

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

6th July 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Gabriel N – Platinum	Joe B – Silver	Nadrah-A-Y- Silver	James P- Bronze
Maite M - Bronze	Ben J – Bronze	Kayla B – Bronze	
Amelia H – Bronze	Woody P – Bronze	Beau B – Diamond	Chloe B - Diamond
	Morgan H - Ruby	Hydie R – Emerald	
	Joe K – Year 4 Extended Reading Challenge		

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

Year 6 pupils will receive their certificates at Leavers' Assembly on Friday 20th July at 9.15am.

School Council Celebration



On Tuesday afternoon the school councillors and their deputies met with Mrs Parkington, Mrs Waring and Mrs Gooding for a special celebration tea to mark the end of a very successful year. They were treated to a drink and cake and we shared some of the highlights of the year especially the KS2 Snack Shack which has really taken off and the film nights.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Waring and Mrs Parkington for all their hard work supporting the children in their projects and ideas. Our school council really does make a difference and we will be holding elections in September for 2018-19 so think about if you would like to stand.

Class Dove's Trip to Braintree Museum



On Tuesday 19th June I woke up with a banana smile on my face because I was going to Braintree Museum.

We were put into groups. My leaders were Mr Treavett and Mrs Croucher. When I got off the coach I thought it was the library because it looked like one. It turns out it used to be a Victorian school.

When we got to the door a kind man let us in. we walked through the gift shop and down the hall. We put our bags away and we went to our first activity with Jenny our museum teacher. We did about animal classification and we learnt about Aristotle who created animal classification.

Next we did bones and movement. We did miming of an animal that the other children had to guess. Me and George did an orangutan which was very hard for everybody else.

Then we found animal fossils in sand with a brush and also bricks and pottery. Next we made our own ammonite (which is a fossil) and encrusted a toy dinosaur in some clay.

Then we met with the Year Fours and grabbed our bags and went on the coach. It was a great day.

By Morgan H

I woke up to mum calling "Wake up it is your school trip today."

When we turned up outside the museum I saw a statue of John Ray. We got to the room and a lady welcomes us. First we looked at food and nutrition. Did you know Victorians had to make their own butter? We also looked at the tools the Victorians used to make food. They put beetles, chalk and sawdust to make the food cheaper even though it was very poisonous.

Secondly, we looked at bones and nutrition. We looked at real bones from people who might have died. There is a very special pattern inside the bone called honeycomb. We also looked at pictures of people with scurvy because they did not eat enough fruit or veg.

Lastly, we did Victorian vs modern P.E. Ethan was our teacher. Victorian P.E. was really boring. Because they did not have lots of sugar, they did not need as much exercise as we do now.

After that we got on the coach and went back to school. I could not wait to tell my mum about what I did that day. I really liked it and my favourite part was when we did food and nutrition.

Bv Ava G

Class Eider's Visit to Colchester Zoo

On the 15th June I awoke to the thoughts of going to Colchester Zoo with Class Eider.

Mrs Parkinson gave us important instructions to follow throughout our day. We had clear instructions to not mess around when getting on the bus or else we would be left behind and no-one wanted that. Soon after we left Danbury. It was a long trip but finally we got there.

After a long wait we met our zoo guide called Brit. She led us to a tent with a table in the middle and told us about endangered animals like turtles, rhinos, elephants, tigers and cheetahs. We learnt about loss of habitat, overuse and pollution. I am sad because using tusks and shells kills the animals. Brit talked to us about extinction and that it's actually natural but we make it worse. Did you know it takes 5 animals to make 1 fur coat?

After that we looked at the cuddly red panda and then the hairy orang-utan. They are boring you might think but they are very good climbers and can be camouflaged in trees.

After a while we had lunch. I was starving. Afterwards we fed the elephants. It felt like a vacuum cleaner. My hand felt so sticky! Minutes later we went to see the pythons. The longest snake was 7m long. Quite some time later we went to see the dazzling tigers. Their paws were about 5 times the size of my hands.

After a great time at Colchester Zoo we went back to the coach and soon after we were on our way back to Danbury. This day had been great but the next day I awoke with cramps in my legs because of all the walking.

Serena D, Ben S, Fred H and Harry B

Parking

We have received a communication from a very concerned parent about parking:

"As you know child safety is crucial, therefore, please can all users of our car park be extra vigilant whilst driving and of course considerate of others, especially pedestrians.

This can be supported by ensuring both our school's entrance, exit and vehicle pathways are kept clear at all times.

Individuals attempting to get in and out of their cars in dangerous areas like this are potentially putting their children and others at unnecessary risk."

Please work together for the safety of our children!

Reading Gladiators

We are pleased to inform you that Year4 Reading Gladiators will continue next year. Through extra work Mrs Gooding has done with the Chelmsford Teaching School Alliance running courses for recently qualified teachers after school, Danbury Park has been paid a small sum of money which will almost cover the cost of this activity for next year. We are delighted that the children will continue to benefit from this programme.

Class Hummingbird Assembly

Well done to the children in Class Hummingbird who shared with us their learning from this term. They have obviously thought very hard about what it means to be a super hero and it was great to hear them relate their ideas to their families and the special jobs that people do helping others.



Next week we will have full report and photos from the Year 2 Assembly.

Techno Games

Well done to Danielle and Toby who represented the school at the Techno Games this week. This is an inter-school activity organised by William de Ferrers School, where the primary schools send nominated Year 5 pupils to take part in a range of challenges linked to design and technology and science.



Danielle won first prize for her marble run creation, which fully met the brief by containing a specified number of twists and turns and at the end raised a union flag!

Toby won first prize for his buggy which sped along really efficiently using two fans powered by a motor.

Willow Weaving

Well done to our team of artist who went to Sandon School this week and created some fantastic willow sculptures of birds. They are magnificent and on display in the front entrance.



Sports Update

Year 6 Netball Match

On Thursday 14th June 2018 Danbury Park School challenged Meadgate School to a netball match. It was a home match so we had an advantage since we knew the court well.

Before the game our captain, Alysia, threw a coin to decide who had the ball first, we won meaning it was our centre first. Our centre passed the ball and then a few seconds later Violet scored a tremendous goal. The other school balanced the score making it 1-1. Alysia then scored an incredible goal. By the end of the quarter the score was 2-3 to us. After the penultimate quarter the score was 7-3 to us. The final result was 9-4 --we had won! The people who scored were: Alysia, Violet, Nadrah, Keira and Abigail.

We were very pleased with our victory since we had not won many. The game ended with handshakes and three cheers for each school. We went home happy with our 9-4 win.

By Violet and Alysia

Throughout our privileged time in the netball team, our motivated minds have encouraged us to win matches and work on footwork and use our four seconds wisely. Our first match against St Peter's was nerve-wracking but exciting, even though we lost. We also played St John's, East Hanningfield (home match), Meadgate (a home match) and St Anne's. Overall we were better at home matches than away matches but we had fun whilst playing them all.

Abigail, Keira, Alice

Girls' Football

For the past few terms, the girl's football team has been playing against different schools. The team has 9 players who are: Maite-goalie, Alysia-defence, Emily W- defence, Kayla-defence, Alice-right midfield, Erin-right midfield, Katarina-left midfield, Danielle-centre midfield and Nadrah- striker.

Our first match was a success as we won 3-1 against Great Leighs. Next was Cathedral. We were feeling very confident, however, when we arrived at our destination and saw the other team our confidence dropped since they were quite tall. Our confidence rose as we won 3-1. We were very pleased. Soon after, we played another match, Braham. In this match their pitch was fairly big which allowed us to play 8 aside. We won this match 4-0. Our first home match was next; we played against St Anne's. Unfortunately we lost 2-1. This was our first loss but we wouldn't give up. Our final match was played against Chancellor Park and we won 4-0.

We were very pleased and impressed by the result. Altogether we have enjoyed being a member of the football team and we wish the team well for next year.

Maite and Kayla

Sports Survey

The governors are carrying out a survey to find out what parents think about PE and sports at Danbury Park School. Thank you to those who completed the questionnaire at the summer fayre on Saturday.

There is still time to tell us what you think and you can do this by completing the paper version available from the school office or online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GXK589G>

Your views and opinions are important to us.

School Lunches

Costs for Autumn Term 2018

1st Half Term – 5 September – 18 October = 32 Days at £2.20 = **£70.40**

2nd Half Term – 29 October – 20 December = 39 Days at £2.20 = **£85.80**

Total for Autumn Term £156.20

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 years' 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.

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:



The Library Summer Reading Challenge and Bookmark.

School Vacancies

Catering Assistant

We are currently seeking to recruit a catering assistant to work in the school kitchen for 8 hours a week from Monday to Friday. We are very proud of the quality of the meals provided by Mrs Hind and her catering team and you would be playing an important role within the team. The position predominantly entails ensuring all catering equipment, including plates and cutlery, is carefully and thoroughly cleaned so that service can run smoothly throughout the lunch hour.

If you are interested, please speak with Ms Edwards in the School Office for more details.

Music Lessons with Mrs Long

Piano lessons with Mrs Long on Tuesday 10th July will be a catch –up session for those who missed a lesson on Friday 25th May, as all Tuesday lessons finish on Tuesday 3rd July.

Friday 13th July will be a day for Monday students who missed a lesson due to the May bank holiday and would only have had 9 lessons. Having a lesson on Friday 13th July will make the 10th lesson of this term.

Monday 16th July will also be a catch-up day, after the year 6 presentation, for lessons that have been missed due to school trips.



DPSA News

School disco tonight with our new DJ



EYF + KS1

6.00 – 7.00pm is £2 (payable on entry)

Drinks are provided. Sweets will be on sale. We suggest you give your child no more than 50p for sweets (average cost 10-20p a bag). Glow sticks will be available at 20p each or 3 for 50p

KS2

7.15 – 8.30pm is £2.50 (payable on entry)

Drinks will be provided. Sweets, bottled drinks, crisps and glow sticks will be on sale. There is also a children's raffle. Please note the DPSA and parent helpers cannot be responsible for what children choose to spend their money on. It is therefore recommended that parents check how much money children are bringing to the disco. Raffle tickets will be 20p each, sweets approximately 10-20p each, glow sticks are 20p or 3 for 50p.

Don't forget Adventure Island Wrist Bands for the school holidays



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 (even over the holidays where possible). 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

July

Friday 6th, 13th and 20th

Ice Creams

Thank you for your continued support. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 9th July

Week 3 MONDAY	Chicken and Tomato Pasta or Quorn Tomato Pasta	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Wrap or Roasted Vegetable Wrap	New Potato Salad Mixed Vegetables Carrot sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Tutti Fruitti Flapjack 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	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Fruit Jelly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Vegetarian Quorn Balls in tomato sauce	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Broccoli Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Oven Baked Young's Omega 3 Fish Fingers	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Smiley Cookies Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 9th July 2018

Mon 9th July

Tues 10th July
Pm

Governors meeting with year 6 for leavers' survey

Weds 11th July
1.15- 2.45pm

Pre School Activity Afternoon

Thurs 12th July
2.45pm
7.00pm

Welcome to Year 1 meeting for parents
Full Governing Body Meeting

Fri 13th July

12.30pm
2.50pm

Year 4 Immersive Day at Sandon School
School Council meeting
Class J Assembly

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
July		
Week beg		
10 th	Pm	Governors to meet with Year 6 for pupil questionnaire
11 th	1.15 – 2.45pm	Pre-school Activity Afternoon
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