

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

11th October 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Grace M - Diamond

Our next Celebration Assembly is on Wednesday 20th November at 2.50pm

Families are welcome to join us.

School Council Elections

In Celebration Assembly this week, we announced the results of the class election for School Council:

Class	Councillor	Deputy Councillor
A	Chloe B & Joseph K	Holly B & Zak S
B	Erin P & Oscar N	Dulcie R & Caius T
C	Ava B & Max S	Bella G & Zac C
D	Isabelle C & Jacob S	Emily B & Ronny A
E	Ophelia S & Tom B	Hema M & Albert L
F	Lucy C-S & Luke P	
G	Phoebe N & Katie P	
H	Florence C & Jasper C	
J	Amber H & Freddie T	

They will soon start work with Mrs Evans on ways to improve our school and on projects linked to the local community.

House Captain Elections

We also announced the results of the Year 6 House Captain elections:

Air	Emma B & Freddie B
Earth	Max B & Mirabelle R
Fire	Ella H & Buddy P
Water	Liza A & Mason D-T

These children will take a lead role in acting as ambassadors for Danbury Park School and in organising inter-house competitions this year. More details to come soon!

Class Budgerigar's Visit to Audley End

Class Budgerigar's Trip to Audley End House and Gardens



On Wednesday 25th September class Budgerigar went on the coach for a long journey to Audley end house and gardens. We went to learn more about the Victorians. After a while, we walked off the coach and spoke to the staff. The two ladies were dressed as servants because that was what they started telling us about, in the small room.



In the small room we sat down and put some aprons on with a name. My name was Sarah. We learned that the girls and boys did separate jobs. The girls mainly did housework and the boys worked outside. The lady (the maid) gave us things that they would have cleaned with like a scrubber to wash the floor with and a duster which I had! After that we sat the table with flowers and different types of knives, forks, and spoons.



The servants, (the two footmen) would open the door to see the visitor and ask the Lady Braybrooke if she would like to see them. usually it would be the newspaper coming daily.

After the servant area we went to Mrs Wank Warwick who first showed us the meat larder. The meat larder is where they would hang the dead animals. It was always in the shade because of how its positioned. It's covered in wire mesh so animals can't get in but air can.



The gamers room is where the men would shoot alive animals whilst the ladies were gone.

Afterwards, we went to the kitchen where Mrs Crombie (the cook) had her own room. Next to the kitchen and back it had a window where she could peer in. There were three ovens, the middle one was behind the cupboard where there were cogs spinning by air to make the meat on the skewer spin.



Then we went to the laundry room where there were big wooden sinks.



The wooden sinks wouldn't have rotted because when water is in it, the wood swells and completely closes up.



They would have to wash laundry for two other houses! They would use a wooden stick with a stool looking thing on the end, it is called a washing dolly. they would spin it around in the water washing.

A while after we had lunch we went inside the house and went in the hall. Above the hall is where people would play music. we walked through the grand hall and we went through the corridor full of stuffed animals.

When we passed the animals we went into the art room with a piano and beautiful pictures then we walked in the ^{little} drawing room. The ^{little} drawing room is where Lady Braybrooke and her female guests would sit talking and eat treats from the good larder.



After that, we went to the coal room where they would store coal and carbolic soap, the bottles (one of them), and some of the buckets for the coal. When we went the coal was ^{soaked}.

Then we went to the nursery and looked at the child's room. There was giant chess which we played, Noah's ark lots of wooden toys and a giant dolls house which I loved.

After that we wandered outside and looked at the kitchen gardens. There were pears, apples, grapes and they used to grow pineapples when we went in there was lovely flowers and small trees. we started walking through the gardens and we went in to look at the courts. we saw real horses. my favourite one was white.



When we went back we played at a conker tree. I had an amazing day and I would love to go back again.

Eloise R

Class Dove's Visit to Sutton Hoo By Alex

Class Dove Invades Sutton Hoo



On the 23rd of September 2019, Class Dove visited Sutton Hoo. Sutton Hoo is a royal burial ground in Suffolk. Also, Mrs Filding and Mrs Edwards came along with us. We went because our topic was the Anglo-Saxons.

As we arrived, we walked over to an enormous Anglo-Saxon helmet. It was a bit scary, but I thought it was really cool. Next, we went to see the burial mounds. They were dark, damp and gloomy. We saw King Raedwald's mound and he was buried in a boat so his mound was really wide. The boat he was buried in was twenty seven metres long.



