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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

4th July 2014

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the following children who have succeeded in their recent exams:

Guitar:

Jude B - Distinction Grade 3

Owen H - Distinction Grade 1

Sebastian D - Distinction Step 2

Bharatanayam, South Indian traditional dance:

Ishana T - Credit Grade 1

Well done!

Essex Primary Literacy Competition

Yesterday, once again, I had the pleasure of accompanying four of Danbury Park's children on an inter-schools competition. The event was the first Essex Primary Literacy Challenge held at Chelmsford City Football Ground. We arrived with a feeling of great excitement, yet some anticipation as we had been narrowly beaten in the heats, only achieving a place as runners up. Would we have greater success this time?

Once all twelve schools had arrived the competition began. After five rounds, ranging from Alphabet Analysis (spelling knowledge) to The Big Match (compound words) the winners were announced. I am delighted to say that Pawani, Lottie, Fionnuala and Freddie achieved first place, only dropping one mark throughout the whole competition! As always they were a credit to the school demonstrating good team skills, listening skills and enthusiasm.

The children and I would also like to thank Mr Merrylees for transporting the children to and from both the heats and the finals. Without the help of you, our parents, an event like this would not be able to happen.

Deborah Ireland



Well done Pawani, Lottie, Fionnuala and Freddie!

Down in the Jungle with Year 3



On Wednesday Year 3 had a fantastic day with Simon at Danbury Outdoors, exploring and comparing habitats. The children then had the opportunity to transfer their experiences to paper, exploring how it would feel to be a bank vole in a woodland setting. The quality of writing was amazing!

Classes Flamingo and Goldfinch visit to the National Portrait Gallery and the Museum of London.



Wow! What a busy and exciting day we had. Classes F and G visited the National Portrait Gallery and the Museum of London.

At the museum we looked at paintings and objects that told us information about the Great Fire of London. We even had a visitor comment on how much we knew about the fire! There were lots of interesting things to look at including an old leather bucket and an old leather fire helmet. On the ceiling there was a fire hook, we didn't realise how long it would be. We noticed that all of the paintings were oil paintings.

At the National Portrait Gallery we had a teacher, called Dawn, talk to us about the portraits of Samuel Pepys and King Charles II. She gave us special wax fabric crayons to draw one of the portraits and we are going to use these back at school.

It was an adventurous trip and the best school day ever! There were lots of children sleeping on the way home. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the helpers who came with us. We hope you had a fun day too!

Luke and Brooke, Class Goldfinch



Summer Events

Over the next two weeks there are many events taking place and we hope you will be able to join us.

Thursday 10th July at 7.00pm Year 6 Celebration

This is a new venture and a special opportunity for pupils in Year 6 to share their experiences of their last year at Danbury Park with their parents. They have been working hard to transform the Class Avocet room into a centre of information about their school journey to Belgium and they are eager to share it with you.

Friday 11th July at 2.00pm 40th Anniversary Celebration

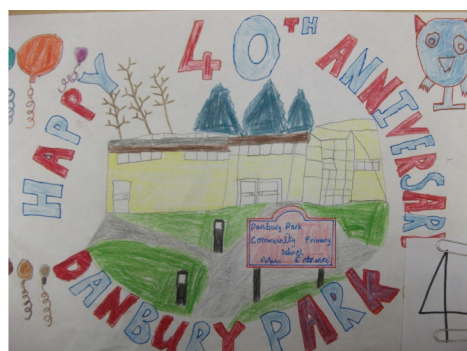
We will be holding a special celebratory concert to mark our 40th anniversary. We hope that the weather will be good to us and our plan is to hold the event outside on the junior playground. We would like to invite you to join us from 1.45pm for some musical items and personal memories. After the concert we will take the children back to their classes and then you will be invited to visit your child's classroom to look through their work from this year and then visit your child's new classroom following our traditional open afternoon pattern.

When you are ready, please let the class teachers know that you are leaving the premises with your child.

Winners of the design a card competition:



Erin C



Jayman T

Tuesday 15th July Sports Day

The timetable for the day is:

9.45am	Front gates will be opened to visitors
10.00am	KS2 opening ceremony on the playground Sporting events for Key Stage 2 (Classes E, D, C, B & A)
12.00pm	Picnic lunch on the field – all welcome
1.15pm	KS1 and Early Years opening ceremony on the playground Sporting events for Key Stage 1 and Early Years (Classes J, H, G & F)
3.25pm	End

As in previous years the events will start with a carousel of activities stationed around the field in which all the children participate. We will then move to the main race track and hold the running races for each year group. We are already holding practices and trials in school so that the fastest boys and the fastest girls will compete against each other. In keeping with the Olympic legacy the children will be earning points for their houses so that in Key Stage 2 we will have a house winner for each year group and then an overall winner. In the infants we will pool the points and have one overall house winner.

