

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



Website: [www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk](http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk)

**29th March 2019**

Dear Parents,

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

Olivia H - **Ruby** Harry A - **Bronze** Bronwen A - **Bronze** Ethan H - **Bronze**

Well done to the following children who have made a concerted effort to take part in the Daily Mile and received certificates in our celebration assembly this week:

Grace D, Lucy R, Max B, Harvey M, Fred H, Thomas D, Bella G, Olivia H and Oscar L.

**Our next Celebration Assembly is on  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 at 2.50pm.  
Families are welcome to join us.**

### EES Inter-Schools English Competition

On Monday, Danbury Park School played host to the local heat of the EES Inter-schools English Competition. We were represented by Kirsten D, Maddie D, Isla T and Emily W. We were up against six other teams from local schools and had to answer a range of tricky questions involving grammar, punctuation and spelling as well as knowing the meanings of some very adventurous words. At break time we were joint second.

After a nail biting second half, it was announced that Danbury Park School were top of the leader board and we had won the heat. The team now go forward to the competition finals in July.



**Well done!**

## Year 2 Infant Music Festival



On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March all the Year Twos went to Christchurch in Chelmsford to practice and perform the Infant Music Festival called The Sultan's Bath.

We went with partners on the coach to make sure we were safe.

We were really excited when we arrived at the beautiful church. Someone called Mrs Parkin set up the whole Infant Music Festival. She was very helpful and told us what to do in our rehearsal. There were five other schools there. The first song was Hot Sun. We all felt a little bit nervous. Oscar R was a guard, Ellie was in the choir and Hema was one of the narrators. We also had children from Danbury Park being animals, Sultan's children and in the orchestra.

Later on we went into a room where we had a snack and a drink.

Finally it was the real performance and our parents came to watch. At this point everyone knew their words very well. Our parents loved it!

After the performance we went on the coach back to school. We really enjoyed it!

**Written by Hema, Ellie and Oscar R.**

## Class Jay's Assembly



The children in Class Jay ended the Spring Term series of class assemblies last Friday with a résumé of their learning. The children shared with us their activities from their topic of Day and Night topic. This included:

- 🦉 Art – owl collage pictures, day and night pictures;
- 🦉 Science – using their senses, telling their favourite season and explaining why;
- 🦉 Riddles - describing nocturnal animals for the audience to guess;
- 🦉 Music - singing a song about nocturnal animals; and
- 🦉 PE – moving as different animals.

It was amazing to see how the children were clearly more confident since they first performed to whole school in the Harvest celebration. Well done!

## Book Week Reports- Class Dove



### Reading Counts



#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Day 1**

Today we enjoyed reading to Class Flamingo as it is Book Week. Book Week lasts from the 4<sup>th</sup> March to the 8<sup>th</sup> March so we will be doing activities throughout the week. This was our first activity and was very enjoyable. We were all partnered with students from Class Flamingo...

Lily was partnered with Evie, Imogen was partnered with Oscar, Darcy was partnered with Holly and I was partnered with Cruiser. We all enjoyed this 100%.

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Day 2**

Today our Mums came in to read to us as it is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We both have siblings so our mums spent fifteen minutes with Lily and I and fifteen minutes with Ryan, Jenson, and Henry. When our mums went to read with siblings we read with Mrs. Ireland a book called Myths and Legends. We had a great time.

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March Day 3**

Today Mrs. Ireland read a story about Myths and Legends. Miss Bridge read The Jam Sandwich, Miss Tomlin read The Cat and the Beanstalk, Miss Johnston read George's Marvelous Medicine and Mrs. Rush read Pirates Love Underpants. Mrs. McIntosh read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Mrs. Clarke read Winnie the Witch, Miss Chinery read Peter Pan, Mrs. Parker read Mr. Penguin and The Lost Treasure, Mrs. Ireland read Myths and Legends, Mrs. Rackliff read Magical Tales, Mrs. Long read Ottoline Goes to School, Mrs. Wainwright read Winne the Pooh, Mr. Brown read The Hammer of Thor Mrs. Anstee read Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets and, finally, Mrs. Eveleigh read Operation Bunny.

#### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Today we were asked to bring in a donation as it is WORLD BOOK DAY! Plus we got dressed up as our favourite character from a book. I dressed up as Hermione Granger from Harry Potter. I loved Lily's costume as she was Dorothy.

Another great day!

#### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Today was the last day of Book Week. At the end of the day we told the whole school about our book, 365 Penguins.

