

# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter



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

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Dear Parents,

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

**Scarlett A – Platinum**

**Danielle W – Platinum**

**Congratulations** also to **Evie B** who won a prize in the Danbury Art Exhibition.

*Their certificates and prizes were presented with their Leavers' gifts in the assembly this morning.*

### Goodbyes



This morning we said goodbye to our Year 6 children as they move onto the next phase of their education. We reminded them of our school motto: *Be wise, be happy, belong* and we wish them the very best for the bright futures ahead of them. They each received a dictionary donated by the DPSA, certificates for attendance and entering the Danbury Art Exhibition and a lovely Year Book compiled by the parents. We hope that these will be cherished mementos of their time at Danbury Park.

The Year 6 families and children raised over £1 000 for the school and presented us with a class set of ukuleles. These will be used during our class music lessons starting in Year 4 and we plan to continue the learning of this instrument through into Year 5 and Year 6. In this way every child will benefit from the wider experience and love of music from this gift. The teaching and support staff were also presented with gifts and we would like to thank the parents for their generosity and kind thoughts.

In our leavers' assembly we also said goodbye to Miss Tomlin and Mr Brown who are moving to new schools in September. They were presented with cards from the children and gifts from colleagues. We hope that they will both be very happy in their new positions.

At the end of the summer we also say goodbye to Mrs Cathy Hoy, who has been a cleaner at the school for over 22 years. We would like to thank her for working behind the scenes to keep the school clean and tidy and we wish her the very best as she spends more time with her family.

## Sports Day

The children had a great time at our Sports Day on Monday and there were lots of personal bests achieved as well as team support and camaraderie.



The results were:

### EYFS/KS1 - FIRE

#### KS2

Year 3 – AIR  
Year 4 – EARTH

Highest scoring boy – Oscar L  
Highest scoring boy – Harry B  
Harvey M

Highest scoring girl – Fern D  
Highest scoring girl – Lucy H

Year 5 – AIR  
Year 6 – AIR

Highest scoring boy – Ben H  
Highest scoring boy – Isaac A

Highest scoring girl – Bronwen A  
Highest scoring girl – Lily B  
Eleanor E

### KS2 OVERALL WINNER – AIR



## Danbury Park's Got Talent

On Tuesday afternoon the children were entertained by their friends in our annual Danbury Park's Got Talent show. Each class held auditions and put forward two acts for Mrs Gooding, Miss Johnston and Mrs Long to judge. It was a very difficult job as there were so many good acts ranging from comedy sketches, rapping, singing, dancing, gymnastics, joke telling, piano playing and magic tricks.

The winners were: Ophelia for the infants who amazed us with her dancing and Fern, Emily, Poppy and Isabelle for the juniors with their gymnastics routines.



## Girls' Football Success

Well done to the girls' football team who came second in the league this year, missing the top spot by one point. They have trained hard all year and played well in all their games.



Mrs White, Emily's mum, is so proud of the girls and what they have achieved this year that she has donated silver medals for each of them. Well done to Emily W, Danielle W, Maddie D, Summer P, Libby M, Emma B, Dulcie R, Amber B, Lucy H, Tilly H and Imogen S. They have set a high standard and we hope that they have inspired the younger girls to join next year and follow in their footsteps.

## Year 6 v Year 5 Boys' Football Match



On Tuesday after school the children had a great time taking part in an end of year football match. The Year 5 boys' team beat the Year 6 boys' team 7 – 3. Despite the heat, everyone played hard and gave their best.

**Well done Year 5!**

Thank you to Mr Brown for organising the event and to the DPSA for providing much welcome refreshments.

## End of Year Results

We end the year with a fantastic set of academic results of which we are very proud:

**Early Years Foundation Stage:** 86% pupils achieved a good level of development

**Year 1 Phonics:** 89% pupils achieved the expected standard.

### End of Key Stage 1 (Year 2)

Subject	Working Below the Towards Expected Standard	Working Towards the Expected Standard	Working At the Expected Standard	Working at greater depth of the Expected Standard	Working at or above Expected Standard	National	Essex
Reading		6%	36%	58%	94%		77%
Writing		11%	56%	33%	89%		71%
Maths		17%	58%	25%	83%		77%
Science			100%				
R,W & M			61%	22%	83%		

### End of Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

#### Tests

Subject	Other	<100	≥100	≥110	Average Standardised Score	National % pupils achieving ≥100	Essex % pupils achieving ≥100
Reading		17%	83%	47%	107	73%	
GPS		17%	83%	53%	108	78%	
Maths		14%	86%	36%	107	79%	

#### Teacher Assessments

Subject	Foundations/ Early Stages	Has Not Met the Expected Standard	Working Towards the Expected Standard	Working At the Expected Standard	Working at Greater Depth of the Expected Standard	Working at or above Expected Standard	National % pupils achieving expected standard	Essex % pupils achieving expected standard
Writing			19%	53%	28%	81%	78%	
Science		6%		94%				

	School	National	Essex
Reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics	75%	66%	65% 17/18
Reaching a high level of attainment in all three subjects	19%		

As you will see, we haven't yet received all of the comparative data but where we have, I am sure you will agree that the children this year performed very well in the statutory assessments compared to schools in Essex and nationally.

