

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

23rd March 2018

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the following children who have recently achieved their reading awards:

Gabriel N – **Gold**

Scarlett A – **Topaz Challenge**

Emma B- **Diamond**

Morgan H - **Emerald**

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly
on Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 2.50pm*

Year 2 Infant Music Festival

Last Wednesday our Year twos took a coach to take part in our annual Chelmsford Infant Music Festival. This year it was called "There's a sunflower in my supper". The children did a fantastic job and we were all extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Mrs McIntosh



"Yesterday we had to get to school early to go to the church called Christchurch. We went to the Infant Music Festival. When we got there we went to a room to put our coats and we waited for someone to come and get us." **Freya**

"We went into a big room to practise our show called "There's a sunflower in my supper". We met the other children and Mrs Parkin. Mrs Parkin told us what to do." **Isabelle**

"After a while we went back downstairs and had a quick break. Whilst this was happening our grown ups were coming into the hall. Then it was time to do it. My Grandma watched me and my favourite song was Mr Bull". **Poppy**

"After the performance we got our things and went back to the coach. When we got back to school it was lunchtime. I loved being in the performance!" **Max F**

KS2 Science Week

Last week all the children in KS2 took part in a wide range of investigations as part of our Science Week. Here are reports from Charlotte in Class C and Joe in Class A.



On Tuesday I went into Class Cuckoo, we had a tray put in front of us. We were making rafts and bridges. I sat with Eric and our maximum multi-link was 20. The bridge, however, held 19, so our estimates for both of them were quite good. I was proud with our boats, but not so much with boat No. Number 2.

On Wednesday, I went into Class Dove, where we were making spinners. Before we started, we had to work out what would cause the spinner to fall slower or faster if we would change the length of the blade. Our conclusion was right. Lesson 2 was about, if objects closer to your eye ears, would affect your hearing.



Science Week

This week it was Science Week. First, we were put into groups, and in total, there were five groups. Unfortunately, on Friday, a class was on a school trip, so we were only able to go to four classes.

On Monday, I went to Class Bugerigar, where we were making kites. I used a hard wooden base, which was tied together with pipe-cleaners. After we sorted the weight, we decided to decorate the kite with sugar paper and tissue paper. Our kite was half-successful and if I could improve I'd make it less heavy.

On Thursday, I went into Class Eider, where we were ~~recycling~~ recycling paper. First, we had to mash the paper up and stir it. Then, when it was dry Mrs Babs ironed it. We had to wash our hands carefully, for we were covered with wet paper. Our next lesson was measuring a bottle of water and every five minutes checking how hot it was with a thermometer.

Conclusion

I loved science week and I wish I could do them over and over again at home. My favourite investigation was the one in Class Cuckoo.



By Charlotte



Day 1: Monday

Dear Diary,

Monday 12th March 2018 was

the start of a very exciting week. Science week. In science week you learn, and test out so many extraordinary experiments, and of course create. At the start of the morning we were put in groups of six and went into different classes. I was put with class Budgenigs. Unfortunately, it was only me and Kayla. The rest were at Bike a billy.



Eventually we were put together to walk to our next class. Once we reached our class, which was only next to my class, we got told what we were going to do and to get into groups of three. In each group of three there had to be 1 year six, 1 year five, 1 year four and etc. Because there were a few children left over, I was put with Ambor and Nuisaba.



Our
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long



task was to create a kite that would use Mrs Eveleighs hair dryer. After a lesson we finally accomplished our lesson.

Day 2: Tuesday

After an exciting day of Monday morning, we had another exciting morning but in a different class. This time I was in class Cuckoo and this involved having fun! Why was it fun? Because in my opinion we got to pair up and create boats and put cubes inside them to see how many it would take before sinking. This was fun because we got to create our own boats and see how many



multilink it would carry. Our second task was to create a bridge that was stable enough to hold as many cubes as possible. This is my opinion of fun.



Once we had finished creating our boats in pairs, we then came to the fun part. Which was testing! I worked with one of my best friend

Alex Our first boat managed to survive with 19 cubes, called Peggy Sailor. Our next boat was called Shipwreck and this

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survived. Unfortunately, ^{only} 12 cubes. Our last called Hobnob was by far our best, it survived cubes. I was amazed. Our next activity was to create a bridge that would not wobble



and count however many cubes it took until it fell down. Our first bridge was called Trifol Tower. Incredibly this bridge survived for 102 cubes. Our next bridge was called Jeremy Padger but this bridge did not go to plan at all. It only survived 30 cubes. Our third and final bridge survived for 114 cubes. This bridge, ^{was} definitely

the best, the name was Yolo Mountain. Tomorrow (Wednesday) is my final day because I will be at Bike a billy on Thursday.

Day 3: Wednesday

Wednesday is today and I'm in class Dove. A very exciting class. Eventually I speedily walked over to class Dove with my friend Alex. Eventually we got settled and started our experiment. Our task was to create a spinner and let it fall from the tallest person in your group. You could test how many cm long from the wings. I chose 12cm and Alex chose 10cm. We found out the longer the propeller, the quicker it would fall to the floor; it was very smart.

