



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have passed their reading awards:

Keep reading and we will have more awards next week!

Certificates will be presented when the children return to school

Weekly Update

This week the Prime Minister announced that schools would not be able to start re-opening until 8th March at the earliest. Whilst this news is disappointing, we accept that this is to keep the infection rate falling and ease the pressure on our hospitals. At least this gives us something to work towards and there will be more announcements and information after the half-term break. It was also announced that schools would close for the half-term break but we will continue to be part of the Test and Trace programme. We will let the families of children who are currently in school know about the arrangements should we have a positive case of COVID. Danbury Park School is now participating in the Lateral Flow Testing for staff so that we can play our part in catching cases early and in identifying those who are asymptomatic.

You may have read recently that primary schools will not be administering the statutory tests for pupils in Years 2 and 6, nor the Year 1 (with Year 2 resits) Phonics Screening or the Year 4 Multiplication Tests this summer. This is a welcome move as it will enable us to continue to adapt our teaching to the needs of the children throughout the summer term. We will, of course, carry out our own assessments when the children return to school and as ever, we will do this in a supportive and positive way. These are important as they will help us plan our teaching. We will conduct more formal assessments towards the very end of this academic year so that we can give parents as accurate a picture as we can in the formal pupil reports, of where their child is in their learning against age related expectations.

Even though most children aren't in school, we don't want to lose our momentum in becoming more environmentally friendly. Essex County Council is offering grants of £250 to 40 schools to help them reduce their use of single-use plastics and make the children more environmentally aware. I have some ideas given to me by the School Council from previous years, mostly around how we could serve the fruit salad at lunch times without using the small plastics pots but I would like parents to talk with their children and gather any new ideas they may have. The children are the ones who see what happens on a daily basis in class and are best placed to identify what more we could do and offer possible solutions. Whatever their idea, please share it with me in an e-mail to the school office and I will pull everything together. It doesn't have to be a full blown essay, I would just like some input from the children and I would appreciate you supporting them.

News from Class Jay



A planet by Annabelle



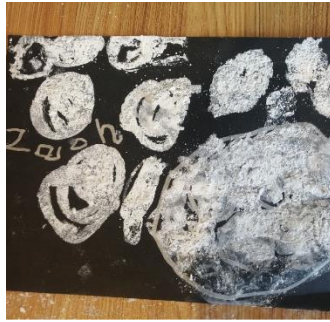
Shape rocket by Bea



A paper mache moon



Freya making craters with flour and stones.



Moon pictures by Zach



The number 8 ladybird by Grace

Music



with Mrs Long

All the classes have been very busy with their music tasks over the last few weeks and I have been so impressed with the work I have been sent. I've seen dances, paintings and drawings- even a film, complete with aliens and a space rocket- and I've heard you singing, clapping and playing your instruments and it has made me so happy!

Hummingbird and Jay have been listening and responding to music for both Night and Day, and I have seen a video of a lovely morning dance.

Classes Flamingo and Goldfinch have been on a voyage through Space, creating rhythm patterns and using an online Theremin to create the sounds Neil Armstrong would have heard inside the Apollo space craft, as he took an album of Theremin music with him on the voyage.

Eider have been writing their own verses for *What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor* and have been very inventive with their punishments- waking him up with the Captain's parrot, dunking him in the sea and sending him to the shops without any money!

Class Dove have been composing Mayan themed rhythm patterns and music, and have been using their own instruments or online panpipes to make it sound authentic, while Cuckoo have also been to Space, listening to film music and being detectives- spotting bits of other famous space themed music that had been borrowed by the composer, and then creating their own with a tone generator (which was excellent fun).

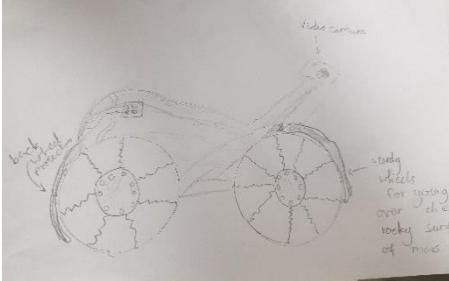
Budgerigar have also been listening and analysing film music to do with their topic of the Ancient Greeks, and this week have had a go at composing their own villain themes, and **Avocet** have also been composing Chinese themed music, listening to traditional Chinese instruments and even coming up with Dragon dances!

I can't wait to see what you might do next!

