

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

18th October 2019

Dear Parents,

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

Families are welcome to join us.

Talented Pupils

Well done to Libby M in Year 6 who has been offered a place in the Essex County FA Player Development Centre (PDC U12) after successful trials last month.

This is a great achievement about which she's very excited and her family and the school are very proud of her.



Aldi Kit for Schools

We've done it! Our poster is all complete and ready to be sent off to Aldi for the sports kit and entry into the £20 000 prize draw.



Thank you for all your support!

Tag Rugby Tournament – Group A

On the 11th October 2019, a group of Year 3 and 4 children went to the Maldon Rugby Tournament to represent Danbury Park. In group A the team included: Zac C, Dexter B, Josh A, Alex S, Oliver M, Tommy P, Bella G, Lucy K, Maisie M, Lucy C-J and Jacob S.



We arrived at school at 8:45 in the morning and left at 9:00. We arrived at Maldon at around 9:30 and were greeted by our coach Brendon and we did some training.

Soon, we played a team (in the pouring rain) called 'All Saints'. We won. Josh scored our first try of the match. The next team we played was Burnham and we won 4-2 and this time Zac C scored our first try. Next, unfortunately, we lost 3-2 against Purleigh. We were in the final of the tournament!

The first match was against Wentworth Primary School. Unfortunately they won 2-1. The final team we played were St Francis and we won 7-1. Dexter had a brilliant try where he intercepted the ball and ran right down the line; he didn't get tagged!

Now it was time to see if we had won the tournament. Unfortunately we didn't win but we came second! Everyone was given medals and it was really fun!

BY ALEX AND DEXTER

Tag-Rugby Tournament - Group B

On the 11th of October 2019, 23 members of Year 3 and 4 travelled to Maldon Rugby Club in Heybridge.

The team included William H, Isabelle C, William R, Isabelle M, Toby B, Tom B, Charlotte N, Ronny A, Harry T and Eli O. We arrived at 9:30 and were greeted by our rugby coach Darren, and wet weather which made us more determined. Darren started by giving us a quick warm up and some practice.



Once we had warmed up we started the matches. Our first match was against St Francis and it was a draw 2 - 2. Annoyingly the weather was not kind. We really enjoyed our first match because we scored some tricky tries.

The next match was against Great Totham and we won the match. The score was 3 - 2. We played Maldon next and we won this match too. The score was 4 - 3. Our next match was against All Saints. The score was 2 - 1 to the opposition, meaning we lost the match. The next fun match was against Burnham. The result was 2-0 and we lost the match.

After an exhausting day we found out we came fourth. The best part was that we got medals. Finally we got on the coach and travelled back to school to have LUNCH!

By Isabelle C & William H

Class Cuckoo's Visit to Colchester Castle

Cuckoo's Trip To Colchester Castle

On Tuesday 24th of September 2019, Class Cuckoo from Danbury Park School, visited the fabulous Colchester Castle. Our first topic this year is on The Romans and the castle was built on the site of a Roman temple, which made it the perfect place to go to.

We walked through a beautiful, but rather rainy park, to the museum. I noticed that the walls of the castle were a mixture of stone, Roman bricks and local flint. We crossed over a bridge and walked through the medieval archway (gateway) and towards our personal museum guide called Wayne. After that, we had an hour to complete some of our school museum trail. The museum trail included: Iron age life, Celtic fire ships, Celtic roundhouses and coins.

I completed 2 pages before we had our house building activity. First we watched a DVD. Then we were split into 2 groups. One built a Celtic Roundhouse and the other built a Roman Villa.

Once they were finished, we got to sit in them and have a picture. They were small, and felt obviously, but it was still a really fun activity. For the Celtic Roundhouse, my group had to weave in and out of wooden poles. For the Roman Villa, the other group had to stack and slide blocks into place.

Next we continued the trail, until 12:00pm which was lunch time. After lunch, we went down and into the vaults. Whilst we were going down the wide steps (that were steep) we had to count each one, as each step takes us 100 years back in time. We all counted 21 steps, which meant we went back in time 2100 years, which is a fascinating fact. In the vaults, we learnt about Boudicca (Queen of the Iceni), The Celts, a map of Britain (Britain) and all it's tribes in Britain like the Trinovantes. We also learnt about the Romans and when Romans invaded Britain in 43 AD. After that, Wayne told us that the Celts were different compared to the Romans because they Romans decorated themselves with wood tattoos and put lime in their hair, even though it's really poisonous and they went into battle

with! Roman soldiers were disciplined and organised. Romans wore armour including a helmet. A sword called a gladius and a spear called a Pilum was held and a shield with a metal boss was used to protect them.

Soon after, we were in the next room where Belle and Olivia were chosen to act as Roman Soldiers. Belle and Coleb were chosen to be Celts. Both girls had to pretend to chop the boys' heads off. After that a new emperor called Nero was introduced. However, Boudicca (Queen of the Iceni) got angry with him because Nero was treating them badly and decided to burn down Camulodunum and attack London and St. Albans. This was their revenge.

In the last room, I was chosen to act as Boudicca, since I have ginger hair like her. We talked about whether we thought it was ok to burn down Camulodunum (Colchester), London and St. Albans. I thought it wasn't ok because those places had nothing to do with the Romans in Rome, where Nero lived.

Eventually
Eventually we all loved it and probably all wanted to stay, we eventually had to go home. I thought it was fun and incredible. With a result of wanting to go again and again and again.

Serena D

Class Flamingo's and Class Goldfinch's Chocolate Day

On Wednesday 9th October Class Flamingo and Class Goldfinch went into the hall for chocolate day! We met a man called Derek. First he said that the 11th and 12th century was when the first cocoa beans were used. Then he told us that dogs could not eat our chocolate because it has got bromine in it.

