

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

5th July 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Zac C - Emerald Sophia W - Emerald Harvey M - Ruby William R - Ruby
Abigail M - Diamond Henry C - Diamond Thomas P - Topaz

Congratulations also to the following children who have recently passed their music exams:

Grace D - Initial Piano Danielle W - Grade 1 Piano

Our next Celebration Assembly is on

The last Celebration Assembly of the year will be on Friday 19th July at 2.50pm

Families are welcome to join us.

District Sports

With the demise of the Maldon and District Primary Schools Sports Association, this year we entered the Chelmsford School Sport Partnership District Athletics competition for the first time. We were put into groups of schools of similar sizes and competed against each other. We came 6th overall in our group.

Well done to the whole team and especially our children who were placed in the top three:

Year 6 80m sprint	Eden S - 2nd	Emily W - 2nd
Year 4 60m sprint	Thomas P - 1st	
600m	Maddie D - 2nd	



Certificates for all participants will be presented in Wednesday's Birthday Assembly

A few weeks ago on Friday the fastest boys and girls from KS2 went to District sports. I did the 600m and came second. I was very happy with my results and felt that second was a good place to come as my opponents were very quick. I also did the relay but we came seventh unfortunately- **Maddie D.**

I went into the sprint with Eden. I came 4th out of 8. I felt a bit nervous but overall I really enjoyed performing in a stadium full of people- **Luke B.**

District Sports – The Children's Views

Ben N: A couple of weeks ago I went to District Sports and had an amazing time I competed in the 600 metre sprint and came 5th I was happy with my placement but I felt like I could have done better.

I had an amazing time at district sports with Emily doing the 80 metre sprint. I can 4th out of the 9 fastest girls and I am very pleased with my place- **Jessica M.**

District sports was a stunning experience; it was really fun running the 80 metre sprint and coning 2nd place for my team and running in a relay team using great teamwork. I am really proud of our districts sports team this year. Everyone was amazing! **Emily W.**

We really enjoyed district sports as it was my first time going there. I competed in the 4 x 100M relay; I ran second. It very scary because there were lots of people, but I loved hearing the crowd cheer me on- **Harry.**

We really enjoyed district sports. I was nervous as this was my first ever time competing in front of lots of people. However, I loved the atmosphere. I ran in the 4 x 100M relay; I was the 3rd runner- **Henry.**

We all really enjoyed district sports as it was a challenge. The crowd made me feel nervous, but I still enjoyed the day. I ran in the 4 x 100M relay and I was the 4th runner. The girls that I ran with were all very quick- **Sienna.**

I enjoyed district as I found it really fun and it was a different experience as the first year I was in the sprint. I was in the 4 x 100M relay and I was the 2nd runner. I would love to go again - **Scarlett.**

I had a really great day at district sports with Holly, we both did the 80 metre sprint. I was really happy with where I placed, which was 5th out of the 8 fastest girls. I was really happy that I placed 5th and I would love to go again next year- **Mirabelle.**

Even though I came 8th, I am so happy that I got chosen to go to district sports with Mirabelle, as it was a breath-taking experience. I would love to go there again-**Holly.**

Districts was very nerve racking as the races finished because the faster the races finished the closer it got to my turn. I enjoyed the experience of performing in front of a crowd. I ran in the year 5 80m sprint; I finished 4th. I was really pleased with that because the other boys were very fast- **Charlie.**

It was very scary at the start, but I just wanted to make my dad proud of me. I came 4th in my race; the other boys were really fast so I was pleased with my placement. I would love to go again in year 6- **Freddie.**

I was nervous, but also excited when I arrived. I ran the 80m sprint. I thought that I wouldn't do very good, but I ended finishing 4th, which is quite good. The children in my race were all very fast so I was really happy with my placement. I would love to go again in year 5- **Harvey.**

I was also nervous before the competition because I thought that I would make a false start in front of a big crowd. However, I had a good start and I came first in my race (80m sprint). I am very proud to have won and I would love to be choosen next year- **Tom.**

At district sports, I competed in the 80m sprint and I finished 7th. I was really proud that I was choosen for the team, but I was very vervous at the start. This was because, I felt like everyone would be faster than me and there were a lot of people. Overall, I would love to be picked again next year- **Perteet.**