After that, we walked over to the classrooms and we sat down. There was a lady called Sarah who told us about the burial mound King Raedwald was in. Next, we did some fun activities. My favourite activity was clay modelling because I made a pot lid and I was very proud of it.

Then, we visited the Exhibition Hall and as we entered, there was a fake Anglo-Saxon helmet with silver curved edges. It also had a heavy gold coat of chainmail on. It was overhanging us sootily. I was in Mrs Filding's group and we were allowed to look at the shield. It was enormous



with red leather on the front and gold objects stuck on it. On the rim of the shield was a bent copper ring. Next, we went to see the helmet with red garnets on the edge of the eyebrows, and many patterns and nails on the sides and forehead. It was slightly scary, as in battle it was used to frighten the enemy away. Then I went to dress up as an Anglo-Saxon and I did swordplay with Jacob. After, I tried holding a replica of an Anglo-Saxon sword and it was very heavy! Finally, it was time for lunch!



For lunch I had a sandwich, some crisps, an apple and a chocolate caramel waffle bar. Then, we went back into the classroom and did some weaving. The weaving was the best part of my day and it was really fun but when the lady gave me a band it kept falling off!

It was the best day ever! I loved it at Sutton Hoo!



Football Tournament



Last week Danbury Park School entered the Chelmsford School Sport Partnership annual Football Tournament.

In the morning the girls played their group matches followed by the play-offs for positions. We came 13th out of 18 teams. This was the first time the team had played together in a competition this year and as the games progressed we improved each time.

In the afternoon the boys represented the school. They played against some excellent teams and at the end of the afternoon came 14th out of 23 schools.

Well done to all the players and a special well done to Dulcie R, who was nominated by her team mates as player of the tournament, and received a special gift bag from the Essex Women's FA.

Christmas Cards

Once again the children have been busy designing their own Christmas cards for parents to purchase. We are using a different company this time as there were unfortunately a few problems last year. Their designs should arrive back in school in the next few weeks, so please look out for them. Full details of how to place orders will be included in the packs.

Aldi Kit for Schools

So far we have 130 stickers towards our 300 goal. We would really like to get enough stickers for a new football kit for the girls' football team so please keep shopping and asking for your stickers. We would then even stand a chance of winning the amazing £20,000 cash prize!

All we need to do, is keep collecting Team GB stickers!





The poster is on display in the main hall.

Please support us!

Safeguarding

At Danbury Park School we take e-safety seriously. At the beginning of every school year, as part of our computing curriculum, our pupils are taught about e-safety. This is then re-visited every term to reinforce the message of personal safety. The elements of computing are embedded across all subjects in the curriculum and our pupils regularly use the internet as part of their learning. In school, we use a filtering system to protect children from accessing inappropriate sites, but we also teach them what they should do if they should access unsuitable material which could happen when using networks at home or at a friend's.

In the past we have organised parent information workshops to help you keep abreast of the new technology with the aim of helping you keep your children safe at home and we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some tips to help you to keep your children safe online:

-  Set up your computer in a shared area at home so that you can see the sites they are accessing;
-  Set your security levels so that you can limit access to sites and time spent on electronic devices;
-  Talk to your child about what they are doing online and check their search histories and communication logs frequently;
-  Talk to your child about keeping their personal information private.

There are some excellent resources available and we would like to suggest the following sites which provide more detailed information:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/How-to-guides/>

http://old.kidsmart.org.uk/downloads/cn_parentleafletV2.pdf

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Fundraising

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who have kindly donated money to each class. We would like to reassure parents that any donation is voluntary and that the teachers appreciate your concern and support. We would like to reassure you that although our school budget is tight, we are still able to supply all the necessary equipment for the children to enjoy their learning. We are always resourceful and creative and, although teachers do from time-to-time purchase special items for their own classrooms from their own pockets, this is because they want to and not because they need to. We are encouraging everyone to be extra careful to avoid waste or extravagance and that's a good lesson in life.

Danbury Park School Lottery



Last week saw the launch of the Danbury Park School Lottery.

The first draw will be on Saturday 9th November so this gives us plenty of time to rally support and for families and friends to buy their tickets. Already we have 20 supporters! There are local cash prizes every week, extra cash prizes this term as well as a chance to win a £25 000 jackpot.

For every £1 spent by our supporters, the school will receive 40p with the rest of the money going towards the prize fund and administration cost. We hope you will agree that for an investment of as little as £1, our supporters have a chance of winning, whilst the school wins every time.

The money raised from the lottery will be used by the school to fund projects, activities and to buy resources that we wouldn't be able to do otherwise. There will be regular updates in the newsletter on exactly how the support is growing and how much money we have raised and what it has been spent on. At the moment we would like to purchase more reading scheme books throughout the school as well as new dictionaries, thesauruses and up-to-date atlases.