Our last task was to see whether putting something against your ear would affect your hearing. We managed to work out putting something against your ear does affect your hearing.

I really enjoyed science week, it was the best. I wish it was five days instead!

By Joe

Jump Start!



This Thursday all the children took part in our special fundraising activities and should have brought home their well-deserved certificates. They were shooting basketballs and footballs, skipping, running over hurdles and through tyres proving how sporting they are.

As we are coming to the end of the term, please send in sponsor money after the Easter break. Thank you.



Class J enjoying Jump Start!



Book Week Poetry Competition Winners



Thank you to all of the children that entered our poetry competition and to their families for supporting them in learning a poem. Each class had the tricky task of selecting one winner.

In Monday's assembly the children finally found out who the lucky winner for each class was. The children then recited the poem they had chosen to perform to their class to the whole school!

Well done to:

Teigi Class Jay
Bella Class Flamingo
Joe Class Cuckoo

Harry R Class Hummingbird
Ava Class Eider
Joseph Class Budgerigar

Emily Class Goldfinch
Liza Class Dove
Chloe Class Avocet

Talented Pupils



On Saturday 17th of March Ben C from Class Avocet joined Essex Under 11 chess team and competed for EPSCA under 11 East Zone in Bromley. Essex came 3rd out of 10 teams after Kent and Barnet, it was the strongest performance for Essex team in many years. Ben won 2 matches out of 3. Well done Ben!

KS2 Snack Shack News!



The School Councillors would like to remind the children in KS2 that at break times they should only be bringing into school a healthy snack which should be some fruit or vegetables. We have noticed that some children are bringing in crisps and biscuits. We agreed that Mondays would be our treat day and we are pleased that healthy treats are now available from the Tuck Shop.

Because the Tuck Shop is proving to be so popular, the price of a daily snack has now dropped from 40p to **30p**. So a week of snacks has just dropped in price from £2 to **only £1.50** - come and sample the range. This week we have offered mango, pineapple, water melon, raisins, easy peeler satsumas and juicy British apples.

Watch this space for the launch of our new logo after Easter....

Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

CSE Awareness Day Campaign – Online Child Sexual Abuse, including Youth Produced Sexual Imagery

Supporting National CSE Awareness Day, Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) will highlight messages about staying safe online and via technology, to parents, carers, children and young people during the week of Sunday 18 March 2018 – Saturday 24 March 2018.

There is a wealth of materials and resources, including videos, graphics and posters available on the ESCB website: escb@essex.gov.uk so please have a look!

Save the date: **Wednesday 6th June**

On Wednesday 6th June we will be holding special workshops with all children in Years 3 and 4 and in Years 5 and 6 about e-safety. These have been designed and will be led by a specialist team of professionals including ex police officers and teachers. Our aim is for the children to hear about how to keep themselves safe from experts! After school there will be training for all school staff which will be followed by an information session for parents. In the ever changing world of technology it is vitally important that parents understand what their children are involved in and the risks they face.

To help protect our children, we want as many parents of junior children present as possible. The teachers are organising a KS2 Film Night that evening so that the children have a special social event with their friends whilst parents attend the session. In order for the child to watch the film, a parent must stay and listen to the presentation. More information will follow soon but please keep this evening free in your diaries.

Let's work together to keep our children safe!

MOVIE NIGHT

Are you tired of travelling all the way to Chelmsford just to watch a movie? Well now you don't need to; Danbury Park School Council is bringing the Cinema to you for only £3 including a drink and a goody bag!

**KS1 Friday 23rd March
5:30 pm—7:30 pm**

Feel free to come in your pjs. To ensure you have a really cosy evening why not bring your pillow and sleeping bag!



**Please note that because we will not finish until 7.30pm
this film night is for the children in Years 1 and 2 only.**

London Marathon 2018

Dear Parents and Carers of Danbury Park,

I am running in this year's London Marathon in memory of our dear friend Sally Baker who, you will remember, sadly passed away from the deadly effects of Meningitis in Dec 2015.

I am hoping to raise lots of money and awareness for the Meningitis Research Foundation and hope that you will support me in this. Previous fundraising efforts in her honour have included 2 well attended Coffee Mornings where we have together raised over £2500 so far.

If anyone wants to guess my finishing time on marathon day, there is the potential to win £50. I have a GUESS MY TIME sheet with £3 for a guess or 2 guesses for £5.

The LONDON MARATHON After Party at The Bell, Danbury on Friday 27th April 8pm until late

We will be celebrating all the fundraising effort and support by having one last fun evening with PRIZES, DANCING and more.

This event will be one last push to reach the fundraising target and as a chance for me to say thank you for every bit of support. I hope to see many familiar faces.

There will be a small charge for this event – as it is for CHARITY!

As always, thank you to everyone for their generous support.

Yvonne Burton

Midday Assistant Vacancies



We currently have vacancies within our midday team. Our Midday Assistants are vital to the smooth running of our lunchtimes supervising the children whilst they eat and play. If you enjoy working with children and have endless enthusiasm and patience, then you are the person we are looking for. We can be flexible on days worked. For more details and an application form, please contact the school office.