At district sports, I competed in the 80m sprint and I finished 8th. I was very excited to go, but I was nervous at the start because there was a huge crowd watching me. The race was fun and I would to be chosen again next year. It is a really good experience- **Eloise.**

I loved district sports because it was really fun and I loved taking part. It was great to have such a big crowd watching me run. I competed in the 80m sprint race and finished in 8th place. The race was really difficult and the other children were all really fast. I really hope I am picked again because I would definitely love to go- **Myah.**

District sports was extremely fun because taking part in races is something new to do. I competed in the 80m sprint and I finished in 8th place. It was very difficult because there are some very fast people in my year. At the start, I was really nervous, but I knew that my friends at school would be proud of me. I would love to be picked next year- **Eloise T.**

Class Budgerigar's Assembly

Well done to the children in Class Budgerigar who led our assembly last Friday. They told us about their art week work on Joan Miro as well as reading us their excellent versions of The Hobbit.



They also shared with us their learning including a detailed account of their day at Danbury Outdoors and their First Aid Training. We would like to thank Mrs Hensman for championing the revival of this part of our curriculum and the DPSA for funding the day's event. This is an important skill for the children to learn and may save someone's life!

Girls' Football Match (Friendly): Danbury Park V Priory

On Thursday 27th June 2019 on a very hot summer's day, Danbury Park's girls football team - Danielle W, Amber B, Tilly H, Emma B, Lucy H, Maddie D, Libby M, Emily W, Dulcie R- played a friendly match against Priory. Around 15:30, we began the match and straight away we pressed the team hard and took possession of the game. As a team, we fought our way past the defenders by passing and running our way through. Suddenly, Danielle booted the football into the goal and it became 1-0 to Danbury Park; what amazing teamwork!



Our team became very pumped and determined from the first goal. We stayed strong against Priory which had a strong, solid defence which was hard to get past. However, we never gave up and kept on going until the referee blew the final whistle for the end of the game. We continued with our effort and skill that our final score was 12-1 to Danbury Park. Danielle scored a stunning 7 goals, Emma scored a spectacular 4 goals and Emily scored an amazing 1 goal. It wasn't just the people who scored the goals that made a difference it was the whole team. We played as a team and helped each other; we should all be proud. Thank you so much for the transport of parents to get us to the match and for supporting us and Mr. Brown and Miss Trott for helping us to become a brilliant team.

We have been given our results for our football school league that we participated in and Mr. Brown was very proud to say we came second in the league! In this league Summer P played most of the matches and was outstanding, but unfortunately didn't manage to play against Priory as she had an injury so Lucy H stepped in. As well as this Imogen S played a few of the league games and helped us come second but she decided to leave the team. We are so proud; the team has been unbelievable and mind-blowing. We wouldn't of been able to do it without the support and help.

By Emily W, Maddie D and Tilly H.

The English Competition Finals



On Tuesday 2nd July 2019, four of the Year 6's - Isla T, Kirsten D, Madeleine D and Emily W - went to Hampton Social Centre to take part in the EES English competition finals! On the 25th March, we won our heat (by six points) which allowed us to advance into the next round: The Finals.

After three months of waiting, it was finally the day and we could hardly wait to get there! Once we did, the nerves kicked in. However, the tasks weren't as hard as we thought they would be. It was based around the book *Holes*, which luckily we had all read. The first task was called 1 in 5 and the aim was to fill in all the missing words from a passage from *Holes* (every fifth word was missing). We completed it quickly and had lots of time to spare, and we also scored full marks on this!

The next one was Odd One Out, and it was where we were given a sheet with five columns of words and we had to spot the odd one out, and write what the others all had in common such as: olive scarlet ruby crimson -they are all a shade of red except olive. After that, we had to put commas into a text where they had been taken out. This was quite easy and we finished with time to spare. Now it was time for You Can't Say That! (our favourite from the previous round) which is where we had to nominate someone to be given cards with one word on them. They then had to explain it without saying the word, a rhyming word or a word from the same family. We got 22 out of 24 in the end.

