

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

24th January 2020

Dear Parents,

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

Darcie R – Emerald Freya R – Ruby Emma H – Bronze

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

Families are welcome to join us.

Holocaust Flames for Sandon

Last week a group of Sandon School's Year 9 students came to Year 6 to discuss the Holocaust and The Dora Love Competition. She was a survivor who tried to spread the message and make sure it didn't happen again. The competition is for senior pupils to teach primary schools about the atrocities of the Holocaust.

When they came in, they split us into five groups and rotated around, teaching us about what happened in the Holocaust and made us watch a video about the event. The groups told us about different things and tried to get us involved as much as possible. They had pictures for the Year 6s to label and add their thoughts on there.

Part of what they wanted us to do was make or draw a flame to represent the Holocaust with the theme of standing up to what is wrong. We could draw or write things that describe the Holocaust and do some research on some famous people (Anne Frank and Dora Love). We were to bring them into school by Friday as 3-4 will be picked to help Sandon in their presentation to the University.



Danbury Park's Year 6

Class Cuckoo's Adventure

Class Cuckoo's trip to the Royal Observatory Greenwich



On Monday 20th January 2020 Class Cuckoo went to the Royal Observatory in Greenwich.



Fortunately when we got there we realised we were early so we had time to look at the London city skyline we saw the O2, St. Pauls, the Victorian power station and the Queen's house! We were so lucky. We also saw the meridian, were if you stand with your legs apart either side your standing on the East side and the west side. It was amazing.

At 11:30 we all went to the planetarium where an astronomer called Anna talked about space. We sat on comfy chairs looking up at the planetarium. Anna told us all about the planets, stars, moons, comets and asteroids. Unfortunately we did not have enough time to look at all the planets so we learnt about the sun, Mars, the asteroid field, Saturn and the outer solar system such as Pluto and one of its moons Charon. Next we had lunch.



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Next we looked at the galleries. I loved the galleries. We were given the task to find an old picture of William Herschel, a model of Earth and something you can use as a mirror. Apparently we touched the oldest object in the world. It is an asteroid that hit the Earth many years ago.

After that we had a workshop with Anna. First we guessed how large the sun is compared Earth. The sun was a big beachball and the Earth is a tiny black marble. Next we looked at a model and learnt about solar and lunar eclipses. I was so fun.

I loved the trip. I was devastated it was over. I definitely recommend the trip to the Royal Observatory Greenwich.



Abigail M

Class Cuckoo's trip to the Royal Observatory Greenwich



On Monday 20th January 2020, class cuckoo went to The Royal observatory in London, Greenwich. We travelled by coach and chose this as our school trip because we are studying Space.



Once we were at the top of the hill we admired the views and a class photo. Some examples of what we saw are, The Gherkin, St Pauls Cathedral, HSBC, The River Thames and The Queen's House. Next we kindly asked if the world let us into an outside area also home the meridian line. Inside the outside area was the home to the meridian line which marks the west side and the east side of the world.

We then went to London's only planetarium! We sat in the chairs and learnt back. It took us on a journey through space. Here are some facts we



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learnt about Mars: Mars has a volcano three times the size of Everest, and Although Mars looks hot it is actually -60°. It looks hot because all of the rocks that are on Mars happen to be red giving it the effect of a desert. It was a magical experience!

Once we had had the experience of a lifetime we headed for the galleries to admire the oldest space objects. We saw a telescope called 'The Great Equatorial Telescope' which is the biggest in the UK also making it the 7th biggest in the world!

The last activity we attended to was education on the sun, earth and Moon. The we found out how a 'solar eclipse' and a 'lunar Eclipse' occur. A solar eclipse occurs when the sun went behind the moon and this was alot more rare than a lunar



eclipse for they happen when the earth hits a shadow on the moon.



Although we longed for more out of the Royal Observatory, it was time to say goodbye. So with our heads down we clambered onto the coach leaving the Royal Observatory behind us but the memories always beside us.

Olivia

Thank You!

This week we took delivery of a large quantity of dictionaries and thesauruses all thanks to the DPSA.

Although in this day and age we have the luxury of electronic spell checkers and thesauruses, the children still need to learn alphabetical categorisation and to expand their vocabularies and sometimes this is best done with the tried and tested traditional methods. Each class has a set of age appropriate reference books but as you can imagine with regular use, these quickly become worn.

Miss Johnston, our English Subject Leader, worked with the children and teachers to establish what we needed for each class and the DPSA kindly agreed to pay for the books. In total they gave us over £1400!

Our Year 5 librarians have been working with Miss Johnston to sort the books, stamp them with our school name and then distribute them to classes. They still have seven boxes to unpack but are enjoying the task.