Emergency School Closures – SNOW!

As we experienced recently, snow can cause many problems and difficulties for schools. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there may be times when the site is unsafe or insufficient staff can get into the school and closure is unavoidable. We liaise with the other schools in the area and also take into account the available weather forecast. Unfortunately, these can change rapidly as happened the other week when the snow just kept falling!

Schools notify Essex County Council if they are closed and the information is available on their website at: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

We put messages out on *Parentmail* and **we also now have the facility to update the school website home page with Latest News**. Where possible we will try to send messages and update the website by 7.30am. If there is no message sent out or a notification on the ECC website or the school website, then we are open as usual.

If the weather and traffic are bad, please take care and get to school safely. We will understand if you delay your journey and arrive later than the usual time.

If you have not yet joined *Parentmail*, please ask at the office.

Notices and Reminders

Parking – Last term there were issues again with the safe and considerate use of the Danbury Outdoors carpark and Well Lane. We were informed of a parent who had parked on the yellow zig-zag lines causing an obstruction for vehicles and a danger to pedestrians.

Please think about the safety of our children before there is an incident where someone is seriously hurt.

School office opening hours – The school office opens to parents and pupils at 8.30am and closes at 3.45pm. We are sorry but after this time the office are unable to take payments and the shutters will be closed. Please can children remember to collect their phones **before** going to clubs.

Adults coming into school - A gentle reminder that parent's wishing to come into the school must come to the main office, sign in and be given a visitors badge regardless of their reason to enter the building. This is part of our safeguarding policy in keeping our children safe.

Letters sent home this week:

Year 5 Sandon Tour Dates

All tours will take place on the following dates and will commence at 9.30am. They will last a maximum of 45 minutes and Parents/carers will need to arrive no earlier than 9.15am in order to register. **Please contact the Sandon School to book your tour in advance, via the Sandon School Reception after the Easter holidays.**

Tour Dates

Wednesday 6th June, Monday 11th June, Friday 15th June, Monday 18th June and Thursday 21st June.



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Easter Egg Hunt

Tomorrow

Saturday 24th March 2 - 4 p.m.

Come and search for clues left around the school field and playgrounds, then solve the riddle and win a lovely, tasty prize.

Tickets – are £3 per child on the day.

Easter Egg Colouring Competition - The pictures will be judged on the day by a ballot of everyone who attends and there will be prizes for KS1 and KS2 winners.

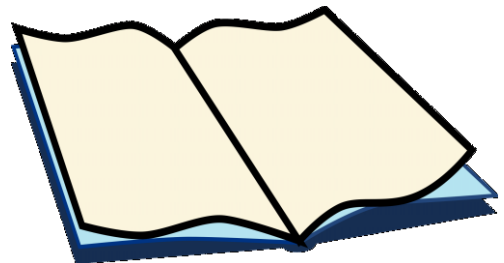
Don't forget that your decorated works of art must be handed to the school office by the end of Friday 23rd March.

Helpers Needed - if you can help to run a stall on the day 2-3pm or 3-4pm, or come and help set up on Saturday morning please let us know on sallyj@doctors.org.uk



Summer Fayre Brochure Advertising

Do you own a business or work for a firm that would like to advertise in our School Summer Fayre Brochure? We are in the process of putting this together and can offer advertising space of a quarter, half or full page. The brochure is professionally printed in colour and is given to all adults attending the school summer fayre. It is a great way to spread the word locally about your business and support the school at the same time. All proceeds raised go to the DPSA to spend on items for the school. If you are interested please contact Jo at dpsa2018@yahoo.com for more information.



Dates for the diary 2018



June

Wednesday 6th
Saturday 23rd
Friday 29th

Bag2school
Summer Fayre
School Disco

Second-hand Uniform Help Needed

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take over the organising of the donated second-hand school uniform. The job involves collecting the uniform from the donation box at the school office and sorting it out into the storage boxes in the school shed. Any help putting it out at school events and maybe other times as well would be great. If you think you would like to help or need more information please contact me at

sallyj@doctors.org.uk

Thank you



Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 26th March

Week 3 MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake or Salmon Puff (V)	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Pie or Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Creamy Mashed Potato Carrots Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Shortbread Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey served with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy or Roasted Quorn Fillet served with Yorkshire pudding and Gravy (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Vegetarian Quorn Balls in tomato sauce (V)	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Sweet Corn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 26th March 2018

Mon 26th March	Year 6 Bikeability
Tues 27th March 10.00am	KS2 Spring Celebrations for Guests and Infants
Weds 28th March	
Thurs 29th March 2.30pm	KS2 Spring Celebrations for KS2 Parents
3.25pm	Break up for Easter Holidays

Full term dates for this academic year 2017-18
and for next, 2018-19 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Spring Term 2018

Date	Time	Event
March		
24 th	2.00 – 4.00pm	DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
27 th	10.00am	KS2 Spring Celebration for guests & infants
29 th	12.00pm	End of term lunch for staff and governors
29 th	2.30pm	KS2 Spring Celebration for KS2 parents
		Break up for Easter holidays