

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

22nd June 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Lizzie W - Ruby

George B - Gold

Certificates were presented in Wednesday's Celebration Assembly

Evie B - Topaz Fin M - Diamond Liam K - Ruby Bailey D - Bronze

Thomas L - Bronze Freddie - B Diamond Christopher W - Diamond

Samuel B - Ruby Holly B - Topaz Zachary C - Emerald

*Certificates will be presented in our Celebration Assembly
on Wednesday 18th July 2018 at 2.50pm. Families are welcome to join us.*

Reading Gladiators

On Tuesday 19th June 2018, Mrs Anstee and I accompanied our Year 4 Reading Gladiators to their challenge day at Woodville Primary, South Woodham Ferrers. We have been meeting every Wednesday morning to discuss the 8 exciting but challenging books we have been reading over the course of the year (although we do eat pain au chocolat as well).

On the challenge day, the first part consisted of Gladiators from each school sharing a presentation they had previously prepared to show their understanding of one of the books. Our Reading Gladiators chose *Little Bits of Sky*, an emotional book about two children growing up in foster care in late 1980s and early 1990s. They had costumes, acting, thought bubbles, artwork, newspaper articles and a wall with detachable bricks to show both the fall of the Berlin Wall and the emotional barriers of the main characters being lifted. As Caroline the judge pointed out, it looked like the children must have been practising for weeks. In fact, they only had four days to write their script and make props, and just over one day to practise!

After a fantastic start, it was time for the game show round. The children had prepared for this by rereading the 8 books and creating and sharing factfiles about each of them. Our Gladiators worked together to get their answers ready as quickly as possible. My favourite to watch was the charades round, where the children had to act out different characters for the others to guess. After lunch, the results were announced... Danbury Park Reading Gladiators had come second in the game show and first in the presentation, making them this year's East Essex Reading Gladiator champions!

Our Reading Gladiators have worked at home and school throughout the year, and worked well as a team to win the challenge day. **Well done Amber B, Holly B, Ava G, Ella H, Joe K, Buddy P, Thomas S and Josh T!**

Miss Chinery



Year Six School Journey to Ironbridge

We had to get up very early on Monday morning to get to school for 6am. We gathered in the hall and got our planner and belongings and then we said goodbye to our parents. We were put in groups of 2 and then boarded the coach ready for our journey to Shropshire.

On the way we stopped at Cadbury World which was about 3 ½ hours from Danbury. We were so pleased to get off the coach and have a big stretch. The best bit was having some chocolate as we had had to miss our food break and we were starving!



After our fun time at Cadbury World we got back on the coach and went to RAF Cosford. There was an amazing 4D experience about The Red Baron who we learnt such a lot about. For those parents that haven't heard of him, he was the most successful German fighter pilot in World War 1, shooting down 80 allied planes.

We stayed in a hostel which some thought was haunted...we had to stay in bed until 7am! We visited the Gorge Museum, which was all about Ironbridge, Blists Hill which is a Victorian village, The Edge Activity Centre (which was the best day of the whole trip) and The China Museum before the really long journey home.

We were on the coach for about 5 hours battling with the bank holiday traffic. We were so pleased to see our school and our parent; we think they were happy to have us home...

Written by James S, Amelia H & Alex T



"On Monday we went to Cadbury World! It took so long to get there but when we arrived I could smell chocolate and it made my mouth water! We went into our groups; I was with Mrs Ireland and eventually we entered a dimly lit room where many wax figures represented the Mayans. The Mayans were people who used chocolate to make a sour tasting drink. My favourite part was when we ate chocolate! We chose 2 flavours each; I chose Crunchie and Fudge. We then watched a 4D experience about every character used for the pictures on chocolate."

Chloe

"We went to the Gorge Museum and went over the Ironbridge which was really good fun. Mrs Ireland bought us an ice-cream which was really delicious!"

Alex T



Once we had returned from our activities for the day we would go to our rooms to get ready and have a chill out until we would leave and go to the park. When we got back we got ready for bed and had hot chocolate and a biscuit, before falling fast asleep!"