Well done to the children and all the staff who work so hard to provide so many wonderful opportunities for the children to succeed.

## Class Eider's Trip to Colchester Zoo

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Class Eider went on a trip to Colchester Zoo. We went to there because it linked to our topic of Save Our Planet, about endangered animals and rainforest animals.

We got on the coach and the driver asked us which CD we wanted, *The Greatest Showman* or Disney and we chose *The Greatest Showman* and sang all the way!

When we got there the weather was raining. Everybody wasn't that wet because they were in coats but some people were in only jumpers. When we were out of the coach, Miss Chinery started frantically find shelter while she got our tickets and found out information.

After that my group went to the reptiles and we saw poison dart frogs and a very long, green anaconda. There were scaly iguanas and a great piranha fish. Next to the Iguana Forest there were spider monkeys that were climbing a lot of ropes.

We then walked to the penguin enclosure. I found all the penguins quite playful especially in the water. After that we walked to the sealions but instead of walking to it, we walked through it because it was the sealion tunnel. It was amazing, I said, "Wow, this is some place!"

Then we had a snack. After our snack, we headed to the other side of the zoo where we saw red pandas and my favourite, CHIMPANZEES! They were amazing! The only thing was that the chimpanzees had massive bottoms!



After the chimpanzees we wanted to go on the train. We saw some monkeys, lemurs and flamingos. I enjoyed the monkeys because I saw a monkey do an impeccable backflip with no guidance or training! We then raced back and went to a talk about endangered animals. There was a lady who showed us all the endangered animals. She played a game with us where we guessed how many of the animals are left. Next she showed us and let us touch some objects made out of endangered animals. She asked us which was the most expensive. It was the tiny piece of black rhino horn. She also told us that there are only two northern black rhinos left in the world and they have guarded next to them so they don't get hunted.

Then we had lunch quickly as a class before we went back to our groups. We went to see the elephants, giraffes and rhinos and also saw the meercats. I wanted to see the orangutan. On the way we could see lions spinning through the waves. When we reached the orangutan forest we read lots of facts. Unfortunately the orangutan was hiding.

We walked to near the butterfly glade and went in to see lots of pretty coloured butterflies. We also saw tigers and tigers, which was very scary. Eventually it was time to go. We listened to Disney on the way back.

The day was so much fun and my favourite animal was the red panda. I learnt that orangutans can't smiles because they don't have strong enough face muscles. It was such a fun day.

Extracts from recounts by: Isabelle, Lucy, Poppy and Oscar L

# GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

July 2019

“ Dear Parents,

We have now reached the end of another school year after a particularly busy term. Governors have attended the usual committee meetings (comments from the chairs below), carried out monitoring of school progress and supported the school's activities, including attending class assemblies, Year 6 presentation evening and leavers' assembly, the DPSA fayre and Sports Day. Our annual talk with the Year 6 pupils to discuss their time at Danbury Park also took place; this is always interesting and helpful, particularly their suggestions on how to improve future pupils' experiences.

