

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

13th March 2020

Dear Parents,

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

Isabelle M – Emerald Oscar R - Emerald Oscar D – Diamond Harry B – Topaz Joe K – Gold

***Our next Celebration Assembly will be on Wednesday 25th March at 2.50pm
Families are welcome to join us.***

Coronavirus

We are continuing to follow advice from Public Health England in respect of Coronavirus and at this time we have **not** been put on alert to close and we have no plans to close the school.

We are working closely with the Local Authority and if we are advised differently by Public Health England and the Department for Education to close, we will inform parents and carers immediately.

The current advice is that

- *pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:*
 - *before leaving home*
 - *on arrival at school,*
 - *after using the toilet,*
 - *after breaks and sporting activities,*
 - *before food preparation,*
 - *before eating any food, including snacks,*
 - *before leaving school;*
- *avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands,*
- *avoid close contact with people who are unwell,*
- *clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.*

We are constantly reminding the children about this.

The new information from 12th March is that if anyone develops a temperature and/or new continuous cough, they should self-isolate for 7 days. Please inform the school office as normal to report an absence. After 7 days, if your child is well, they should return to school. You only need to contact NHS111 or your doctor if their symptoms worsen or you are concerned about their health.

The links to the current guidance are below:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Book Week Special Reports

Marionette Making in class Budgerigar

Over the half term class Budgerigar was asked to read a variety of Greek myths. Once back at school they selected their preferred myth and everyone drew their favourite character in their sketch books. From their initial sketch they designed their stringed puppet. The next step was to make the different body parts out of newspaper.



One of the trickiest steps was to attach the body parts together.

After this, the class were ready to paper maché their puppet.



They had to mix the acrylic paint to create a skin tone that suited their character.



Once the skin was dry the next step was to add hair - some on heads and others, like the minotaurs, on the legs!





The next steps will be to make paper templates for clothes before they are cut out of fabric and sewn together, make sandals (if needed), add the facial features and any special props for features like wings for Icarus. The final stage will be to make the cross and to attach the strings to it and the puppet's head and wrists.



All in all a fantastic DT task linked to book week and a great way to research Greek myths.



On Thursday 5th March, I dressed up as Ruby from Double Act by the famous 21st century author, Jacqueline Wilson.

Double Act is about twins, whose mum had died called Opal. One day, their dad came home with a girlfriend called Rose. The twins hated her and sadly they had to leave home to go to a stupid book shop. They hated school their with blob that when a scholarship came round for Monarok Height Boarding School for Girls. They wrote a letter straight away to Miss Jeffreys. They looked around the school and had some tests and Garnet (the other twin) got to go. Ruby was so jealous that she shaved her head

So she was not identical any more. Garnet was very scared and nervous about boarding school and wanted to go with Ruby.

I love dressing up as Ruby because I got to be twins with Freya as she was Garnet.

Lucy H, Class C

Class Goldfinch

Last week was our book week and our class read the story, 'Handa's Noisy Night'. We used this story to then design and make hand puppets based on the different animals in the story. We had to learn how to sew using blanket stitch. Thankfully, we had lots of parents that were able to come in and help us as it was a bit tricky to do. In our English lessons, we created new story openings and different events involving other animals. We enjoyed thinking of different excuses that could be used instead of saying it was an animal making a lot of noise! We also wrote letters as if we were the characters in the story. It was a fun but busy week. We liked going to hear different teachers and LSAs read stories to us too.



"I enjoyed dressing up day because I was able to dress up as my favourite book character, Mr Bump!" **Oliver**

"I enjoyed learning to do blanket stitch which I used to make a hand puppet. My mum came into help which was fun."
Willow

"I enjoyed paired reading and sharing stories with class Budgerigar." **Belle**

"I liked writing letters as if we were the story characters."
Toby

Thank you to all of our parents that were able to come in and help with sewing and reading.
Miss Johnston

Class Flamingo

Class Flamingo loved book week! We loved sharing books with friends, with teachers and of course, still reading at home. In class we looked at 2 books in more detail. The first was called *Commotion in the Ocean* and the 2nd was *Rumble in the Jungle*. This linked nicely to our topic of "Home and Away" and gave us the opportunity to look at animals from all over the world.

We were very busy! We made up our own rhymes, wrote acrostic poems to do with jungle animals, made under the sea scenes and on Friday we made our very own jungle hand puppets, using our sewing skills. We were VERY grateful for all the extra adults that came in to help us throughout the week and we hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

We also did lots of artwork, choosing water colours, pastels, charcoal or pencils to create different animal skin pictures.



Class Eider

During Book Week, Class Eider were reading *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd. In the book, there is a boy called Tomas. In his grandad's garden, there is a dragon fruit tree with real dragons that grow from the fruit!