Brandon



"My favourite part of our school journey was on Wednesday when we went to Blists Hill, a Victorian village where we got to do lots of fun-filled activities such as brick-making and candle dipping. We also exchanged our ordinary money into old fashioned Victorian coins. We then went to a Victorian fairground which was so much fun, I loved it! This was where we got the chance to use the old money. We also got to spend it in Victorian shops. Altogether, I had an amazing time; what a great day!"

Freya



"On Wednesday I really enjoyed visiting Blists Hill, the Victorian village. During our time there we made bricks and dipped candles. It is a fun-filled village with a little fun fair. We also changed our ordinary money into Victorian money. It was an amazing day."

Kayla

"On Thursday we all woke up feeling so excited. We set off to the Edge Activity Centre. Quad biking was my favourite. I went so fast around the bend that I felt so free. Sadly, it went really quickly that when we had our last go I felt so upset because it was all about to end; it was definitely the best."

Evey



"On Thursday we were all bursting with excitement for the Edge Activity Centre. In the morning we filled our empty stomachs with a choice of cereal, an English breakfast or croissants. After we had all packed our bags and collected our lunch we boarded the coach, waiting to arrive at our destination for the day! When we arrived, we split up into groups that we would work with for the day. The activities that we were going to experience were: mountain-boarding, quad-biking, zip-wire and archery! The most popular was definitely quad-biking! I found the mountain-boarding very tricky, but I came 3rd overall in the archery. Angus won! The day was amazing; I wish I could go quad-biking again!"



Alice

"Thursday night made our brains sizzle with excitement because it was QUIZ NIGHT! The quick-thinking questions put a smile on our faces, not to mention the team names: Gucci Gang, Squad 6, Dejavu, Fanta Fizz, Ghost Busters and the Nan's closet. We had to answer 4 rounds of 10 questions and a bonus round, and obviously my group won!"

Alysia



Class Flamingo Visit the Tower of London

On Tuesday 5th June Class Flamingo were so excited to be going to visit The Tower of London. We arrived at school really early, but full of energy and excitement for the day ahead. We climbed aboard the coach (a double decker) and began our journey to the Tower of London. After nearly two hours we arrived and walked in our groups to the ticket booth. Mrs Buer collected all our coloured wristbands and then we were ready for the Tower!

First of all we had a talk from a lady dressed in Tudor clothes. We re-told the story of the Great Fire of London with her and acted out parts as we went along. It was great fun and we impressed her with our knowledge when answering her questions. We especially enjoyed it when we acted out passing the buckets of water along from the River Thames to put out the fire!

After our workshop we separated into three groups and were raring to go and explore the Tower. During the day we managed to see everything, including the ravens, prison, White Tower, cells, the rooms where guests stayed and our favourite...the crown jewels. The crown jewels were amazing: so sparkly and intricate covered in precious gems and stones.

In the afternoon we watched the guards marching, keeping sentry duty and even managed to stand in a sentry box to have our photos taken.

Although we already knew lots, we all have learnt so much more and, even better, had a wonderfully exciting, if tiring day!

Mrs Buer, Mrs McIntosh, Mrs Clarke and all of us in Class Flamingo would like to thank our parent helpers who helped make the trip so successful.

Class Flamingo



General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

In line with the new regulations that came into force during the half-term break, we have reviewed all our school policies and procedures including the Privacy Notices which contain details about how we use, store and protect yours and your child's personal information. All the information is available on the school website but if you would prefer a paper copy, please let the school office know and they will be happy to help.

We would like to assure you that we have always taken great care over protecting personal information and confidentiality and will continue to do so.

Visit from the Parish Council

A few weeks ago, members of Danbury Parish Council visited the children in Class Budgerigar. The children listened to what the councillors had to say, asked them questions and took notes. They then wrote an explanation text about the work of the council. Here are two excellent excerpts from much longer reports:

The Danbury Parish Council are a group of people who volunteer to help out in their local area. The councillors are not paid for this job. Of course, they do their best to represent their village.

