

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

26th June 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

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

Ollie W – Silver Zachary C – Silver Thomas D – Diamond Josh H – Emerald Luca S – Emerald
Hema M – Ruby Avy S – Ruby Abbie G – Ruby Charlotte N – Ruby

Certificates will be given to the children with end of year report.

The teachers in the junior classes are keeping the Reading Challenge running so if you think you have read enough books within your band, have kept your Reading Journal up-to-date and feel that you would be ready for the next level, please let your teacher know and she will check with you. We know that this means you may have read books other than ones we have in school but as long as they have been suitably challenging material, we will understand and take them into account. Let's see if we can keep the awards coming!

Weekly Update

This has been another busy week with announcements from the government about the proposed relaxing of social distancing next month. As far as we are aware schools are still required to follow their Risk Assessments and to maintain the maximum size of the bubble for each group at 15 until the end of this academic year, so for the time being we are continuing to operate as we have since the May half-term break.

Unfortunately we have still not received any guidance for schools about September but we continue to work on different scenarios. We are hoping that we will be able to have classes of 30 and open full-time to all year groups. We will let you know what is happening as soon as we are able.

In the meantime we are putting together lots of plans including:

- Invitations for the children who are due to start Reception in September along with one family member to visit their teacher and see their classroom in the next few weeks.
- An opportunity for the children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 to come back to school for one day in small groups to be with their teacher and a few friends for one last time and have closure on this year.
- An end of Year picnic celebration for all our Year 6 children together so that they can see each other, receive their dictionaries and say goodbye.

As you can imagine, with all the government and Local Authority guidance, this is taking a lot of planning and organising. However, we stand by our endeavours, to include all the children at Danbury Park School in whatever way we can. Specific detailed information will follow early next week.

Please note that we have rescheduled the INSET day which we missed on 1st June to 22nd July so school will be closed to all children on that day.

Please stay safe and support each other.

Class Goldfinch Class News

The children in class Goldfinch have been working hard on this term's topic, Fire! Fire! They have been busy mixing colours and cutting silhouettes to create pictures showing the Great Fire. In addition to learning about life in London in the past, the children have enjoyed learning about the different London landmarks that we have today.

Whilst looking at how homes were made at the time of The Great Fire, the children have designed, made and evaluated model homes. They looked carefully at the construction and shapes they could see.



Oliver



Katie



Claudia

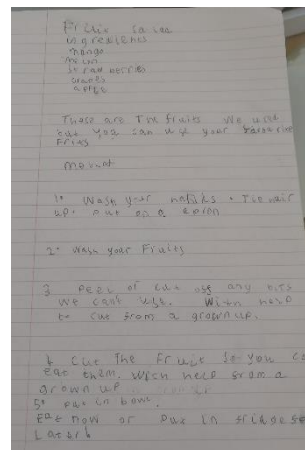


Freddie

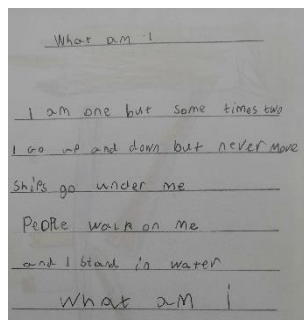
The children have also been busy designing, making and evaluating a healthy dish. Lots of them made dishes involving different fruits.

Some of the children also used their recent work on writing instructions to send me their recipes too!

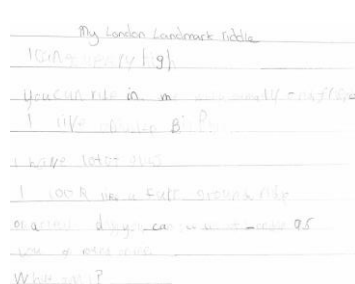
Arthur



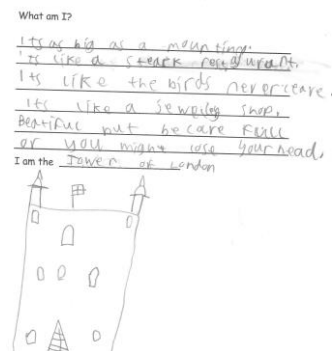
I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the children's fact sheets about Samuel Pepys and over the last two weeks, they have enjoyed challenging me with their riddles about London Landmarks!



Phoebe



Harry



Jacob

Holi Pictures



Freya



Phoebe N

I am amazed at how many different plants the children are growing as part of our science. Some have already picked their first crops!



In addition to all of their hard work, I know that there has also been a lot of baking. The children have enjoyed sharing their recipes for me to follow. Trying to add some of the ingredients, like flour to my weekly shopping list has been a challenge!

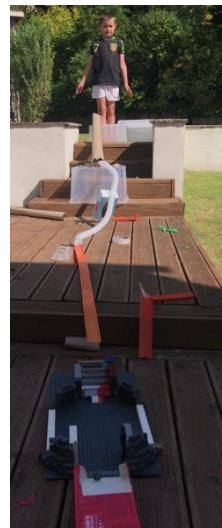
I am so proud of all their hard work and achievements.