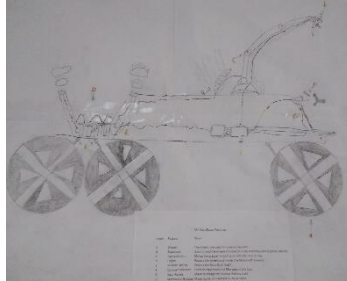
Mrs Long

News from Class Cuckoo

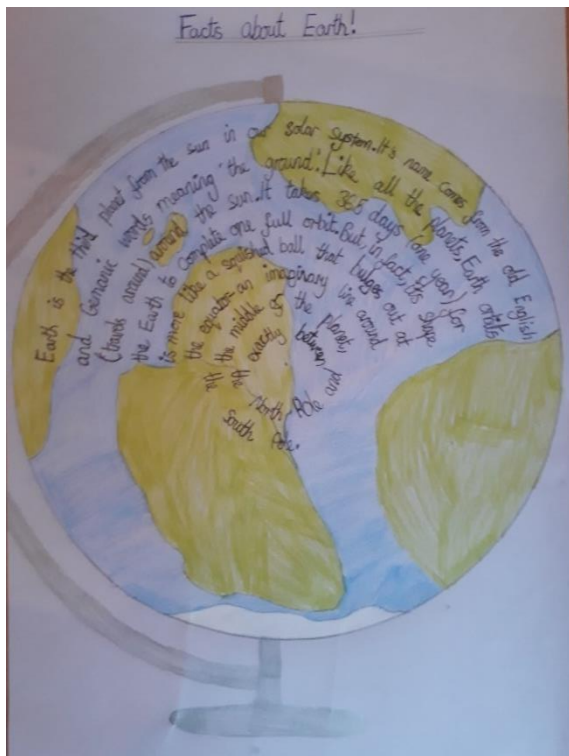
Our topic on Space has begun from home this term with a bang! After reading about Curiosity, the Mars rover, Class Cuckoo went on to design, make and evaluate a new Mars rover. I have been given some super top tips for anyone who wishes to make one themselves *including "Take your time, plan well, don't rush and add detail" Emily, "Be careful using hot tools" Oscar D and "Make sure you have all the materials you need and an adult nearby" Hema.* Great advice from experienced designers!



Joe



Charlotte's beautifully presented fact file on Planet Earth, and Henry's story based on a portal from a black Hole is full of excitement and fear at the same time!



The Portal

As the boy ran, he ducked debris that looked like it was being magnetically pulled into the portal. For years he had been trying to get away from the black hole that had turned his life upside down. He had been lost in there, catching glimpses of far away lands that sparkled and shone. But every time the boy got his fingers on the edge of the horrible whirling wind's entrance, the portal would swallow him back into the bright, yellow light. But tonight was the night. The night he would leave the portal. The night he had been waiting to arrive. It was going to be hard, he knew that. But it made him even more determined to get the things he wanted. Freedom and happiness.

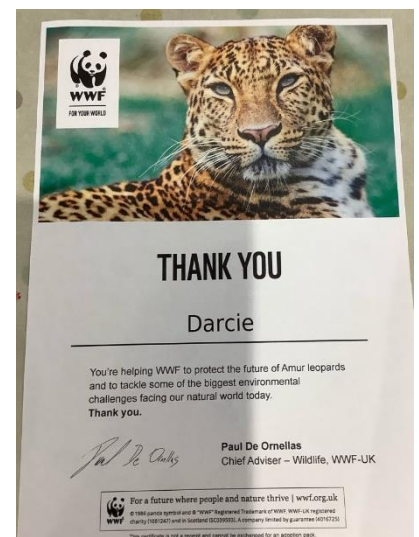
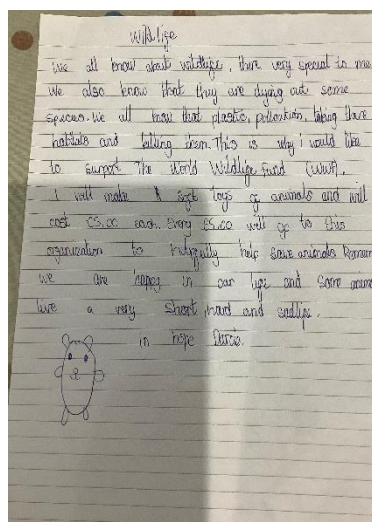
Finally, the boy reached the edge of the portal and leapt out, struggling to gain his balance before it could pull him back inside. Now he was speeding towards a door that was hanging open. The boy knew, after years of 'portal whirling', he knew that when a whirlwind of terror appeared, a door appeared also. If he could get through the door, he would be safe from the tornado of evil. However, the door couldn't stay open forever. After several moments, the door would close for that moment in time and he would have to face the wrath of the portal.

