

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

17th January 2020

Dear Parents,

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

Erin P – Emerald Jacob S – Ruby Myah E – Diamond Zak S - Bronze

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on Wednesday 5th February at 2.50pm

Families are welcome to join us.

Rural Community Council of Essex Growing Communities School Dinner Plot Competition



This year we are again inviting pupils to take part in the RCCE competition. You may remember that three years ago Ava B, who was then in the infants, won the competition and the RCCE team came into school to plant up her plot and to help the class use the new equipment to get the school's vegetable garden under control. Last year Emmy P, one of our juniors, was a runner-up and school was given £150 worth of plants, seeds and gardening equipment to get our plots back on track.

This year the competition has a slightly different focus and is themed on a healthy school **DINNER**. The children need to think about the vegetables, fruit and herbs that could easily be grown to make the perfect healthy school dinner. The dish can be sweet or savoury but must include produce grown on the plot. They can also use additional ingredients such as pasta, rice, meat etc. The competition has again been split so that there will be an infant winner and a junior winner.

I will be explaining all about the project in assembly next Monday and those children, who are interested, will be given an entry form to take home, so that they can work on their designs over the coming weeks. Entries should be sent into school either with the children or via the school office.

All entries must be in school by the morning of Monday 10th February, as we need to post them to the RCCE in plenty of time.

First Prizes

£200 HTA Gardening Voucher for the school.
Cookery Classes by Barleylands Educational Team

Two Runners up Prizes

£80 HTA Gardening Voucher for the school.

Class Dove's Mayan Day



Class Dove's Massive Mayan Day yesterday, was Class Dove's Mayan day. First, in the morning a man called 'Big Nose' came to help us learn more about the Mayans. Big Nose surprised us as he entered the hall wearing a Mayan detailed costume with an Eagle head dress and his face was painted with blue and red.

After the introduction to say our name T'ai Eue and to numbers 1-10.



we learnt how to say the Mayan Following this boy v's girls

we divided into for a number quiz, who wants to be a Mayan-aire? It ended in a draw. Before break we were organised into five groups. In my group was Oscar, Harry, me, Ronny, Toby and Henry. Big Nose chose B. Dexter, Emily, Ronny, Sophia and Alex to show the 5 exercises. Normally, dying is a horrible thing but May think it is an honor.



Before After break we learnt about the 5 sacrifices they are: Shot by arrows, Buried alive, Heart ripped out, Head removed and being dropped down a well.

After break Big Nose told us about beauty and intelligence. They thought that people looked pretty if they were cross eyed. Stopping for head meant they were intelligent. They did this by tying plants of wood to their heads. After beauty and intelligence we tasted chocolate. Some of us hated it but half the class thought it was delicious. As the hall was needed for lunch we returned to the class room. Then we learnt about Mayan myths. Finally it was lunch.

When we came back from lunch Big Nose told us to get into 5 groups with six people in. In my group I had Henry, Oscar, Harry, Ronny, Toby and me. We were doing the Journey. Harry and I were narrators, placed maize in Toby and Oscar's mouth for food for the Journey and a gem stone for money.

Finally Big Nose told us the creation story. It was a good day.

Evie M

Class Dove's Amazing Mayan Day



Yesterday the 8th January 2020 a man called Big Nose came in dressed as a Mayan. This was because we were learning about the Mayans. We were at Danbury Park School.

First we learned a bit of Mayan language. Boy means ha and Girl means Gi. Then we learned to count up to ten. Uch means seven and wachak means eight. Then he tested us on our remembering skills by giving us a quiz called Who wants to be a Mayan-aire?



Then he told us to give in groups of 6. Then he handed out Mayan artefacts. We started with The other artefacts were: A

a jade stone, a jaguar horn, an obsidian stone, a headdress and a doll. I did not like the beetle as it stunk of cow poo. The horn was interesting as it was like a shell (as big one!) with a hole at the end and a hole next to that. It was as loud as 10 elephants. After that we had a look at Mayan foods. Big Nose asked us if we had tried some Central American foods. We tried their chocolate. Most people hated it but some liked it. This is because it was 85 percent cocoa.