They have started a project to obtain one hundred houses in Danbury where everywhere is close enough to walk to. They sent a survey to the locals to ask them where a good choice would be to put the houses. The council will keep an eye on wildlife and will not allow any building work in nature reserves. Although they look after nature. They also look at speed limits and make sure to keep speeding under control.

Scarlett A

When having meetings and having decisions, the counsellors want to ask the local people what they think as well as sending them surveys. Also the Parish Council wants to communicate and tell us what is happening so they put information in newspapers and magazines. Another option is allowing local people to talk to the council and they do this in the Social Sports Centre and library.

As a result, the Danbury Parish Council's work all pays off, because all the issues are solved in our village. Our village is beautiful, so we put beautiful things in our logo for the Council. A tree, our St John's Church and three swords standing for Essex. The Danbury Parish Council helps so much.

Emily W

Sally's 3rd Annual Coffee Morning

FRIDAY 13TH JULY 9.15 – 11.45AM

The Hall at The Griffin Pub, Danbury

Dear Parents and Friends of Danbury Park School,

Many of you will remember that we lost our dear friend Sally Baker very suddenly in Dec 2015 to Meningitis. We gathered at the end of the school year in 2016 and 2017 to remember her, while raising money for Meningitis Research through coffee, cake and raffle prizes. These two events and all the fundraising for this year's London Marathon, our local community has donated almost £6000 towards the Meningitis Research Foundation.

As an ongoing tribute to Sally, and as a chance for people to gather and chat over coffee and cake, I would be very pleased if you would join us again this year. The format will change slightly. The emphasis this year is on friendship and an opportunity for a get together with friends and not more fundraising, meaning donations to Meningitis will not be taken. We will charge a small amount for the tea, coffee and cake to cover costs. Any profit will be used to benefit both local schools, so if for example we make £100, £50 will each go to St John's and Danbury Park Primaries.

Anyone wishing to contribute a cake for the coffee morning, this will be very welcome. Please catch me at school or get in touch on 07919401428.

On behalf of myself and Sally's family, we thank you for your love and support and hope to see many of you there before we break for our summer holidays.

Very best wishes,

Yvonne Burton

Summer Events

We have lots of events for the second half of the summer term so please make sure you put dates which are at the end of this newsletter in your diaries.

Tuesday 17th July Sports Day



This year we will be using the same format for our Sports Day and Open Afternoon as last year. To save busy parents having to take two days off work we are combining the two events on the same day with the traditional picnic lunch in the middle. The provisional timetable for the day is:

9.15am	Front gates will be opened to visitors
9.30am	KS2 opening ceremony on the playground Sporting events for Key Stage 2 (Classes E, D, C, B & A)
10.30am	KS1 and Early Years opening ceremony on the playground Sporting events for Key Stage 1 and Early Years (Classes J, H, G & F)
11.30am	Whole school running events on the field
12.30pm	Awarding of cups and trophies followed by picnic lunch on the field
1.30pm	Children return to class to change out of PE kits and for registration
2.00pm	Open afternoon in classes with an opportunity to look at your child's work and then visit their new class for next year.
3.25pm	End

The events will start with a carousel of activities stationed around the field in which all the children participate. At 11.30am the whole school will come together for the races on the main race track. We are already holding practices and trials in school so that for these races 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.

We hope to offer 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 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. Please check the school website home page, scrolling news for the latest information. Regardless we will still hold the lunch for families and we will picnic in the school building if needs be and hold the open afternoon.

Safeguarding - Keeping Safe Online Child Exploitation

It was great to see such a fantastic turnout for our information session the other week on e-safety. The two Johns, as our consultants are known, prefer the term “online child exploitation” and I think this is a much more comprehensive way of describing the theme for the evening.

On the Wednesday afternoon the two Johns worked first with Classes Eider and Dove and then with Classes Cuckoo, Budgerigar and Avocet. This was a conscious decision as the content for the older children was a little more in-depth and harder hitting. The focus was very much the danger of apps and online games, which is what our children are interested in. Our children know an awful lot about the online world and they do know many of the answers when we question them about keeping safe but it is taking it to the next level and how they put this into practice and think about consequences.