After that he taught us that cocoa beans need to grow in hot and humid places.

After lunch we got into groups of 6 and went into the hall. We were given a piece of paper and a pencil. We had to choose a team name and write it on our paper. Ours was called "Choccy Rocket".

Then Derek came round with a tray of melted chocolate and a bag of sweets. After we put the sweets on the melted chocolate Derek gave us a piping bag to put our name on the chocolate pizza. Next, Mr Scott (our class governor) announced the best chocolate pizza!

I enjoyed the day!

Freya, Class Flamingo



On Wednesday 9th October Classes Flamingo and Goldfinch had a Chocolate by Design day. First we went into the hall where we met Derek who explained to us the process of how chocolate is made from the cocoa bean to the bar we buy. He told us who discovered chocolate. He was amazed at how much information we had already learnt. We learnt lots of new information that we will use to help us write an information text.

Before lunch there was an exciting quiz where we had to answer lots of questions. We showed what good listeners we were by answering them correctly.

In the afternoon we worked in teams of 6 to design a chocolate pizza. The adults were not allowed to help us. We had to agree on a team name and create a design using different sweets to decorate the chocolate pizza. It was a really great day and we learnt lots!

Class Goldfinch

The Book People

Did you know that if you make an online purchase over £10 with The Book People, you can select Danbury Park School to receive a donation of £1 to spend on books. With Christmas coming this is a great way to buy presents and support the school.

www.thebookpeople.co.uk?bigbookboost

Extra Curricular Clubs at our school

We have a few spaces still available on this term's clubs and there's still time to book on for the remaining weeks!

PARENTS WILL ONLY PAY FOR THE REMAINING WEEKS AND NOT THE FULL COURSE AMOUNT.

*Upon booking the pro rata price will only show at the end of the booking process before payment is made.

Please see below the details of clubs running:

Cheerleading before school club - Tuesday's - 12 places left.

Multi Sports after school club - Wednesday's - 10 places left.

Athletics before school club - Thursday's - 12 places left.

To book, please visit www.premier-education.com/schools/extra-curricular

PS: Don't forget Premier run holiday courses near you this half term. For details visit premier-education.com

Safeguarding

We would like to make parents aware of free online safety guides from NOS. They cover a lot of topical matters and offer parents practical advice.

This week's article:

What Parents Need to Know About Fortnite: Chapter 2

Fortnite, one of the biggest video games of all time, has received an update. Fortnite Chapter 2 has a whole host of new in-game features, is more visually appealing and has a brand-new map for players to explore. It's likely that your child will be spending hours on end getting to grips with the new updates. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Fortnite is all about.

Read on to get your free guide...

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/>

We are aware that Fortnite is aimed at young people aged 13+ but also that many parents allow their children access to the game, so please check out the information and stay one step ahead!

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Christmas Cards

You will have received your child's original Christmas card artwork which has been scanned and is now available to order via www.apfsorders.co.uk Please follow the instructions on the label on the back of the artwork.

Please support the school with this fundraising initiative if you can.

Orders must be placed on-line by **5th November**.

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.

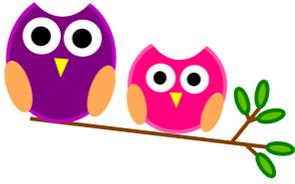
Sports Kits – Please ensure that the children have their PE kits in school at all times.

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

Photos – This week your child should have brought home their school photo pack. Orders need to be back in school by 9.00am **Thursday 24th October** at the latest.

Letters sent home this week

-  School Photos
-  Christmas Card Artwork



DPSA News

School Jumble Sale TOMORROW 1.30pm Danbury Village Hall



Donations of jumble 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 **Monday 21st October..**

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

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



If you need more bags 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 on the tarpaulin by **9am**. If it is raining please put the bags in the cycle shelter.

DPSA AGM

Thank you to everyone who came along to the DPSA AGM on Tuesday. Last year an amazing **£14,354** was raised. Thank you to everyone who supported us throughout the year. We were able to contribute to the school:-

- 16 laptop computers
- 12 class cameras and SD cards
- 11 ipad tablet computers
- An annual subscription to Athletics for the whole school
- Dictionaries for all of the Year 6 leavers
- Year 5 First Aid course
- District sports lollies

If you would like to join us or to volunteer for upcoming events please email sallyj@doctors.org.uk

Adventure Island Wrist Bands

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

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!

Christmas Wreath Making – spaces still available for 5th Dec



This year we have arranged 2 opportunities to learn how to make an amazing Christmas door wreath under the supervision of a professional florist. The cost is £35 per person payable on booking. All materials will be provided and you will have a lovely door wreath for Christmas to take home at the end of the evening.

Other Dates for the diary



November

Thurs 28th

Xmas Wreath Making Evening (FULL)

Sat 30th

Christmas Fayre 2-4pm

December

Thurs 5th

Xmas Wreath Making Workshop

January

Fri 24th

School Disco

February

Sat 8th

Quiz Night

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 21st October

Week 2	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
MONDAY				
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	School Closed			

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 21st October 2019

Mon 21st

Flu Vaccination
Bag2School
Year 6 Bikeability

Tues 22nd

10.00am

3.40pm

Weds 23rd

Infant Autumn Celebration to invited guests and rest of school
Parent Consultations

Thurs 24th

2.45pm

6.00pm

Year 6 Bikeability
Infant Autumn celebration to parents
Parent Consultations

Fri 25th

School closed for staff training

Half-term Break

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
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 Assembly x 2 – Monday 9th March KS2 = 9:05-9:35am KS1 = 10:50-11:10am Year 5/6 workshops x 2 – Monday 9th March Workshop 1 = 9:35-10:30am Workshop 2 = 11:20-12:20pm