On the Monday, we made origami dragons one day late for Saint David's Day. Over the last two days of the week, we made dragon sock puppets. We had to make them by sewing, gluing and drawing.

We wrote diary entries about when Tomas found the dragons, instructions on how to grow a dragon and a description about what our own dragons would be like if we grew one.

-By Class Eider



Where the Wild Things Are Book Week In Class Dove

During Book Week, the children in Class Dove based their learning around the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. We had the opportunity to write and illustrate a sequel to the story, write poems based around the character Max, design a new wild thing and then use our making skills to build a puppet. A very busy and productive week! Below are thoughts from some of the children.



Darcie - I dressed up as Hermione because I enjoy the Harry Potter books. My favourite activity for the week was puppet making on the Friday.

Maisie- On Monday I shared a book with Olivia from Class Flamingo. It was good fun, especially when we read 'Aliens in Underpants'.

Jacob - As Mrs Rush was reading 'The Order of the Phoenix', I spent the shared reading time in Class Goldfinch. I dressed up as a character from the Moonlight Gang so I could wear my pyjamas all day. I even went to bed in them!



Toby - I liked making the monsters and dressing up.



Josh - I loved the puppet making day because we had to use our imagination to make a new 'wild thing'.

All the children would like to thank the parents and grandparents who joined them to help make the puppets on Friday.

Class Avocet WORLD BOOK WEEK

This year for world book week, our school had a theme of puppets. Along with the puppets, our display is based on D.T. Throughout the week, we had a book to read and our teachers gave us projects that we had to make that linked in with the book or the school's theme. On Thursday, we had a dress-up day for World book day and brought in a donation. During the week, we had different activities including books: we listened to a book read by a teacher and read to a younger child in the week.

For World Book Week, Class Avocet studied the book 'Clockwork'. It is about a clock worker's apprentice, who was asked to design one small figure to go into the clock tower. His name was Carl, and he was stressing over the fact he still did not have a figure the night before the parade when it was to be displayed. But his friend Fritz tried to cheer him up with one of his terrifying stories. But when one of the scariest characters from the book came to life, walked into the room, and offered to help Carl, everyone was confused.

We also made puppets to go on our cam mechanisms that we made in class, and created our very own clocks to link with our book. If made correctly, our puppets should go up and down. My highlight was listening to our teacher's and LSA'S favourite books.



By Ella H and Amber B

Class Cuckoo's Shadow Puppet Performances!

During Book Week, we read, created and performed our own versions of Aesop's fables, such as 'The Lion and the Mouse' and 'The Vain Jackdaw' using the shadow puppet animals and backgrounds. We had the added challenge of putting colour and detail into each of the scenes, and creating moving parts. By the end of the week we were able to use the puppets we had made to put on our own performances to tell the fables, which include a moral story.



On World Book Day itself, the children shared their enthusiasm for the stories they bought in, reading aloud an extract for us to enjoy, and talking about the characters they had dressed up as.

Class Hummingbird



In Hummingbird this week we have enjoyed designing and making puppets for our story 'The Paper Bag Princess'.

We enjoyed sharing stories with the Year 5 children. We also listened to different teachers reading stories around the school. We had a lovely week sharing our favourite books with our friends.

Class Jay

For book week Class Jay enjoyed reading the story of Jack and the beanstalk. We designed and made spoon puppets of Jack, the Giant and Jack's mother. We used 2d and 3d shapes to make pictures and models of the Giant's castle. We ordered beanstalks by their height and attached leaves to a beanstalk in numerical order. We learnt how to weave and made our own golden harps. We found hot seating and pretending to be the giant great fun and even put on some rather scary and deep giant voices!



We all had a great time sharing familiar and new books and retelling stories using our puppets. Thank you to everyone who supported the children in their classes. This was an ambitious project! We are changing the displays in our hall and corridors to show case our work and I hope that you get the opportunity to see them over the coming weeks. They clearly show how the teaching and learning of Design Technology progresses throughout the school as well as embracing our love of reading.

Class Jay's and Hummingbird's Theatre Experience



On Tuesday 10th March the Freshwater Theatre company visited class Jay and Hummingbird to lead us on an adventure through lots of traditional tales. The children collected a range of story clues, acted out many familiar stories and finally wrote their own traditional tale.

Mrs Jamieson

Safeguarding

The NSPCC visited us on Monday 9th March to lead two assemblies and to deliver two workshops for our Year 5 and 6 children following their ***Speak out. Stay safe*** programme. A letter was sent home earlier this week with details and we hope that you have taken time to look at the resources at nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

What is the programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops the specially trained staff and volunteers gave our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning "sex".