After school, the two Johns went through the materials they had used with the children with the staff, adding in more background information and more explicit content so that we as adults could appreciate the risks. They then expanded on this for parents at the evening session. I know many of you are very technologically aware but it soon became apparent that the children know more about apps, gaming and the virtual world than adults. I know many of you were shocked and surprised to learn how easily children are being manipulated and exploited and the risks posed and how even if they do not play at home, they maybe at risk when visiting friends.

What was really useful were the strategies to support your children: i.e. **NOT** taking devices away or closing down apps, when things go wrong. The approach of talking to your children, exploring new apps together, talking through the dangers and helping them be part of this world is so much safer. Of course negotiating time spent online and establishing ground rules are also vitally important right from the start and this way you can help your child be part of something all their friends will be involved in, but in a safe way. This won't stop situations arising but we hope that the children will be able to talk to you (or us at school) should they encounter difficulties.

The analogy of the children being on a train journey when accessing the exciting digital world and how parents can choose to go along and help them interact with this new way of life or leave them to be exposed to risks and dangers on their own, was very apt.

There are many useful resources for parents on the two Johns' website and please remember they are a non-profit making organisation: <http://www.esafetytraining.org/> . Please take time to have a look.



If you couldn't make the meeting, find a friend who did and spend some time finding out more. As the two Johns suggested, why not have a drink and try out some of the apps that your children are using, yourself. Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Notices and Reminders

Year 6 School Lunch Money – A gentle reminder, as we approach the end of the academic year please could you ensure that all year 6 school meals are either paid for on the day or in advance.

Parking – Please think about the safety of our children and park with care and consideration before there is an incident where someone is seriously hurt.

Staying Safe – Please would parents prevent their children climbing on the wooden gates and on the brick wall at the entrance to the school and from going on the play equipment and behind the PE sheds by the playground. This is for their own safety

11+ Registration – The registration for the 11+ tests with CSSE for admission in September 2019 opens on 5th June. The deadline is 20th July 2018. Please see their website for full details: www.csse.org.uk

Lyme Disease – We have been asked to bring to your attention this infection. Most tick bites are harmless but a small number of ticks are infected with the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. A tick bite can only cause Lyme disease in humans if the tick has already bitten an infected animal.

Please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/> for more details.

Letters sent home this week:



Welcome to year 1 meeting



Welcome to year 2 meeting



Dinner money outstanding payments

Summer Term Reminders

Please remember that the weather is still very changeable so watch the forecasts. On drizzly days, the children will need their coats as we still go outside at break and lunch times for fresh air. On clearer days please apply a long lasting sunscreen first thing in the morning and send in a hat.

Please could you ensure that all of your child's clothing is clearly named as it makes returning jumpers and cardigans to the right child much easier. We have a large pile of lost property at the front of the school!

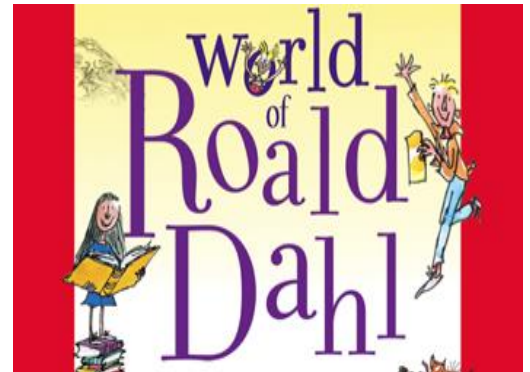
The water fountains have now been replaced and are operational so the children have access to fresh water at playtime and lunch times but the children also need a water bottle in school every day.



DPSA News

Summer Fayre Tomorrow 23rd June 12-3.30pm

**Don't miss our
Marvellous Medicine Mad Science shows
at 1pm and 3pm**



Raffle tickets bring along any ticket stubbs and cash that you have along to the fayre with any unsold tickets and hand in at the raffle stall.