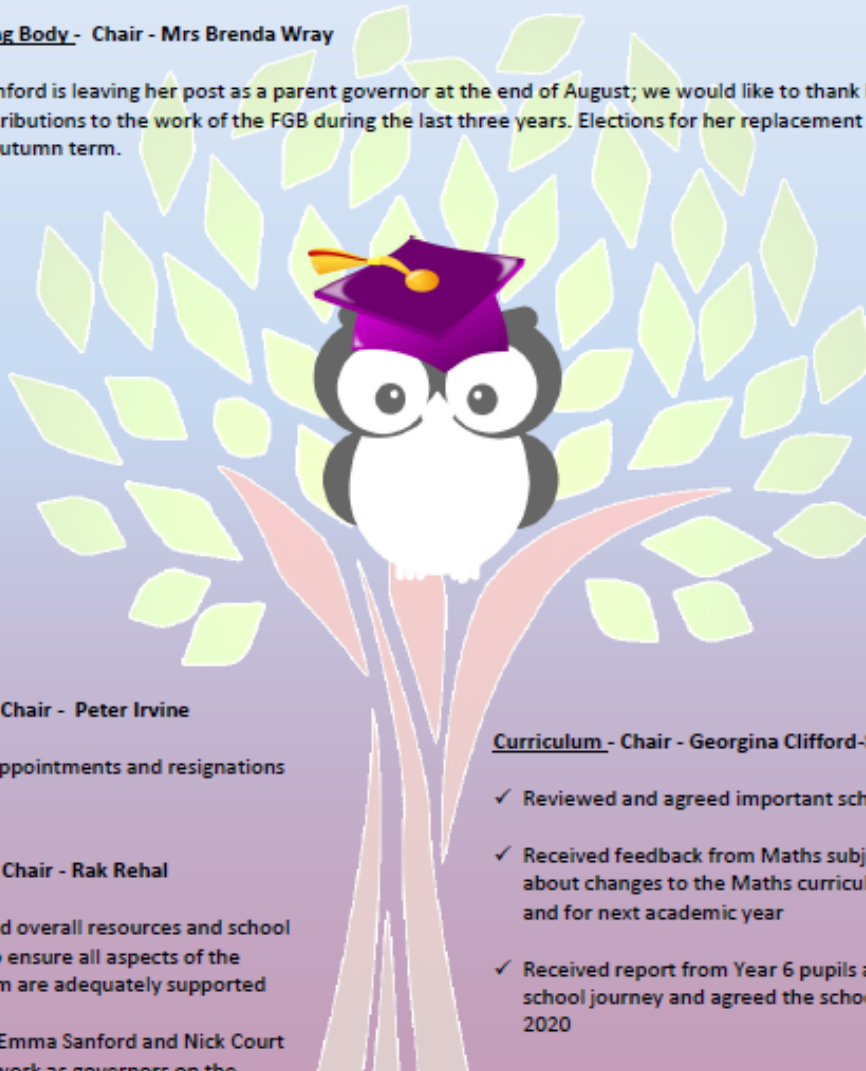
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Reports from the chairs as follows:-

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## Full Governing Body - Chair - Mrs Brenda Wray

Ms Emma Sanford is leaving her post as a parent governor at the end of August; we would like to thank her for her valuable contributions to the work of the FGB during the last three years. Elections for her replacement will take place in the autumn term.



## Personnel - Chair - Peter Irvine

- ✓ Staffing appointments and resignations

## Resources - Chair - Rak Rehal

- ✓ Monitored overall resources and school Budget to ensure all aspects of the curriculum are adequately supported
- ✓ Thanked Emma Sanford and Nick Court for their work as governors on the Revenue Generating Working Party to raise money for the school in financially constrained times

## Curriculum - Chair - Georgina Clifford-Smith

- ✓ Reviewed and agreed important school policies
- ✓ Received feedback from Maths subject leader about changes to the Maths curriculum this year and for next academic year
- ✓ Received report from Year 6 pupils about the school journey and agreed the school journey for 2020
- ✓ Reflected on governors' monitoring visits in different areas across the school

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We would like to wish all parents and their families a happy and enjoyable summer holiday.

Brenda Wray, Chair of Governors

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## Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

### Local News

Danbury Parish Council has asked us to pass on the following information:

*"There has been considerable discussion on various Facebook pages regarding a den that had been created on Dawson Memorial Field in Danbury. However there was evidence of drug use and extensive damage to the woodland - trees have been cut down, hacked and destroyed. Therefore, the den has been removed on the advice of the police."*

The Parish Council was asked to notify local schools of the issues on Dawson Memorial Field in case we were unaware and to pass this information onto parents.

We would urge you to talk to your older children, particularly if you allow them to play on their own in the village, about this issue to ensure that they understand the facts, as there are often many rumours circulating about local incidents, and about the dangers to keep them safe.

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

## Pedestrian Safety

Over the past few months we have been monitoring the flow of traffic and the safety of pedestrians as they come into the front entrance to the school. We have noticed that there has been an increase in vehicular traffic in and out of the staff carpark and we are concerned that this poses a real hazard for families and children.

From September we will be restricting access in and out of the staff carpark and to Woodlands between 8.40 and 9.10am and 3.15 and 3.45pm. There will be cones across the entrance during this period and we are asking staff, visitors and delivery drivers to respect this.

Over the summer the disabled parking bay in the Danbury Outdoors car park will be clearly marked and we ask that parents adhere to the Blue Badge holders only use. We would also ask that parents do not block the access through the carpark at any time.