Then we looked at human sacrifices of which there are five. First he asked if anyone wanted to volunteer. In our group Ronny went up. Then he made Ronny the leader. Normally people would not want to be sacrificed by the Mayan would love to be sacrificed. You could be: Decapitated, buried alive, be shot by arrows, Drowned in a well or have your heart extracted. The Mayan would always find an excuse for sacrifices.



Then we had a look at the statue of Ix'a (i-sh'a) the goddess of children, midwives, motherhood, moon and medicine. We left to hall and headed to the classroom where Big Nose taught us Mayan maths: $0 = 0$, $0 = 1$, $- = 5$. Then they don't have columns they have rows and they have base 20s. Base numbers go 20, 400, 8000, 16,000. Then we had lunch.

Once we came back and got back into the hall we did some drama. Group 1 did sacrifices. Group 2 did the ball game. We did a dangerous journey into the afterlife. Group 4 did the three ways of using coco beans and group five did the goddess of prey and Mrs Ireland and Mrs Ruckliff did the creation story. What happened in our play was Oscar and Toby pretended to die and Eric and Harry did the Mayan soot-foster burial service. Then once they had gone Toby and Oscar raised up and went down the tunnel to the after life where we and Ronny pulled them. Mrs Ireland's drama was creating the different animals. She was Gueamatz and Mrs Ruckliff was her sidekick. She was Hurricane. After that it was Home time. We all enjoyed the day.

Henry C

Food in Schools

It is lovely that families want to celebrate their children's birthdays with classmates by sending in sweets to share. However this is beginning to pose a difficulty as we have children and staff in school with potentially fatal allergies, others with intolerances to certain ingredients and those who are vegan, vegetarian or do not consume certain ingredients. In the past teachers have distributed sweets at the end of the day asking the children to take them home to check with their parents before consuming but this, particularly with the older children, is becoming increasingly difficult to monitor and control.

In order to ensure that the children are safe whilst in the care of the school, we ask that parents celebrate their children's birthday at their traditional parties and special events and refrain from sending sweets into school.

Safeguarding

Thinkuknow has a new raft of updated resources for parents to support them in keeping their children safe when using new technologies and software perhaps given as Christmas presents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Listing/>

Save the date – Wednesday 10th June 2020




On Wednesday 10th June 2020 we will be holding special workshops with all children from Reception through to Year 6 about e-safety. These have been designed and will be led by the specialist team of professionals including police officers and teachers. Our aim is for the children to hear from experts about how to keep themselves safe! After school there will be training for all school staff which will be followed by an information session for parents. In the ever changing world of technology it is vitally important that parents understand what their children are involved in and the risks they face.

More details will follow nearer the time but please spread the word and save the date!

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Notices and Reminders

Letters sent home this week

-  Year 4 Superstars
-  Year 6 Crucial Crew
-  Class B British Museum Trip

Class Topic maps for this term have now been uploaded to the class pages on the school's website.

Guitar and Recorder/Woodwind/Recorder Lessons

There are currently a couple of spaces for these lessons. Please contact the office if your child is interested.

Parking

Please remember that 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.

Information to Parents from the School Nursing Team

We have been asked to send out the following reminder following an incident at another school this week that school nurses do **not** send text messages as their first contact with parents.

If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please DO NOT engage.

To check authenticity of the text message received, please contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service Single Point of Access on:

Mid Essex 0300 247 0014 (option 2)
North Essex 0300 247 0015
South Essex 0300 247 0013
West Essex 0300 247 0122

School Journey Payments Year 6

Just a reminder that the final balance for the school journey is due to be paid by **13th March**.

Instalments can be paid any time up until that date. Just bring in the money with the blue payment card so it can be updated.

The total cost is £420 per child.



