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Editorial

Well, here we are once again with this year's issue of DafNews. So, what has happened during the past year you may ask. Well, apart from scraping around for bits of news and humorous anecdotes we start by introducing YET ANOTHER member of the family who has joined us. So

Welcome to Andrew

Andrew Robert born on 10th September 1999 to Mum Nicola and Dad Michael. Unlike the problems she experienced before Jonathan was born, Nicola had a trouble free pregnancy this time. Although the publication of this event is a bit late, welcome anyway to the world Andrew; or should we now say Welcome to DafNews.



Jonathan Starts Playschool

Jonathan started playschool on 28 February this year. His activities include 'Painting', 'Gluing', 'Games' and 'Crying for my mummy'.



Hayley Falls in Love with Guy

As with Bethany before her, Hayley has fallen in love with Guy. Arriving at Grandma and Grandpa's recently she immediately ran into the back lounge calling 'Guy, Guy' and gave him a great big hug.



Bonjour Jonathan!

Jonathan started French classes in September last year. I guess he will soon be catching frogs and eating horse meat.

The Curse of the Crusts

Once again the dreaded crusts threaten to ruin "pleasant" lunchtimes. This time it's Jonathan (at least sometimes). The other day he took home an empty lunch box from playschool proving that he ate all his crusts! Meanwhile, Hayley happily chews her way through her crusts until

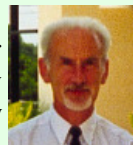
Darren Gets a Job

After a spell in the wilderness again Darren at last gets a job, but this time it's a more solidly based one. Following a three month probation Darren is now employed by Meter Point knocking up young housewives in the morning to 'read their meters' (or so he says!).



Geoff Nearly Gets a Job

Well done Geoff! Yes, Geoff had a job for sixteen hours recently when he was verbally offered a job as a part-time book-keeper/accountant by an internet company in Fleet. However, the following morning the offer was revoked. Do you ever feel unwanted?



Courtney Passes Away

It was great sadness and sorrow we all felt when Courtney finally lost

her struggle against her leukodystrophy and passed away on 13th July 1999 just before her seventh birthday. Her final weeks were spent at Naomi House, children's hospice, where she received dedicated care and attention towards the end of her short life. Darren's family attended a very moving ceremony which featured music that Courtney enjoyed and dedication poems. As a simple memorial, issue number five of DafNews will be dedicated to Courtney capturing photos and memories of her life.



Bethany on Stage

As part of a entertainment staged towards the end of last year by the LA Dance School, Bethany took part in her rendition of the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy at the Prince's Hall, Aldershot.

Jonathan Goes on Safari

A suprise awaited Jonathan when he went to playschool on 15th March. He was invited to go on a self-drive safari in a hire car to see elephants, lions and many other jungle friends. A video of his trip is available for viewing from Mum Nicola.

Murphy Made to Blow His Nose

'Come on, blow your nose.' But Murphy wouldn't oblige Jonathan recently whilst the latter was waiting for his lunch. 'Go blow your own', miaows Murphy climbing out of the chair and leaving Twinkle to suffer

a similar fate.

Sam Knows Something

'Do you know something Sam?' Sam didn't answer, but most of us reply 'Yes' when posed the question by Jonathan. However, Jonathan isn't usually bothered in finding out what we know. Sam wasn't too impressed either.



Serves You Right

When Jonathan was being a bit silly and hurt himself whilst at Auntie Melanie's the other day, his crying was answered by a little voice (Hayley) which piped up 'Serves you right'.

Sheila and Geoff in Florida

Having just got back from New Zealand meanies Sheila and Geoff neglected their Grandchildren once again and slipped off to attend the wedding of their friends' son Christopher Parcell to Cristina in Orlando. Fun was also had with friends from the UK and US in Disneyland, Universal Studios, the Kennedy Space Centre and the Bok Gardens, where Sheila even got chance to ride in a wheelchair.



Sean Verbally Abused

As usual Sean was looking forward to seeing and playing with his cousins. Unfortunately he didn't take it very well when Jonathan said he was naughty, which made him fall on the floor and burst out crying. Jonathan, how could you?



Jonathan Gives Playschool Teacher a Headache

Jonathan earned the wrath of his playschool teacher the other day when he cried for his mum. The frustrated teacher eventually turned round and said (according to Jonathan) 'Shut up Jonathan, you're making my head ache'.

Sheila Gets the Lot

Lucky Sheila had everyone round on Mothers Day this year. When they all finally left both the larder and freezer were empty!

Grandpa Upsets Hayley

Grandpa upset Hayley recently when he put her to bed during a PC session with her Dad. Wondering why she was whimpering in her cot Dad went up to investigate, only to discover that grandpa had forgotten to take "Mama" up for her to cuddle in bed. Naughty grandpa!

Lee Pops in for a Wee Visit

Lee suprised Sheila and Geoff the other evening when he popped in for a wee visit. (I hope he flushed the toilet!)

Birthday at Mac's

Bethany celebrated her fourth birthday at MacDonald's commencing with a clamber about in the play area followed by the birthday 'meal' and a birthday cake with five candles!



Jonathan gets Tummyache

Well, at least so long as he gets the glass of milk (from the Tummy-ache game). Wo betide if anyone else gets it - they will have to swap for whatever Jonathan has.

Letters and Numbers

Sean's obsession with letters and numbers continues unabated. However, it gets a bit irritating to Dad Darren

when he tells Sean to tidy them up. The dialogue goes something like this:

*"Put your letters away Sean. (Which he does)
What about those?"
"They're not letters, they're numbers."
"Well put the numbers away then. (Which he does)
What about those?"
"They're not numbers. They're 'plus', 'minus', 'divide' and 'times'."*

Come on Darren, don't you know the difference?

Car(e)free Summer Days

Yes, as summer approaches so will the arguments start once again over who sits in the car. Already Jonathan and Sean are arguing, albeit in a seemingly jovial manner. Soon there will be five fighting for the privilege!



Geoff and Sheila in France

After a long period of hard work Sheila and Geoff popped off in March for a well earned rest in southern France, but they failed to send any postcards or french letters.



Has Lee Got a Battered Willy?

One sometimes wonders what the Broomfields get up to when daughter Bethany peers at the batter coated sausage on the plate with her chips, and says 'It looks like a willy'.

"Aboo" Joins the Family

It seems that Hayley has a new name when Sean meets up with his cousins. They are now referred to as Jonathan, Andrew, Bethany and Aboo. Maybe this is why Hayley makes herself laugh when she goes around muttering "Oo! Heh, heh, heh."

A Hairy tale

Mummy caught Bethany the other day scribbling red biro on her 'whatsit'. When asked what she was doing Bethany replied "I want fur on my whatsit".