**By Olivia H**

## Danbury Park Community Primary School

### Results of Broad Curriculum Survey March 2019

11 replies at Parents' Evenings; 7 replies on line –18 total. Percentages rounded to nearest whole number.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Danbury Park manages well the balance between the tested subjects of English, Maths and Science (in-house testing) and those of the broader curriculum.	7	9	1	0	1
My child benefits from being taught French from Reception through to Year 6. NB A foreign language is statutory in KS2	6	6	3	0	3
Weekly music lessons (part of national curriculum) provide a valuable contribution to the life of the school (e.g. assemblies and performances) as well as pupils' education.	10	7	1	0	0
Peripatetic music teachers should be available for those children who want additional instrumental lessons during the school day. NB costs are borne by parents.	10	8	0	0	0
Art and Drama contribute to the overall development of my child.	12	4	0	0	2
I understand that the topic work undertaken by my child encompasses subjects such as History, Geography and IT.	12	6	0	0	0
I know the topic my child is exploring this term.	15	1	0	0	2
I am able to see my child's topic book at parents' evenings or during the open afternoon.	16	2	0	0	0
School visits by pupils and visitors to school are an integral part of providing a broad curriculum for each child.	15	3	0	0	0
I value the opportunities for learning and discovery a broad curriculum gives to my child's overall education and personal development.	14	4	0	0	0

Analysis of results (based on number of replies to each question):

- 89% of parents agree that Danbury Park manages well the balance between tested subjects and the broad curriculum.
- 67% of parents agree that their child benefits from being taught French.
- 94% of parents agree that weekly music lessons provide a valuable contribution to the life of the school.
- 100% of parents agree that peripatetic music teachers should be available to those who want extra music.
- 89% agree that Art and Drama contribute to the overall development of their child.
- 100% of parents understand that topic work encompasses History, Geography and IT.
- 89% of parents know the topic their child is exploring this term.
- 100% of parents agree that topic books were available to them.
- 100% of parents agree that school visits and visitors are an integral part of the broad curriculum.
- 100% of parents value the opportunities for each child within a broad curriculum.
- Many parents 'strongly agreed' across the survey.
- Only a very few parents (5) disagreed across the survey.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and opinions with us. These will be taken into consideration as we review our curriculum in the summer term.

**Brenda Wray, Chair of Governors**

## Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

Last week the children in Year 6 were visited by an education link officer from the Essex Fire and Rescue Service. They have been delivering cyber-safety talks in schools now for several years but this is the first time that they have visited Danbury Park School for this purpose.

They reminded our older children about keeping safe in the digital world and the children have brought home a poster with useful tips and reminders. We hope that they will discuss some of the issues raised with their parents.

In our assemblies I reminded the children about the analogy that the two Johns used last year. They talked about using the internet as being on a train journey and that it's better if adults travel with the children as they find out and explore what is out there, so that adults can guide the children and help them negotiate the unknown and deal with the unexpected. So I hope that the children understand why adults ask them what they are doing on their tablets and phones and why they are checking the browser and messaging history.

Useful links:

<https://www.esafetytraining.org/>

thinkuknow.co.uk

internetmatters.org

ceop.police.uk

**Let's work together to keep the children safe!**

## School Lunches Costs for Spring Term 2019

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

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. Due to the financial year end we request that you bring your dinner money account into credit.

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

## Notices and Reminders

**Data Collection sheets** – If you were given a second copy of the data collection sheet at a parent consultation meeting recently, please check the information carefully and return the sheet to us as a matter of priority, 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:

 **Year 5 Taster Day**



# DPSA News



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## Easter Egg Hunt Tomorrow 2 - 4pm



Tickets cost £3 per child and are available on the gate. Inside the school hall there will be the colouring competition to vote for the winners, refreshments, crafts, mothers day secrets room, class hamper raffle, Easter Egg tombola and other games

We are currently raising money to replace the class tablet computers which are used by all children at the school so please do come along and support this event.

### Summer Fayre Grand Raffle and Brochure

We are already starting to plan the school summer fayre. This year the theme is 'The Seaside'. If you own or know of a business that would like to sponsor a raffle prize in our Grand Raffle or would like to advertise in our professionally printed summer fayre brochure then please let us know at [sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk) or inform your Class Rep who will pass on your message.

### Christmas Play DVDs

There are only 2 DVDs left remaining. If you still haven't got your hands on one and would like a copy they are £16 each. Let me know at [sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk)

### Adventure Island Wrist Bands – It's Open in the Easter Holidays

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](mailto: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!

### Dates for the diary 2019



<u>May</u>	Thurs 2nd	DPSA committee meeting 8pm, The Bell
<u>June</u>	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bag2school
	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Summer Fayre 12 -3pm
<u>July</u>	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Disco

**Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA**





## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

<b>Week 3</b> 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	Homemade Creamy Rice Pudding and Jam 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
FRIDAY	Oven baked Young's Omega 3 Fish Fingers	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Red Velvet Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

### Dates for the Diary

#### Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10.00am

**KS2 Spring Celebration to the infants and invited guests**

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9.15am

**Class Jay egg rolling in the country park**

3.05pm

**Netball Match v E Hanningfield (away)**

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup>**

2.30pm

**KS2 Spring Celebration to parents**

**Easter Holidays**

**School re-opens on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**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

**Danbury Park Community Primary School**  
**Dates for Spring Term 2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>April</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Spring/Easter assembly for guests & infants
5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Spring/Easter assembly for parents
		Break up for Easter holidays