The whole process is very simple and to take part you need to go online at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Danbury Park Community Primary School. We have e-mailed out a direct link to the website via Parentmail. Anyone can take part but supporters must be 16 years of age or older and we do ask that you gamble responsibly.

Wanted!

Now that the children are back in school and you have time to tidy up the house and perhaps have a clear-out for the village jumble sale, we would just like to remind you to think about what toys might be useful to school.

We are particularly in need of Lego and Duplo as well as Playmobil and balance bikes and small bikes with stabilisers. If in doubt please ask, as we would hate to miss out.

Parking

There have continued to be problems in the car park at the front of the school with dangerous driving and inconsiderate parking despite articles in the newsletter.

The car park is under the management of Danbury Outdoors and they kindly allow our parents to use the car park.

Blocking access to the two sites could cause serious problems should either the school or Danbury Outdoors require urgent assistance. This could put lives at risk.

We remind parents that they should only park in the main car parking area and not alongside the roadways in and out or block the free flow of traffic through the carpark. If there is no space, parents should exit the site and park elsewhere.

We are fortunate as a school to have use of a car park so close to school but it must be used with consideration and care before someone gets injured or parents lose this privilege.

School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2019

1st Half Term: 4th September – 24th October = 37 days at £2.20 = **£81.40**

2nd Half Term: 4th November – 19th December = 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.** You will only pay for those meals that your child has and any credits will be carried forward to the next term. Thank you.

Notices and Reminders

Toilet Facilities – Recently we have had an increasing number of request for parents and families to use the school's toilets at the beginning and end of the school day. We need to ensure that the children are safe in school and therefore for safeguarding reasons, we cannot allow visitors unsupervised access to the building. Requests to use the facilities take the office staff away from the front reception and their duties. We regret that access to the toilets can no longer be granted.

Sports Kits – Please ensure that the children have their PE kits in school at all times.

Year 7 entry for September 2020 – Please check the secondary school websites for dates of their open days.

Letters sent home this week

 Infant Harvest Celebration

Keeping Healthy Threadworm

We have been asked by a parent to share some information about this condition that may affect children at some time in their lives, that can be easily spread but also dealt with, but of which parents may not be aware. This information and advice is taken direct from the NHS website.

Threadworms

Threadworms (pinworms) are tiny worms in your poo. They're common in children and spread easily. You can treat them without seeing your GP.

Check if it's threadworms

You can spot worms in your poo. They look like pieces of white thread.

You might also see them around your child's bottom (anus). The worms usually come out at night while your child is sleeping.

Other symptoms can include:

- extreme itching around the anus or vagina, particularly at night
- irritability and waking up during the night

Less common signs of worms include:

- weight loss
- wetting the bed
- irritated skin around the anus

A pharmacist can help with threadworms. You can buy medicine for threadworms from pharmacies. This is usually a chewable tablet or liquid you swallow. Treat everyone in your household, even if they do not have symptoms. Tell the pharmacist if you need to treat a child under 2, or if you're pregnant or breastfeeding. Treatment might not be suitable and you may need to speak to a GP.

Things you should do at home

Medicine kills the threadworms, but it does not kill the eggs. Eggs can live for up to 2 weeks outside the body. There are things you can do to stop becoming infected again.

Do

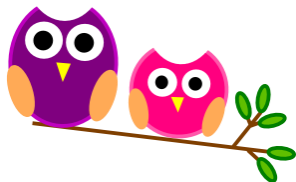
- wash hands and scrub under fingernails – particularly before eating, after using the toilet or changing nappies
- encourage children to wash hands regularly
- bathe or shower every morning
- rinse toothbrushes before using them
- keep fingernails short
- wash sleepwear, sheets, towels and soft toys (at normal temperature)
- disinfect kitchen and bathroom surfaces
- vacuum and dust with a damp cloth
- make sure children wear underwear at night – change it in the morning

Don't

- do not shake clothing or bedding, to prevent eggs landing on other surfaces
- do not share towels or flannels
- do not bite nails or suck thumbs and fingers

You do not need to stay off school, nursery or work with threadworms.

In the infants handwashing is part of our teaching and daily routines and this is supported by the adults in school. The teachers will be speaking with the junior children to remind them of the importance of washing their hands after using the toilet and before eating.