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

Save the date – Wednesday 10th June 2020 – The Two Johns

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Midday Assistant Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant working on Fridays. This is an exciting time to be joining the team as hopefully the weather will be improving and we have some new plans to enhance this playtime period. If you are interested please contact Mrs Brooke, Office Manager, for more details or speak with Mrs Gooding on the school gate.

Working with the children to make their lunchtime experience happy is a very worthwhile and rewarding job!

Notices and Reminders

Letters sent home this week

 Coronavirus information

Any piano lessons missed due to class trips, book week events or Mrs Long's absence will all be made up in the last week of term.

Outstanding debts

The school is coming to the end of the financial year and we need to close our books. Please could pay any outstanding money for school dinners or educational visits by **Wednesday 18th March**. Any dinner money paid in advance and not used will be carried forward.

School Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2020

2nd Half Term 25 February – 3 April 2020 = 29 days at £2.20 = **£63.80**

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, especially as we draw close to the financial year end.** 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.



DPSA News



Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 21st March 2-4pm



We would greatly appreciate:-

Donations of Easter Eggs for the Egg Tombola – please leave in the donation box by the school office.

Donations of Gifts suitable for the Mothers Day Secrets Room e.g. toiletries, jewellery, please also leave those in the donation box by the school office.

Easter Hamper Items for the class hamper raffle– Class Reps will let you know a list of suggested items. Please leave these in the black bucket in your child's class.

Helpers on the day are desperately needed. We still need 15

helpers for each half – please let your class rep or email sallyj@doctors.org.uk as soon as possible if you can help run a stall 2-3pm or 3-4pm.. Please feel free to buddy up with another parent if that suits you better. Children are welcome to help their adult. There is a list on the school office counter where you can sign up too. We really can't run this event without your help.

A form to **pre-book Easter Egg Hunt tickets** (£3 in advance £3.50 on the gate) has gone out in book bags along with the egg template for the Easter Egg colouring competition. Spare ones are available from your Class Rep or the school office. Thank you.

Spring Door Wreath Evening Thursday 2nd April 8pm (Places still available)



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. The cost for this event will be **£35 per person** (The full amount will be required when reserving your space) Forms have gone out in book bags.

Summer Fayre Grand Raffle and Brochure

We are already starting to plan the school summer fayre. This year the theme is 'The Olympics'. If you own or know of a business that would like to sponsor a raffle prize in our Grand Raffle or would like to advertise in our professionally printed summer fayre brochure then please let us know at sallyj@doctors.org.uk or inform your Class Rep who will pass on your message.

Second-hand Uniform



Please leave any donations of second-hand Danbury Park School uniform in the box by the school office. We are low on stock and looking for polo shirts, jumpers, cardigans, and any PE kit which has been washed and in good enough condition to sell on. We put uniform out at our events and is another way we can raise money for the school.

Other Dates for the diary 2020



<u>May</u>	Sat	16 th	Jumble Sale Danbury Village Hall
	Fri	22 nd	Bag2School 9am
<u>June</u>	Wed	10 th	Internet Safety Evening
	Sat	20 th	Summer Fayre 12 – 3.30pm
<u>July</u>	Fri	3 rd	School Disco

Have a lovely weekend. The DPSA



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 16th March

Week 1 MONDAY	Homemade Pepperoni Or Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)	White or Wholegrain Pasta Coleslaw Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cranberry Flapjack with Yogurt 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 16th March

Mon 16th

3.30pm

Netball Match v St John's (away)

Tues 17th

Weds 18th

Am

Sandon School's Spanish Students to continue work with Year 6

Thurs 19th

Am

Inter-school English Competition at New Hall

Fri 20th

Pm

Inter-school Maths Competition at New Hall

Saturday

2.00 - 4.00pm

DPSA Easter Egg Hunt

**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
March		
18 th	9.10am	Sandon School Spanish Group in Year 6
19 th	Am	Inter-school English Competition
20 th	9.30am	Pre-school activity morning – to be rescheduled
	Pm	Inter-school Maths Competition
21 st	tbc	DPSA Easter Egg Hunt
23 rd		Assessment Week
	3.00pm	Girls' Football Match v Cathedral (away)
23 rd	6.30pm	Pay Committee Meeting
	7.00pm	Personnel Committee meeting
25 th	2.50pm	Celebration Assembly
26 th	8.30am	Class E to National Maritime Museum
27 th	2.50pm	Class J Assembly
31 st	10.00am	Spring/Easter assembly for guests & infants
2 nd	3.30pm	Boys' Football Match v Meadgate (away)
3 rd	12.00pm	End of term lunch for staff and governors
	2.30pm	Spring/Easter assembly for parents
		Break up for Easter holidays