Cakes can be dropped to the school office at pick up on Friday or brought to school Saturday morning. Please make sure you label boxes and plates with your child's name and class if you want them returned.

Helpers on the day any help to set-up Saturday morning from 9am and tidy away at the end would be greatly appreciated. If you can help at all please let us know on sallyj@doctors.org.uk

Mr Twit's beard Competition – don't forget to bring your creation of Mr Twit's beard along to parade at **12.15pm** at the fayre and you may win a prize. The best two beards from KS1 and KS2 will win fantastic Roald Dahl Prizes.

Fancy Dress - come dressed as a Roald Dahl character and receive a small prize at the gate.

Please come and support us it will be a lot of fun and it's a great way to raise money for the school.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Adventure Island Wrist Bands

Blue Bands (over 1.2m height) **DPSA cost £18** - saving £4.50 on the internet price and £12 on the 'on the day'

Green Bands (1.0 -1.2m height) / **Red Bands** (under 1m height) **DPSA cost £15** – saving up to £3.75 on the internet price and up to £10 on the 'on the day price'

To buy wristband vouchers (valid until the end of the year) please contact Nicky at nickythomason@me.com who will arrange to get them to you. We will also be selling them after school on Fridays next to the ice creams.

Payments need to be in cash or a cheque made payable to The DPSA. Family and friends are welcome to buy too!



Dates for the diary 2018

June
July

Friday 22nd + 29th
Friday 6th and 13th
Friday 6th

Ice Creams
Ice Creams
School Disco

Thank you for your support.
The DPSA





Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 25th June

Week 1 MONDAY	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Salmon Puff	Pasta Twists Coleslaw Sweetcorn Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Local Butchers pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage	Creamy Mashed Potato Fresh Sliced Carrots & Peas/ Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Marble Cake Served with Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheesy Stack Wrap	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower florets Fresh carrots Green salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Pot Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Chicken in Homemade Rustic Tomato Sauce or Quorn pieces in Rustic Tomato Sauce	White and Wholegrain Rice Garlic Bread Sweetcorn / Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Fish Goujons	Chips Baked Beans / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Flapjack Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 25th June 2018

Mon 25th June

1.00pm

3.25pm

New entrants in for lunch and whole school meet your new teacher session
Netball match away at St Anne's School

Tues 26th June

Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon

Weds 27th June

2.45pm

Year 2 Assembly presented to rest of school

Thurs 28th June

2.45pm

6.45pm

Year 2 Assembly to parents

World Cup Screening of England v Belgium match

Fri 29th June

12.30pm

2.50pm

School Council meeting

Class H Assembly to parents

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

Dates for Summer Term 2018

Date	Time	Event
June		
Week beg		
25 th	1.00pm	New entrant in for lunch and meet your new teacher
26 th		Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon
27 th	2.45pm	Year 2 Assembly to rest of school
28 th	2.45pm	Year 2 Assembly to parents
28 th	6.30pm	World Cup Screening England v Belgium
29 th	2.50pm	Class H Assembly
3 rd	Am	Sandon School art group – willow weaving activity
	4.30pm	District Sports
5 th	1.00pm	District Sports
6 th	9.30am	New entrants in and meet your new teacher
	2.50pm	Class G (Year 1) Assembly
	6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 DPSA Disco
	7.15pm	KS2 DPSA Disco
10 th	Pm	Governors to meet with Year 6 for pupil questionnaire
11 th	1.15 – 2.45pm	Pre-school Activity Afternoon
	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
12 th	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
13 th		Year 4 Immersive Day at Sandon School
	2.50pm	Class Jay Assembly
16 th	9.30am	Year 6 Presentation to school
	Eve	Year 6 Presentation and Celebration to parents
17 th		Sports Day Picnic Lunch Open afternoon
18 th		Year 6 Leavers' Activities
	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
19 th	12.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Lunch
	Pm	DPS's got Talent
20 th	9.15am	Leavers' assembly
	3.25pm	School closes for summer