DPSA News

School Jumble Sale

Saturday 19th October 1.30pm Danbury Village Hall



Donations of jumble and help needed

Please collect together and bring all jumble - adult and children's clothes, shoes, bags, household linen, bric-a-brac, small electrical items, books, toys (in fact anything at all except large items of furniture) - to Danbury Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 19th October from 9am – 12 noon. Come along to buy from 1.30 - 3pm. Any unsold items that are suitable will be put through to the next Bag2school collection on the 22nd October.

We need helpers on the day 10 helpers to sort donations in the morning 9am -12 noon and another 12 people to run stalls in the afternoon 1.15 – 3pm. If you can help on the day please email sallyj@doctors.org.uk as soon as possible.

All profit from the jumble sale goes towards installing an all-weather track around the school field things so your support is needed and much appreciated.

Bag2school – Monday 21st October 9am ****CHANGE OF DATE****



Collection bags will go out in book bags shortly. If you need more they can be collected from the school office or just use plain black bin bags. Please donate unwanted clothes (adult and child), paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, belts, ties and soft toys, and **also now household linen, duvet covers, pillow cases, towels and curtains.** We can no longer collect cushions, duvets, pillows or blankets. Please bring to school on the day only and leave by the gate by 9am. If it is raining please put the bags in the cycle shelter.

DPSA AGM this coming Tuesday

The DPSA AGM will be on **Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm** in the school hall.

Please do come along and hear about how much was raised last year and what the money has been spent on. Let us know what you thought and share any new ideas you might have. New parents are always welcome to join the DPSA committee. A DPSA committee meeting will follow the AGM where we will be planning the Christmas Fayre. Please do come and join us.

Adventure Island Wrist Bands

Adventure Island is open October half term and every weekend until 16th November.

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'

To buy wristband vouchers (valid until the end of the year) contact Nicky at nickythomason@me.com who will arrange to get them to you. Payments can be in card, cash, or cheque (made payable to The DPSA.) Family and friends are welcome to buy too!

Dates for the diary



October

Tues 15th

Sat 19th

Tues 22nd

November

Thurs 28th

Sat 30th

December

Thurs 5th

January

Fri 24th

February

Sat 8th

AGM

Jumble Sale

Bag2school

Xmas Wreath Making Evening

Christmas Fayre 2-4pm

Xmas Wreath Making Workshop

School Disco

Quiz Night

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 14th October

Week 1 MONDAY	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pasta Twists Sweetcorn Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Local Butchers pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn Sausage	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Peas/ Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Marble Cake Served with Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	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
THURSDAY	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
FRIDAY	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 14th October 2019

Mon 14th

Year 6 Bikeability

Tues 15th

7.30pm

DPSA AGM

Weds 16th

Thurs 17th

Classes J & H to visit Barleylands

Year 6 Bikeability

Fri 18th

2.50pm

Class Cuckoo Assembly

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

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Autumn Term 2019

Date	Time	Event
October		
15 th	7.30pm	DPSA AGM
17 th		Classes Jay and Hummingbird to Barleylands
18 th	2.50pm	Class C Assembly
21 st		Flu Vaccination
22 nd	10.00am	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to KS2 & Visitors
	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
24 th	2.45pm	EYFS & KS1 Autumn Celebration to parents
	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
25 th		School closed for staff training
28th Oct – 1st Nov		Half-term
November		
4 th	Pm	CSSP Tag Rugby Tournament at Writtle
6 th	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
6 th	9.30am-3.25pm	Class Budgerigar Chelmsford Museum Visit
7 th	9.15am-3.25pm	Class Eider Maldon Visit
8 th	Am	Pre-school Activity Morning
	2.50pm	Class D Assembly
12 th	1.45pm	Open afternoon for prospective parents
14 th	6.30pm	Resources Committee meeting
15 th	2.50pm	Class E Assembly
15 th tbc		Children in Need
19 th	9.30 -11.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
20 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
Week beg 25 th Nov		End of Term Assessment Week
30 th	2.00pm – 4.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
December		
11 th		Christmas Lunch
13 th	tbc	Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals
16 th	Tbc	Filming of Christmas plays
17 th	2.15pm & 6.00pm	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance
18 th	1.45pm & 6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
19 th	9.10am	Celebration Assembly
	Pm	Christmas Party
		End of Term

Spring Term 2020		
11 th February	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
13 th February	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
9 th March	Am	NSPCC Assemblies and workshops
		<u>Assembly x 2 – Monday 9th March</u> KS2 = 9:05-9:35am

		KS1 = 10:50-11:10am <u>Year 5/6 workshops x 2 – Monday 9th March</u> Workshop 1 = 9:35-10:30am Workshop 2 = 11:20-12:20pm
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