Then it was time for a break. We got biscuits and a fruit shoot, whilst the adults added up the scores. At that moment we were joint second with 3 other schools! Next we did our least favourite round: Apostrophe Catastrophe. We were given a list of sentences from *Holes* with all of the apostrophes taken out and we had to put them back in the right place. After that, it was the penultimate round- Spelling. The words were quite easy, so we did quite well.

The final round was a Book Quiz, and we had to name books by 4 different authors. We did very well and identified one of the authors as Jacqueline Wilson and another as Julia Donaldson. We soon found out that out of all the schools in Essex (155) we came joint 5th with 150 points! Overall we are all very happy with the results.

By Kirsten D and Isla T.

Reading Gladiators' Journey

On the 27th of June 2019 eight children ventured beyond the school gates but why?

Journey - We're expecting you want to know what we were doing. Excitingly it was for a reading gladiators' competition. The boys and Freya went in Mrs. Ware's car, whilst the rest of us went in Grace's Dad's. We were going to Wentworth Primary School. Fortunately it was not far.

Presentation- Finally we arrived at Wentworth and were greeted by smiling faces. The first part of the competition was to watch the other presentations and perform our own. Unfortunately, the Just Imagine staff weren't there so the teachers had to judge.

Charades - Next we did charades. We acted out characters from the book like: Balapan, Eska, Flint, Jess. They are all from books we have read in Gladiators.

Break - After charades was break and the playground was amazing. Ours needs an UPDATE!

Quiz - The next part of the competition was a quiz. We were asked all sorts of questions. They weren't all about the books as some were about the author and illustrator. We won with seven points.

Challenge - The final challenge of the morning was to order the books we have read using clues. There were eight pieces of cloth hiding a clue to one of the books. Using these clues, we had to place our books in a specific order. We tried many times and eventually succeeded. Unfortunately we did not win. The winner received an extra fifty points!

The Results - Overall we came second. This was because Mrs. Ireland was very generous when scoring the other team. We did very well and have kept the record of winning the quiz and being placed either first or second. We really enjoyed it and will never forget the experience.

By Ava and Grace



On Thursday 27th June, Danbury Park School Reading Gladiators travelled to Wentworth Primary School to take part in the Reading Gladiators' challenge that we take part in every year.

Quickly we got there and we walked into the school and sat on some long benches that were each side of the table. There was a plate of delicious biscuits waiting too.

Our first challenge was the acting challenge which the group that came first got voted 10/10 by Mrs Ireland. So that group came first in the acting. Next we did the charades and we got 34 points in the charades. The charades had to be about the characters in the books. Then we had a break.

After break we did the quiz. There were 14 questions; one no one could answer, we got seven questions right and Woodham Walter got six. Unfortunately, Wentworth got none correct. Next the results came out and we came second; three points away from coming first. Wentworth won.

After that we had lunch. We sat on the grass out at the front. After we finished, we went back to school and everybody was a little bit annoyed with Mrs. Ireland.

By Ollie W and Ben S

Certificates will be presented in the Celebration Assembly on Friday 19th July.

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.

Monday 22nd July Sports Day



This year we will be using the same format for our Sports Day and Open Afternoon as in previous years. To save busy parents having to take two days off work we combine the two events on the same day with a 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 track. We are already holding practices and trials in school so that for these races the fastest boys and the fastest girls in each year group 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.

Bank Holiday Change May 2020

Please note that the government has changed the early May Bank Holiday 2020 from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to coincide with VE Day commemorations. The school calendar on the website has now been changed to reflect this.

Staff Vacancies

We still have a vacancy for a Get Active Promoter to supervise the Daily Mile and also for a Midday Assistant. If you are interested or would like more details, please speak with Mrs Gooding on the school gate or contact her via the school Office.

School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2019

2nd Half Term: 4th June – 24th July = 37 days at £2.20 = **£81.40**

As we approach the end of the school year, please could you ensure that all monies owing to the school are paid in full by at the beginning of the week commencing 15th July. This is because we need to ensure all money is banked before the summer break. 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.** 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.

School Crossing Petition

You may remember that last year Mrs Pain and members of the DPSA were putting together a petition regarding the dangers faced by pedestrians when crossing Well Lane to access and leave the school premises. We are now seeking the support of the Parish Council to request that the Chelmsford Local Highways Panel review the crossings in both Well Lane and on the Main Road.