We would like to say a big thank you to the DPSA for their fundraising efforts and to parents and families for supporting them. Sadly we do not have the money in our school budget to replace these valuable resources at this time but through the work of the DPSA all the children have access to quality books and benefit.

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.

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 explained all about the project in assembly on Monday and those children, who are interested, were 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.

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!

Saving Energy



European Union
European Regional
Development Fund

Interreg
North Sea Region
EMPOWER 2.0
European Regional Development Fund



The school is pleased to be working on a project with Essex County Council to save energy in schools and community buildings. The project is in its early days and Danbury Outdoors and Danbury Library will also be involved. Initially we are investigating where energy is used in the school and ways of reducing waste.

More details will follow in due course and as part of the project the children will be involved in learning about our responsibilities in caring for the environment and what we can do to help.

Essex County Council have asked us to involve our community and they have organised the event below which may be of interest:

- Introducing **Essex Energy Switch** – a scheme which aims to help you get a better deal on your gas and electricity bills. It's quick and easy to register and you could potentially save hundreds of pounds. Want to find out more? We will be at **Danbury Library, 1-4pm on the 29th January** to answer any questions and help sign you up! Find out more here – <http://bit.ly/2D9edVu>



Notices and Reminders

Letters sent home this week

- Parent Consultations
- DPSA Wreath Making
- Bag2School

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

Guitar and Recorder/Woodwind Lessons

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

School Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2020

1 st Half Term	6 January – 13 February 2020 = 29 days at £2.20 = £63.80
2 nd Half Term	25 February – 3 April 2020 = 29 days at £2.20 = £63.80

Total for Spring Term £127.60

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.

Emergency School Closures – SNOW!

As we approach the time of year when inclement weather and snow is more likely, we would like to advise you of the school's emergency closure procedure. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly but there may be rare times when the site is unsafe or insufficient staff can get into the school and closure is unavoidable. Please note that the local radio stations no longer give out announcements.

Schools will notify Essex County Council and the information will be available on their website at: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

We will also put a message out on Parentmail and on the scrolling news on the first page of the school website. We will aim to do this by 7.30am.

If the weather and traffic are bad, please take care and get to school safely. We will understand if you delay your journey and arrive later than the usual time.

If you have not yet joined *Parentmail*, please ask at the office.

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.

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



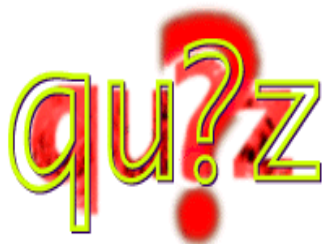
School disco Tonight!



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 have gone out in book bags, spare ones are 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.

Spring Door Wreath Making Evening Thursday 2nd April 8pm



Join us for an evening of creativity with a chance to make your own spring-themed door wreath. You will have the guidance and expertise from Natalie, a professional florist, so no experience is required. Everyone is welcome, so please invite your friends, family and neighbours to come too (adults only). Bring along your own kitchen or floristry scissors, drinks and snacks, and

everything else that you need will be provided. The cost for this event will be **£35 per person** (The full amount will be required when reserving your space) Forms will go out in book bags soon and spare ones will be available from the school office.

Other Dates for the diary 2020



February

Wed 26th DPSA Meeting 8pm The Bell

March

Sat 21st Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm

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 27th January

Week 1 MONDAY	Homemade Pepperoni or Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)	White and Wholegrain Pasta Coleslaw Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cranberry Flapjack with Yoghurt Drizzle Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Local Butcher's Pork sausage or Vegetarian Quorn sausage (v)	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Peas/Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge served with chocolate sauce Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Local Butchers Roast Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Cheddar Whirl (V)	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower florets Fresh carrots Green salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice cream Arctic Roll Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
THURSDAY	Homemade Chicken Korma or Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma (V)	White and Wholegrain Rice Naan Bread Sweetcorn, Cucumber	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Apple & Berry Fruit Crumble and Custard Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet	Chips Mixed Veg / Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Viennese Biscuit Organic Fruit Yoghurt Selection of Fresh Fruit

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 27th January

Mon 27th

9.00 - 9.45am

EYFS Stay and Play

Tues 28th

Am

Year 6 Crucial Crew

Pm

Year 4 Superstars

Weds 29th

9.00 - 9.45am

EYFS Stay and Play

Thurs 30th

4.30pm

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Fri 31st

9.00 - 9.45am

EYFS Stay and Play

2.50pm

Class Flamingo 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 Spring Term 2020

Date	Time	Event
January		
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