over the last five years, a complete staff list and a précis of the official complaints we have received.

We also keep a hard copy of all of this information in the School Office for any parent who does not have access to the Intranet.

Mrs Tennant writes...

The Friends of Davenies Quiz

Tricky questions, furrowed brows and much pencil sucking was the order of the day at the annual Friends of Davenies Quiz Night last weekend. Whilst ex-parents, current parents and alumni did battle with Mr Borns' well-posed questions, £1180 was raised!

Mr Gibson writes...

Cup Cake Sale

Thank you to the parents who supported the Cup Cake Sale at the gate this afternoon, but sincere apologies to those who did not manage to acquire one (including myself) as over 300 cakes were sold within 15 minutes before 3:20! The Year 8 mums were overwhelmed with the ferocious pace of sales, but equally pleased with the money raised for Help for Heroes. I have been promised that this venture will return.

Matron writes...

Barnardos Boxes

Can I please remind everyone that I shall be collecting the Barnardos Boxes every morning of the week after half-term. This will be the last collection until the Autumn Term.

PRE-PREP NOTICES

Mrs Rush writes...

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

Thank you so much for attending our two concerts; we hope you enjoyed them as much as the boys did. It is wonderful to see so much musical talent in such young boys.

Year 1 enjoyed a successful trip to the London Transport Museum on Wednesday. Thank you to all the mums who went along to help.

On Friday 18th June at 1:45 pm, we shall be hosting our Sports Day. Please may I remind you that the boys will need their white shorts and white ankle socks for this occasion? I shall be sending out a letter regarding Sports Day via Parentmail.

We are busy sorting out all the new classes for the next academic year and I shall be writing to parents of boys in Reception and Year 1 during the week of Sports Day letting you know which class your son will be in and who will be teaching him in September. The Year 2 to 3 classes will be announced later.

PREP SCHOOL NOTICES

Mr Gibson writes...

House Points

At the halfway stage of the term, the scores are as follows:

Drake	90.47
Cook	96.79
Scott	99.58
Shackleton	107.29

Mr Hutchings writes...

Davenies Rugby Camp

Places for the Rugby Camp at the end of the summer holidays are filling up quickly (30th August – 3rd September). Please return your application forms to me as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Mr Thomas writes...

Panagraphics Swimming 2009 – 10

The 2009 – 10 Panagraphics Swimming League culminated in an exciting finals evening at Hab's Girls this week. Each individual event had eight swimmers competing. In the U'9 age group there was an individual win for Jack Blair in the 25m Breaststroke with the Freestyle Relay team also coming first. In the U'10 age group there was an individual win for James Wyatt in the 25m Freestyle and wins for both the Freestyle and Medley Relay teams. In the U'11 age group there were two individual wins for George Simmons in the IM and the 50m Breaststroke, and the Medley Relay team also won their event. No school was awarded overall victory, but the U'9 team came first in their age group, whilst the U'10s and U'11s came 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Well done to all swimmers who have participated this year; the final was an excellent way to conclude the Panagraphics season.

Mrs Simmons writes...

ICT Club

Well done to all those pupils in the ICT Club last term who entered the '**Rotary Computer Challenge 2010**' organised by the Rotary Clubs of Gerrard's Cross and Chalfont St. Peter. The boys were asked to design their own poster on 'Healthy Eating'. Unfortunately we did not win any prizes this time, but the boys should be proud of their efforts. Certificates will be given out after half-term.

Mrs Churchouse writes...

Drum Kit for Sale

An Old Davenian is selling a black 'Leedy' drum kit – a full set complete with silencing pads for all parts of it, which is in excellent condition and barely used. Please contact me at school if you are interested.