Miss Johnston



DT in Class B

During school closure Class Budgerigar have done a number of DT challenges from designing and making a marble run...



Tom's was the longest at 32.8 m

Designing and making a 30 cm tall model earthquake proof house



and



making the tallest tower in 10 minutes!



Our latest challenge is to design and make a paper chair in just 40 minutes. The chair must be able to take the weight of a soft toy for at least 15 seconds without collapsing. It must be able to stand by itself and the toy must not have any part of it touching the ground
Equipment: One sheet of A4 paper, glue, scissors, stuffed toy & 40 minutes!



Thomas D's design with bear looking comfy!



No glue used by George!

Mental Health and Well-being

Essex Welfare Service (EWS)

We have been asked to remind parents of the EWS, a service to help vulnerable people in the community in need of support and unable to access it at this time: <https://www.essexwelfareservice.org.uk/>

At this time families are able to 'self-refer' if they are experiencing difficulties

EWS Contact: Call: 0300 303 9988

Email: provide.essexwelfareservice@nhs.net

Website: www.essexwelfareservice.org

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 7pm Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 2pm

The government has produced advice for parents on [COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing](#) and also an information leaflet on [Covid-19 - an easy read - looking after your feelings and body](#) which you may find useful.

Safeguarding

The 2 Johns have an excellent website with lots of support and ideas for parents on a wide range of topics. We know the children are online a lot more during this period so please talk to them and find out what they are accessing and remind them how to keep safe. Please take some time to have a look at:

<https://esafetytraining.org/school-closure>

Advance Notice: We have rescheduled the 2 Johns workshops for the children and parents for 9th June 2021.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

DPSA Treasure Hunt

We hope that you received the Parentmail yesterday with details of the DPSA Treasure Hunt. This looks like a fun family activity that will get you out and about in the village and raise funds for our school.

The form can be found on our website or use the link below:

<http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/DPSA-Treasure-Hunt-2020.pdf>

The DPSA members have worked hard to devise this activity so let's support them and see how much we can raise!

Libraries Update

As you may be aware Essex County Council announced its initial plans regarding the reopening of libraries earlier this week and full details about that can be found on their [website](#).

In the meantime their #LibrariesFromHome offer continues and links to our e-library, (for e-books, e-audio, e-comics and e-magazines) online rhymetimes, storytimes and craft sessions can be found on their [library catalogue](#)

The national **Summer Reading Challenge** is also moving online this year. The length of time the scheme runs for has also been extended and it launched this week.

Children can take part by going to <http://www.sillysquad.org.uk/> and signing up. The sign up process will require parental consent and parents can find more details here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>

Although children must have an account to take part in the actual Challenge, lots of other content will be available on the Silly Squad website and their [Facebook page](#) for everyone to explore.

Children will set their own reading goals over the summer and can then take part using their own reading materials, e-books, e-audio and e-comics from the Essex Libraries online library service or (once libraries have reopened) using books borrowed from our libraries.

Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos.

Families are encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged. They also receive a downloadable certificate once they've completed their challenge!

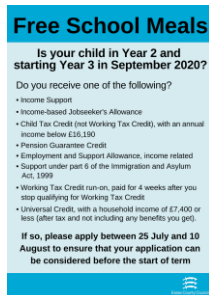
This is going to be a radically different approach for the Summer Reading Challenge, but we hope that many children will still be able to take part and hope that you can encourage your children to do so.

In Essex the Library Service is also going to be working with community partners to get a limited number of physical resources to digitally excluded families during the summer holidays.

Notification and Reminders

School Trips – these have all now been cancelled for the rest of the term. Where parents have already paid for The Maritime Museum and tickets for the Year 2 Infant Music Festival, we are holding the monies on account in the child's name to carry forward for future trips. We are doing this to save time spent on issuing cheques as this is a lengthy administrative process but if you require the refund, please contact the school office and we will arrange this for you as soon as we can.

Danbury Food Bank - The Danbury Food Bank organised jointly by The Mission and the Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer group is available to anyone who is currently struggling and families do not need any "official" referral. Donations have generously been made by local residents and businesses. Anyone can use this facility and it will be in the strictest confidence. Just phone the Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer Helpline, who will pass on details to the Food Bank on 07395 904761 or 07752 261274.



Critical Key Worker Provision - Please note that space for the children of our critical key workers is now very limited so places do need to be booked in advance. Please telephone the school office which is open every day from 8.30am to 4.00pm. The guidance has not changed and in order to support those parents working on the frontline COVID-19 response, we ask that you only use this service if absolutely necessary and if there is no responsible adult at home. Please note that we have moved our INSET day from 1st June to 22nd July so school will be closed on that Wednesday to all children and for the summer break.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 15th June

Week 2 MONDAY	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket Wedges Sweetcorn		Flapjack Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Local Butcher's Pork Sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans		Vegetarian Strawberry Jelly Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Kitchen closed			
THURSDAY	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese/Baked Beans/Tuna			Ice Cream Arctic Roll Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Oven Baked Vegetable Fingers	Chips Peas		Viennese Biscuit Selection of Fresh Fruit