Members of the DPSA have kindly offered to organise a tea and coffee station for parents. Drinks will be charged at a nominal rate to cover costs. For your comfort if you would like to bring blankets, seats and even gazebos, you are most welcome.

Please remember to send the children in with water bottles and caps and apply a high factor sunscreen. All pre-school children must be kept under your direct supervision at all times and please note that at lunchtime the climbing tower and galleon will be out of use.

In the event of adverse weather we will make a decision as early as possible on the day as to whether events can go ahead. Regardless we will still hold the lunch for families and we will picnic in the school building if needs be.

Friday 18th July at 9.15am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Parents of our Year 6 pupils are invited to join us for our traditional farewell assembly.

Class Flamingo Design and Technology

Class Flamingo would like to thank the parents who came in to help with our 17th century model house building. As you can see by the photos it was a busy time. The children have included historically accurate features and took great care in the finished product. Please drop into class Flamingo on open afternoon where the children would love the opportunity to share their knowledge and marvellous models!



We selected different sized cuboids for our two and three story buildings.



We made triangular prisms for the roof.



We stuck on white paper to solve the painting problem we had with our snow vehicles.

We mixed paint and sand together to give the walls texture. Next we painted on the windows and beams. When the windows were dry we carefully painted on diagonal silver patterns to make small window panes. Lastly, we either added a thatch roof or tiles.



Mrs Marsland

Reminders and Notices

Chelmsford City High School for Girls – Please be advised that the final date to register your daughter for the CCHS entrance test for year 7 entry September 2015 is Monday 7th July at 4pm. To apply please go to <http://www.cchs.co.uk/ch/admissions>

Staying Safe in the Sun – please remember to apply high factor long lasting sunscreen to your child before school and send in hats and water bottles.

Piano Lessons- Please note that unfortunately due to personal reasons beyond her control Mrs Long will be unable to attend school on Friday 11th July all piano lessons for that day will be held on Monday 14th July.

Thank you

DPSA news

It's been a busy week and raised £883.00! Thank you to our disco helpers and cake bakers!

Thanks to everyone that helped at the disco we hope the children had a great time. We raised approximately **£450.00** on the night.

Also thank you to all our cake bakers who bought in cakes for the cake sale on non-uniform day this week and to everyone that came along to buy them! The cake sale was really well supported and combined with non-uniform made an impressive **£433.00**.

Money raised from Wednesday will be used specifically to buy food technology equipment and an oven for the design and technology area which will be renovated over the summer holidays.

Commemorative t-towels – a picture is on display on the window by the office. More order forms are available from the office. Please return asap to the office with cheques payable to DPSA. One tea towel is £4, if ordering more than one £3.50 (this can be a mix of both designs i.e. 1 x KS1, 1 x KS2 or 2 of the same design).



Keep up to date with the latest news

We want to make it easy for everyone to keep informed with what's on whether it's non uniform day, events or what we've bought for school. Just like us on Facebook to received regular updates.



Thinking of joining us?

We've had a great year so thanks to all. We always welcome new help. If you think you could help in any way (it's a bit of fun along the way!) then please let us know. You don't have to be on the committee and as the saying goes many hands make light work!! Send us a message on Facebook or email sallyj@doctors.org.uk

Birthday Assemblies Tuesdays at 3.05pm



Date

Birthdays

8th July

7th - 13th July

There will be additional assemblies at 3.05pm in the last week of term to allow for all the summer birthdays:

14th July

14th July - 8th Aug

16th July

9th - 16th Aug

(including Year 6 children not in school on 14th)

17th July

17th - 31st Aug

We hope you will join us for assembly to celebrate your child's birthday.

SCHOOL MEALS

Week commencing: 7th July is
Week 3 of April Menu
Half Term Payments £70.00

Please see our new menu on the school website.

If your child is in KS1 next year or is currently in Year 6 and will be leaving the school. Any money left on their account at the end of the academic year will be automatically transferred to any sibling in KS2.

Industrial Action Thursday 10th July

Due to industrial action by members of the National Union of Teachers, classes Flamingo and Eider will be closed on Thursday 10th July. All other classes will be open as normal.

The decision to close the school, individual classes or to send pupils home is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, we have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

We appreciate that this will cause difficulties for parents and apologise for the disruption.

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Sophie Wilson
Chair of Governors

Dates for the diary

Monday 7th July

09.15 – 14.00

Class B visit to Danbury

Tuesday 8th July

08.00 – 18.00

Class D and Class C (Year 4 only) trip to Natural History Museum

Wednesday 9th July

9.30 – 10.30am

New entrants visit
Children to work in their new classes

Thursday 10th July

7.00pm

Industrial action by teachers,
Classes F & E closed.
Year 6 presentation to parents

Friday 11th July

2.00 pm

2.30 pm

40th Birthday celebration
Open afternoon
End of year reports to parents

Dates for the next academic year (2014-15) are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher