

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

14th February 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Ruby – Henry C, Emma H **Bronze** – Maisy L **Silver** – George S **Gold** – Brooke B, Danielle W

**Our next Celebration Assembly is on
Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 2.50pm.
Families are welcome to join us.**

Young Voices



On Monday 28th January 2019 some Year Fives and Year Sixes went to Young Voices. It took place in the O2 Arena in London. Mrs Long and Mrs Booth brought the children there.

The excitement of the choir was building for months as they practised at lunchtime every Wednesday. Not only were there 8000 children in the O2, there were also some special guests: Tony Hadley, the lead singer from Spandau Ballet, Beau Dermott from Britain's Got Talent and Sharlene Hector, who sang with Blondie, Paloma Faith and Basement Jaxx. The conductor was David Lawrence who started conducting in 1999.

It felt amazing and even though it was gigantic, I spotted my parents and everyone else's. We learnt dances to most of the songs but when we didn't have to dance we waved our lights slowly and everyone joined in. As it was dark we could see all the lights.

Overall it was an amazing, totally awesome evening and I really want to do it next year.

Ava G, Class Budgerigar

Mrs Long would like to add that the school choir (from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be taking part in a competition in March and that in November this year we will be taking a choir from Year 5 and 6 to the Royal Albert Hall for the Barnardo's Young Supporters concert so there is plenty more to look forward to!

Year 4 Superstars 2019



On 5th February Danbury Park's year 4 children travelled by coach to Chelmsford Athletics Centre to take part in this year's Superstars event.

Firstly we were sorted into eight groups and then gathered for our group photo. Afterwards we walked inside and sat with seven other schools to hear everyone's pledge. Zachary read our pledge and Dulcie and Eloise held our school's flag.

Eventually we split into our eight groups and joined pupils from other schools, all of us carrying a score card. We rotated around the athletics centre making new friends and collecting individual points for our achievements. Some of the activities were: basketball, speed stacks, hop, step and jump, throwing and catching, and even trying golf! I personally enjoyed sprinting and Emily enjoyed a multi-skilled event.

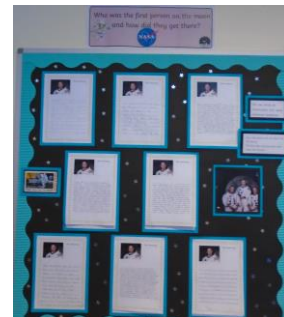
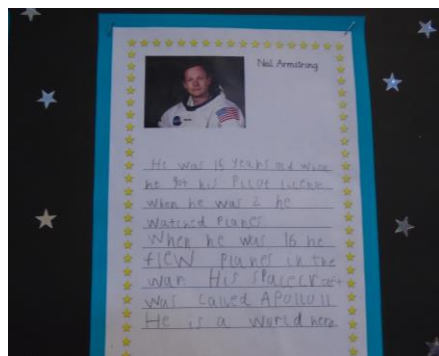
Finally at the end of the afternoon we sat back where we had first gathered to hear the overall scores. Containing our excitement we waited eagerly for the results.

On this occasion we were unsuccessful but came a well-deserved 4th. We all tried our best so we are all winners, as after all, it is not winning that matters but the taking part. Well done Danbury Park.

By Henry R and Emily B.

Class Goldfinch's Assembly

Last Friday the children in Class Goldfinch shared their learning with us. They re-enacted what it must have been like for a family watching the first moon landing and Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon. They told us many facts, showed us their artwork and entertained us with songs. Well done!



Class A Chinese New Year

On 5th February 2019, Class A had some exciting visitors. Two Chinese ladies came to tell us about China; it was very enjoyable and we learnt many new things.

One lady started by teaching us about modern and old China. She showed us beautiful images and painted images of ancient and present China, to show us their differences. After that, she showed us the differences between Britain and China; they both created an important sport: Britain created table tennis (but now play football better than China) and China made football (but now play table tennis better than Britain!). Amazingly, we also learnt that China is 39.4 times bigger than the UK! Their population is a shocking 1.3 billion people compared to England who only has 62 million.

The lady taught us about the story of Chinese New Year with the monster Nian and what he was afraid of- he was afraid of the colour red, loud noises (drums) and fire. Since this, Chinese citizens have not needed to wear red, make loud noises and make light because Nian has not come back. Chinese New Year lasts fifteen days (from a new moon to a full moon) and families travel the on long journeys to get together with the rest of their families to celebrate this special occasion. They eat special foods such as noodles for long life, shrimp because the Chinese word for it sounds like smile, sticky rice balls because it represents that families stick together, dumplings because they look like a new moon and egg rolls because they look like gold bars.

They also taught us about their school and how it was set out and they were taught calligraphy in school during their art lessons. After break, we were lucky enough to have a calligraphy lesson with an expert. It was very tricky because we had to keep the brush straight at all times. First, we did the numbers 0-10, then she taught us how to draw a pig because 2019's zodiac animal is pig. She also gave us some special pink paint to do the cherry blossom.

Overall, Class Avocet really enjoyed their day- not only because it was a break from learning - but also because the two ladies taught us many more interesting things that we didn't already know before. We were very fortunate to have them come in and help us with our Chinese topic learning.

By Evie Berry and Isla Taplin.

Class Avocet



Emergency School Closures – SNOW!

As we approach the time of year when inclement weather and snow is more likely, we would like to advise you of the school's emergency closure procedure. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there may be rare times when the site is unsafe or insufficient staff can get into the school and closure is unavoidable.

Please note that the local radio stations no longer give out announcements.

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

We will also put a message out on Parentmail. We aim to do this by 7.30am.
Please let the office know if you are not receiving Parentmail messages.

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.

Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

Screen-based Activities

During the week the Chief Medical Officer for the UK, published guidance on screen-based activities. The media was full of headlines! The guidance itself had an useful infographic which we think helps parents and carers think about the challenges of managing their children's screen use.



Source: United Kingdom Chief Medical Officers' commentary on 'Screen-based activities and children and young people's mental health and psychosocial wellbeing: a systematic map of reviews' (February 2019)

The United Kingdom Chief Medical Officers' commentary on 'Screen-based activities and children and young people's mental health and psychosocial wellbeing: a systematic map of reviews' can be downloaded here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/777026/UK_CMO_commentary_on_screentime_and_social_media_map_of_reviews.pdf

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

School Lunches Costs for Spring Term 2019

1st Half Term: 7th January – 14th February = 29 days at £2.20 = **£63.80**

2nd Half Term: 25th February – 5th April = 30 Days at £2.20 = **£66.00**

Full Term Total = £129.80

Please send monies in with your child via the book bags in a named envelope making cheques payable to Essex County Council. We would encourage parents to pay in advance for meals and if possible for the whole half-term. You will only pay for those meals that your child has and any credits will be carried forward to the next term.

Please remember school dinners were increased at the beginning of this academic year and cost £2.20 per day. Thank you.

Wet weather clothing

As the weather gets wetter and colder we are often asked for tights and socks so that the children can change if they get muddy or wet when playing outside. If you have any spare tights or socks for any age it would be really helpful if you could send them into the office.

If your child comes home in spare clothes we would be grateful if you could wash and return them as soon as possible.

Thank you

Governor Survey

Ofsted have recently announced that their inspections will from September be focussing on the Broad Curriculum of a school, as well as its results data, pupil progress and behaviour. A broad and balanced curriculum has always been a key feature in the education of your children at Danbury Park but the governors would appreciate knowing parents' opinions on this important matter by asking you to complete the following survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KJ3VBLP>



Thank you if you have already completed the paper version, which was available at parent consultation meetings this week.

Brenda Wray, Chair of Governors

Notices and Reminders

Data Collection sheets – If you were given a second copy of the data collection sheet at parent consultation meeting this week, please check the information carefully and return the sheet to us by the end of the first week back after the half-term break, even if there are no changes. We do need up-to-date contact details in case of emergencies. Thank you.

Letters sent home this week:

-  'Reading counts' Book week 2019
-  Class G Lunar Buggy making



DPSA News



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Adventure Island Wrist Bands – It's Open February Half Term !



The DPSA have again teamed up with Adventure Island in Southend to offer discounted wristbands for their theme park.

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'

If you'd like to buy wristband vouchers, which are valid until the end of 2019 please contact Nicky at nickythomason@me.com who will arrange to get them to you. Payments need to be in cash or a cheque made payable to 'The DPSA'. Family and friends are welcome to buy too!

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 30th March 2-

4pm

Please make sure the date is in the around the school grounds with crafts and games, Easter Hamper Mothers Day secrets room and of The **Easter colouring competition** could be a bunny, an egg, a chick or collaged, as long as it fits on a piece backed with card if necessary and March. There will be prizes for the top We'll be asking for **donations of**

look out for any special offers over the holidays. If you have any new **gifts suitable for the Mothers Day secrets room** e.g. toiletries, jewellery, please leave them in the donation box by the school office. Thank you



diary. There will be an Easter Egg hunt prizes, cakes & refreshments, Easter Raffle, Easter colouring competition, course an Easter Egg tombola. this year will be any Easter picture – it something else, painted, coloured or of A4 size paper. The paper can be entries will need to be in by Friday 29th 3 in EYF/KS1 and KS2.

Easter Eggs after half term so keep a

Booking a holiday or shopping online? Don't forget to use easyfundraising

If you book or shop online go via www.easyfundraising.org.uk and you can raise money for the school at no cost to yourself at all. Simply register on the easyfundraising website (you just need an email address and a password) and search for Danbury Park School. Select from a list of hundreds of well-known retailers you'd like to shop with and you'll be directed to the retailers' web site as usual but any purchases you make will earn the school commission. Travel companies, car hire companies, holiday insurance and airport parking pay up to 10% of your purchase price.

Dates for the diary 2019



March

Thurs 7th

Sat 30th

June

Tues 18th

Sat 22nd

July

Frid 5th

DPSA Committee Meeting 8pm The Bell – all welcome
Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm

Bag2school
Summer Fayre 12 -3pm

School Disco

Have a lovely half term. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 25th February

Week 1 MONDAY	Homemade Pepperoni or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)	White and Wholegrain Pasta Coleslaw Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cranberry Flapjack with Yoghurt Drizzle Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Local Butchers pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage (V)	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Peas/ Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheddar Whirl (V)	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower florets Fresh carrots Green salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice cream Arctic Roll Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Chicken Korma or Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma (V)	White and Wholegrain Rice Naan Bread Sweetcorn, Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Oven Baked Birdseye Jumbo Fish finger	Chips Mixed Veg / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Viennese Biscuits Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 25th February 2019

Mon 25th School re-opens after the half-term break

Tues 26th
12.30pm School Council meeting

Weds 27th

Thurs 28th
3.00pm Girls Football Match v Chancellor Park (away)

Fri 1st March
Am Classes J and H Owl Morning in the school hall.

Full term dates for this academic year 2018-19
and for next, 2019-20 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

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Dates for Spring Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
February		
15 th	8.30am	School closed for staff training
18 th – 22 nd		Half-term
March		
1 st	Am	Classes H & J Owl Visit
Week beg 4 th		Book Week
7 th		World Book Day Dressing up Day
	6.30pm	Resources Committee Meeting
15 th	2.50pm	Class H Assembly
18 th	6.30pm	Pay Committee Meeting
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting
20 th	9.00am	Infant Music Festival Year 2
20 th		Fire and Rescue Workshops (Yr 3, Yr 6)
22 nd	2.50pm	Class J Assembly
27 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
30 th	2.00-4.00pm	DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
April		
2 nd	10.00am	Spring/Easter assembly for guests & infants
5 th	2.30pm	Spring/Easter assembly for parents
		Break up for Easter holidays