If you haven't yet signed the petition, please come into the school office where you can find the document on the front desk. The more signatures we have the better!

We would remind parents not to park or drop off on the yellow zigzags marked with "school keep clear" and not to park on the pavement at the top of the car park on the left or where there are "no parking" signs on the tarmac road down into the carpark itself. We have been informed that there are some drivers repeatedly stopping on the zigzags and this week a parent was manoeuvring their car on the pavement while others were waiting to cross the road with their children!

**Please drive and park safely and with consideration for pedestrians.
The safety of our children is paramount!**

Safeguarding - Keeping Safe

It's now a year ago that the two Johns visited us to talk about keeping our children safe in the digital world.

What was really useful were the strategies they gave parents 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 missed the meeting, find a friend who did and spend some time finding out more. As the two Johns suggested, why not have a regular get-together 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

Reading Books – we will be collecting all reading books in school on Friday 12th July. This is so that we can replace old ones and see where we have gaps in our scheme. If you can spare some time the following week 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 by **Friday 19th July**.

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

Letters sent home this week

-  Sports Day
-  Year 6 Leaver's Lunch
-  Year 6 Craft Project



DPSA News



End of Year School disco – Today 5th July



The end of year school disco is today 5th July in the school hall. All children are welcome to attend from EYF to year 6. We look forward to seeing you there.

KS1 (EYF and years 1+2)

6.00 – 7.00pm (£2)

KS2

7.15 - 8.30pm (£2.50)

Sweets and crisps (ranging from 5 -30p) and glostix (20p each or 3 for 50p) will be on sale at both discos. There are bottled drinks (50p) and a raffle (20p per ticket) at the KS2 disco. Please do make sure you are aware of how much money your child is bringing to spend.

Summer Fayre Final Total



The final total raised at the summer fayre was a massive

£4338

which is a fantastic result. Thank you everybody for your help and support on the day.

Thank you also to Jess and Gavin Dudley for bringing their ice cream bikes the Summer Fayre which were very popular on the day and sold out!

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



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

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



July **Fri 5th School Disco**

Nov **Sat 30th Christmas Fayre**

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 8th July

Week 2 MONDAY	Portion of Fish with Shredded Lettuce and Mayonnaise in a Brioche Bun	New Potatoes Peas Carrot Sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Sponge with Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese or Vegetarian Quorn Bolognese	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Bakewell Crumble Slice Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Gammon served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheddar Whirl	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced carrots Whole Green Beans Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Fruit Iced Lolly Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Sticky chicken or Macaroni Cheese	White and Wholegrain Rice , Broccoli Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Angel Delight with Fruit Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Local Butchers Sausage in a roll or Quorn Sausage in a roll	Chips Baked Beans Peas Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Crispie Bar Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 8th July 2019

Mon 8th

All day

African Day for Classes F and G

Tues 9th

12.20pm

Last School Council meeting of the year

Weds 10th

Am

DT morning in Class D

Pm

Mr Hartwell to visit Classes F, G and H

2.50pm

Class Hummingbird's assembly

Thurs 11th

9.15am

Welcome to Year 3 meeting for parents

7.00pm

Full governing body meeting

Fri 12th

All day

Class C visit to the British Museum

2.50pm

Class Jay's assembly

3.25pm

Pupil Annual Reports sent home

**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 Summer Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
July		
8 th		Classes Goldfinch and Flamingo Africa Day
10 th	2.50pm	Class Hummingbird Assembly
11 th	9.15am	Welcome to Year 3 meeting for parents
11 th	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
12 th		Class Cuckoo to British Museum
	2.50pm	Class Jay Assembly
16 th	9.30am	Year 6 Presentation to school
	6.30pm	Year 6 Presentation to families
17 th	9.15am	Year 6 Leaver's Trip
17 th	1.30pm	New entrants activity afternoon
18 th	8.45am	Class Eider to Colchester Zoo
19 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
22 nd		Sports Day Open afternoon
23 rd	12.00pm	Special Year 6 Leavers' Lunch
	1.30pm	DPS's got Talent
24 th	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
	3.25pm	School closes for the summer break