

Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Children,

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

Holly B – Platinum

Freya E – Gold

Emma H – Silver

Myah E – Topaz

Tommy P - Topaz

Certificates will be presented when we return to school.

The teachers in the junior classes are keen to keep the Reading Challenge operating so if you think you have read enough books within your band, have kept your Reading Journal up-to-date and feel that you would be ready for the next level, please let your teacher know and she will check with you. We know that this means you may have read books other than ones we have in school but as long as they have been suitably challenging material, we will understand and take them into account. Let's see if we can keep the awards coming!

Weekly Update

This week has been busy and I am pleased to report that we now have hot water throughout the school and the new heating units have finally been installed in the hall and classes D and C. We have also taken time to sort out the classrooms and put in place everything we can in order to make the school as safe as it can be ready for Monday to welcome back our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This week Miss Bridge returned from maternity leave and although school seems quite different, she is looking forward to meeting the children in Class Jay.

This morning we e-mailed a detailed letter to parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 so that they are ready for the "new normal". We will still be open for the children of our critical key workers every day, although please note we will not be able to provide a school dinner on Wednesdays. The government have not changed their criteria for this group and if you are considering returning to work and think you may come under this category, please speak with us first. We are restricted on the number of children we can accommodate because of the need for social distancing, the size of our classrooms and the number of staff available. Please do not be offended if we request evidence that your job is crucial to the COVID-19 response as we need to give priority to those working on the frontline and where there is no other alternative for childcare. We also want our teachers to have the capacity to continue with distance learning for all those children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 who can't yet come back to school but need to continue learning from home as best they can.

At this time we are not operating any before or after school clubs but I am sure that there will be many more changes to come over the coming weeks and we will continue to adapt and develop our plans.

Please stay safe and support each other.

Class News from Class Dove

During the last eight weeks, Class Dove have continued to keep busy, to learn and to use their knowledge and skills, whilst working from home.

Below are some of the areas the children have studied during this time.

The Mayan

A mask for a 21st Century god

They designed their mask in school but had to create it at home. I think you will agree when I say they are bright, carefully made and all very imaginative.



Trying Mayan foods – chocolate drinks and sweetcorn tacos.



Creating art in the style of Andy Warhol



The children have completed many English tasks based around our class book, *The Explorer*, improved their maths skills, investigated through science, built rafts, nests and also found time to relax and have fun.



Diet

Although kinkajous are classified as carnivores they have canine teeth so most of their diet is fruit, nuts and nectar. On rare occasions they eat eggs, hatchlings and insects. They have a long thirteen centimetre tongue that reaches to the inside of flowers for the nectar.



Mrs Ireland

Henry III

By Caius, Class B



- ❖ Henry was born in 1207, he ruled from 1216 – 1272.
- ❖ He became King at 9 years old.
- ❖ Henry was a Plantagenet.
- ❖ At 21 years old he sacked his nobles and relied on his friends instead, they did not know how to run a country.
- ❖ He tried to recapture land lost by his father but failed miserably.
- ❖ He had temper tantrums and spent a fortune on glorifying his palaces. He did not think that England's churches were great enough to have Kings buried in so he ordered Westminster Abbey to be rebuilt like a magnificent palace. He then had King John and Edward the Confessor dug up and reburied at Westminster.

- ❖ The reason we have Parliament today is because Henry was poor at making decisions.
- ❖ Henry's father was King John. King John was selfish, greedy and cruel. He even killed his nephew Arthur in case he challenged him for the throne
- ❖ King John was best known for signing the Magna Carta. This meant that the King had to ask his barons how the country should be run and not just do what he wanted to do
- ❖ Henry III was succeeded by his son Edward the first who ruled England rather well

Community News

The June/July issue of the Danbury Contact magazine is out this week with a lot of interesting articles about what is happening in our local community including a contribution from Danbury Park School. Please make sure you get a copy!

School Updates

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr L Moore and Mr A Hensman who have installed bollards at the top of the entrance to the school path to prevent people parking up there and causing obstructions. We would also like to thank Mrs Sally Pain and the DPSA for persevering with this project so that we can make the area safer for pedestrians.



Over the half-term break, Essex County Council filled the pot holes in the front carpark which should make life better for everyone ... for a while at least! There is also some major work happening to rebuild the electricity sub-station.

The EYFS outdoor classroom project has had to take a back seat this week whilst we get school ready for re-opening but we do intend to continue to do what we can, when we can over the coming weeks.

Year 6 School Journey

We have now received notification that the Year 6 School Journey has been cancelled by the company and we are claiming on the school's insurance for the deposits paid by parents that are being withheld. Once we have received payment, we will produce statements for each family along with a cheque for the refund of monies paid. If you gave us a cheque in March, this was not banked and we will return it to you.

We will action this as quickly as we can and hopefully by the end of the academic year.

Safeguarding

The THINKUKNOW website has been updated with more support for families. As the children are probably using more technology and going online more frequently, it is important that parents regularly talk about how children should keep themselves safe and what to do if they feel unhappy about anything.

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



Now that we have launched Google Classrooms, please remind the children about the Acceptable Use Agreement that is signed when children start Danbury Park School. A revised copy is included at the bottom of this newsletter. Please note that this is scheduled for review and update this term.

Advance Notice: We have rescheduled the 2 Johns workshops for the children and parents for 9th June 2021.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Notification and Reminders

School Trips – these have all now been cancelled for the rest of the term. Where parents have already paid for The Maritime Museum and tickets or coach costs for the Year 2 Infant Music Festival, we are holding the monies on account in the child’s name to carry forward for future trips. We are doing this to save time spent on issuing cheques as this is a lengthy administrative process but if you require the refund, please contact the school office and we will arrange this for you as soon as we can.

Essex Library Services – online activities include *rhymetimes*, *story times* and *crafts times*. Please see their website for details.

Danbury Food Bank - The Danbury Food Bank organised jointly by The Mission and the Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer group is available to anyone who is currently struggling and families do not need any “official” referral. Donations have generously been made by local residents and businesses. Anyone can use this facility and it will be in the strictest confidence. Just phone the Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer Helpline, who will pass on details to the Food Bank on 07395 904761 or 07752 261274.

School Meals Menu

For those children returning to school next week please see the menu below for the options available for lunches. School lunches for those in the juniors continue to be £2.20 per lunch. Please make cheques payable to Essex County Council.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher



Owl’s Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 8th June

Week 1 MONDAY	Fish Fillet in Brioche Bun Or Quorn Dippers in Brioche Bun	Jacket Wedges Cucumber Sticks		Ice cream Arctic Roll Selection of Fresh Fruit
TUESDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn		Flapjack Selection of Fresh Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Kitchen closed			
THURSDAY	Chicken Goujons with Tomato Sauce Or Macaroni Cheese	White and Wholegrain Rice Sweetcorn		100% Fruit Ice Lolly Selection of Fresh Fruit
FRIDAY	Beefburger in a roll Or Quorn Vegeburger in a roll	Chips Peas		Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake Selection of Fresh Fruit