**We are taking action to make the entrance to our school safer and to try to prevent pedestrians being injured. In September there will be more information about the use of Danbury Outdoors carpark.**

**Please support us by parking with consideration and respect.**

## School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Half Term      4 September – 24 October 2019 = 37 days at £2.20 = £81.40

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term      4 November – 19 December 2019 = 34 days at £2.20 = £74.80

**Total for Autumn Term £156.20**

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 cost £2.20 per day. Thank you.

## Notices and Reminders

**Ear Piercing** - Earrings have to be removed for all PE lessons and we are not allowed to cover pupils' ears with tape, so if you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please do this at the beginning of the summer holiday.

**Reading Books and Diaries/Journals** – these have all now been collected in for the summer. If you can spare some time in SEptember to help reorganise our library areas, we would be grateful. Please let Miss Johnston know.

**Sports Kits** – Please ensure that all football, netball, athletics and country dancing kits are returned to school.

**Music lessons** – Ms Davidson and Mr Calabro, our peripatetic teachers, have spaces for individual recorder and guitar lessons starting in September. Mrs Long also has spaces for piano lessons. If you are interested, please contact the school office staff for details.

## Essex County Council Libraries Reading Challenge

### *Rockets are on the case.*



We are pleased to hear that our local libraries have a reprieve and we would urge our families to use the facility as much as they can in the coming months. This summer Essex Libraries are again running a reading challenge and we were visited by David who told all about *Rockets are on the Case*. We would like as many children as possible to take part. This will help them continue practising their reading and also read a range of books purely for pleasure.

As the children read library books, they will solve clues and collect special stickers to complete their mission folder. After reading their books, they earn their Space Chase certification and medal. Can they find the aliens in time to save the day?

Children can read any library book of their choice; fiction, non-fiction or picture books and Sensory Story Boxes, which they can share with parents and carers – they all count. The under threes are not forgotten with a special version of Space Chase just for them.

The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered by libraries and produced by [The Reading Agency](http://www.readingagency.co.uk). It is open to all children, free of charge.

Keep up to date with this year's Summer Reading Challenge by following on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/EssexLibraries) or [Twitter](https://twitter.com/EssexLibraries).



## School Disco Thanks

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the school disco last Friday it was a tremendous success. A special thanks to all of the parents who helped out on the night which was an incredibly warm evening. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we were able to raise an amazing **£675.71 profit**

## Adventure Island Wrist Bands Vouchers - bought now last until the end of 2019



Discounted wristband vouchers are still available to purchase from The DPSA for The Adventure Island Theme Park in Southend. **WE WILL BE SELLING VOUCHERS WITH THE ICE CREAM SALES AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAYS AND ALSO AT SPORTS DAY. WE WILL HAVE A CARD MACHINE AVAILABLE.**

**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 can be in cash, cheque (made payable to 'The DPSA') or we can take credit and debit cards. Family and friends are welcome to buy too!

## Class Reps

We are currently organising Class Reps for the next academic year. The Class Reps act as a link between the DPSA, school and parents to improve communication. Class Reps are a great way of making sure you never miss important things like non-uniform days, assemblies and discos. We have already had several volunteers but we still need people for the new classes B, C, F and J next term. If you would like to volunteer please contact your current rep or Sally ([sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk))

## Summer Fayre Prizes

There are still a few prizes from the summer fayre left to collect from the school office.

Angela Biggs	Danbury Sports and Social Gym Voucher raffle prize
E Mayor	Preschool Crazy Golf Winner
A Beames	Adult Crazy Golf Winner

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

If you book or shop online go via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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



<b><u>Oct</u></b>	<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jumble Sale</b>
	<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Bag2school</b>
<b><u>Nov</u></b>	<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>

**Have a lovely summer break. The DPSA**

## Owl's Barn School Meals

### Week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

<b>Week 1</b> <b>MONDAY</b>				
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	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
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Chicken in Homemade Rustic Tomato Sauce or Quorn pieces in Rustic Tomato Sauce	White and Wholegrain Rice Garlic Bread Sweetcorn / Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Oven Baked Vegetable Fingers	Chips Mixed Vegetables / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Flapjack Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

## Dates for the Diary

### Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> September

<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>School Closed</b>
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>School closed to children. Staff training day.</b>
<b>Weds 4<sup>th</sup> 8.50am</b>	<b>School opens for the Autumn Term</b>
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup></b>	

Full term dates for the academic year 2019-20  
and for 2020-21 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher

Dates for the Autumn Term will be published in early September.