DPSA News



School disco – Friday 24th January

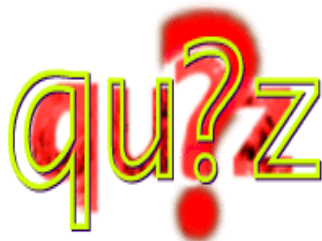


We are holding a 'New Year disco' to kick off the spring term. All children are welcome to attend from EYF to year 6.

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 is also 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.

Quiz Night Saturday 8th February 8pm School Hall



The quiz is a fun night out and a great way to raise money for the school. Get together teams of up to 8 people (non-school friends and family welcome too), entry costs just £5 per person. Entry forms will go out in book bags shortly and spare ones will be available from your Class Rep or the school office. Please get your entries in as soon as possible as places are limited. Bring along your own drinks and snacks. There will be a raffle in the interval and prizes for the winning team.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Bag2school – Monday 10th February 9am



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.

Other Dates for the diary 2020



February

Wed 26th DPSA Meeting 8pm The Bell

March

Sat 21st Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm

April

Thurs 2nd Spring Door Wreath Making Evening

May

Sat 16th Jumble Sale Danbury Village Hall

Fri 22nd Bag2School 9am

June

Wed 10th Internet Safety Evening

Sat 20th Summer Fayre

July

Fri 3rd School Disco

*****See our page on the Danbury Park School Website (under 'school community') for other ways to help raise money for the school*****

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 20th January

Week 3 MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake or Salmon Puff (V)	Garlic Bread Peas Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Lumpy Bumpy Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Homemade Minced Beef Wrap or Roasted Vegetable Wrap (V)	White and Wholegrain Rice Carrot Sticks Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Shortbread Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butcher's Roast Turkey or Roasted Quorn Fillet both served with Yorkshire pudding and Gravy (V)	Roast Potatoes Freshly sliced Carrots Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Homemade Creamy Rice Pudding and Jam Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or Linda McCartney Vegetarian Balls in tomato sauce (V)	White and Wholegrain pasta Cauliflower Florets Sweet Corn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Oven baked Young's Omega 3 Fish Fingers Or Vegetable Fingers	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Red Velvet Cake Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 20th January

Mon 20th **Class C visit to the Royal Observatory**

Tues 21st

Weds 22nd

Thurs 23rd

Fri 24th

6.00pm

7.15pm

EYFS & KS1 DPSA Disco

KS2 Disco

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

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

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Dates for Spring Term 2020

Date	Time	Event
January		
20 th		Class C to Royal Observatory
24 th	6.00pm 7.15pm	DPSA Discos
28 th	8.45am	Year 6 Crucial Crew
28 th	12.30pm	Year 4 Superstars
30 th	4.30pm	Curriculum Committee meeting
31 st	2.50pm	Class F Assembly
February		
5 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
7 th		Class G Assembly
8 th		DPSA Quiz Night
10 th	8am	Class B to British Museum
11 th	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations
13 th	6.00 – 8.30pm	Parent Consultations
14 th	All day	School closed for staff training
24 th	All day	School closed for staff training
March		
Week beg 2 nd		Book Week
5 th		World Book Day Dressing up day
	6.30pm	Resources Meeting
6 th	3.30pm	Boys' Football Match v St Anne's (home)
9 th		NSPCC Assemblies & Workshops <u>Assembly x 2</u> KS2 = 9:05-9:35am KS1 = 10:50-11:10am <u>Year 5/6 workshops x 2</u> Workshop 1 = 9:35-10:30am Workshop 2 = 11:20-12:20pm
10 th	9.30am	Freshwater Theatre Production - Classes J & H
13 th	2.50pm	Class H Assembly
17 th /18 th	tbc	Year 2 Infant Music Festival
18 th	9.10am	Sandon School Spanish Group in Year 6
20 th	9.30am	Pre-school activity morning
21 st	tbc	DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
23 rd		Assessment Week
23 rd	6.30pm	Pay Committee Meeting
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting
25 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
27 th	2.50pm	Class J Assembly
31 st	10.00am	Spring/Easter assembly for guests & infants
3 rd	12.00pm	End of term lunch for staff and governors
	2.30pm	Spring/Easter assembly for parents
		Break up for Easter holidays