The boy could see the door coming closer. First just a blur, as though he was miles away, but then taking shape, allowing him to see the detail of it. The delicately carved handle, the patterns in the wood and the shape of the frame. This was definitely a door that had been made with care, but the splits and the cracks now running down it showed how ancient it was.

The boy raced past tumble down shops and smashed houses. Some of the buildings looked like they'd been hit by an enormous, giant fist that had then scattered the bricks and bits of wood. At one point he had to step onto a flying block of concrete to avoid it from hitting him. He could feel high winds trying to trip him up, but still he didn't allow himself to stop and relax. He knew on the other side of the door was his mother and father, waiting for him, wanting to welcome him back. At long last, the boy reached the door. Half crying with relief the other half with excitement, he put one foot into the frame. As sudden as a blink, his foot went through the pavement on the other side. In shock he lost his footing completely and tumbled through the open door. He threw his hands up, half expecting to hit his head on the sharp cobbles below him, but like his foot, he went through the destroyed street. A step closer to home.

By Henry C

In her own time Darcie has written a plan to raise money to support the World Wildlife Fund. She has made animal puppets from felt, with an information book on each animal and sold them for £5 each to help save animals. She chose to sponsor an Amur Leopard with the WWF, as they are the most endangered.



Mrs Evans

Safeguarding Keeping your Children Safe Online



Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe?

**The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents
Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with**



eSafetyTraining
'The 2 Johns'

Thursday 4th February 2021 starting at 8.00pm-9:30pm

These free parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021



To book your place now please call us on **0300 247 0014**
Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Services commissioned by:

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk



Keeping in Touch

As in the previous school closure, schools have been asked to ensure that we have regular contact with children and parents. The children will be taking part in at least weekly Google Meets with their teacher and we know that parents often make an appearance helping their children log in. Many of you have also been e-mailing teachers with questions.

To help us manage this “keeping in touch” responsibility, we would ask that once a week, you send your children’s class teachers a brief e-mail to say that you are okay or ask for help if you need it. Some of you will already be in regular contact with Mrs Trussell and with the school office but if we don’t hear from you, please don’t be offended if we phone just to see if the family is okay and if there is anything we can do to help. Please note that teachers may be using their home phones so the caller ID will be withheld.

For anything urgent or more serious, please phone the school office. It is manned from 8.30am – 4.30pm every week day and either Mrs Gooding or a senior member of staff will be on duty and able to help. We are here to support you!

Let’s work together to keep the children safe!

Community News

Danbury Park School continues to work with our local community and we will share with you each week information that we think families might find useful.

Danbury Library

Mrs Medcroft, Librarian, has asked to share the following information:

This February half term we're joining storyteller John Kirk for two online story hunt events for the family, completely free of charge!

A story hunt is an interactive adventure that takes the hunter into a world of wonder and imagination for 30 minutes of family fun. These events incorporate popular folk and fairy tales and are suitable for families with children aged 3+. Get ready for a virtual storytelling experience like no other as you take part in a story-led scavenger hunt that will turn your house upside down!

You can book session 1, Library Adventure, here: [Story Hunt session 1- The Library Adventure Tickets, Tue 16 Feb 2021 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

You're off to visit the library but, oh no, the librarian has had her door keys stolen by a hairy, scary monster. Go on an adventure to find the key thief and help save the day.

You can book session 2, Underwater Wonderland, here: [Story Hunt session 2- Under the Sea Adventure Tickets, Fri 19 Feb 2021 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

In this session you're deep-diving into an under the sea wonderland. What will you discover?

Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer Group

The Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer Group has set up a Get Danbury Walking initiative with the aim of seeing if villagers can replicate the feat of Phileas Fogg from the novel by Jules Verne by circumnavigating the globe in 80 days. You can submit your steps as a family. The Challenge is running from 1st Dec to 19th Feb. The link below shows total progress so far by villagers:

https://www.danburycorona.com/get-danbury-walking?fbclid=IwAR09dimieke1c26_TVCrjtu5QbD2NOWB0Vdfuiv7I6h3PgT3yU-7psbQ9QI

An added bit of fun is that people are encouraged to take a photo of something interesting on their walks and post it to the village facebook page with hashtag *getdanburywalking* with the question "Where am I?" People can then guess where you are. Here's the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/getdanburywalking>

Printing of Children's School Work

We have also heard that many local estate agents are supporting families by printing children's school work, many for free.

Those we know of are:

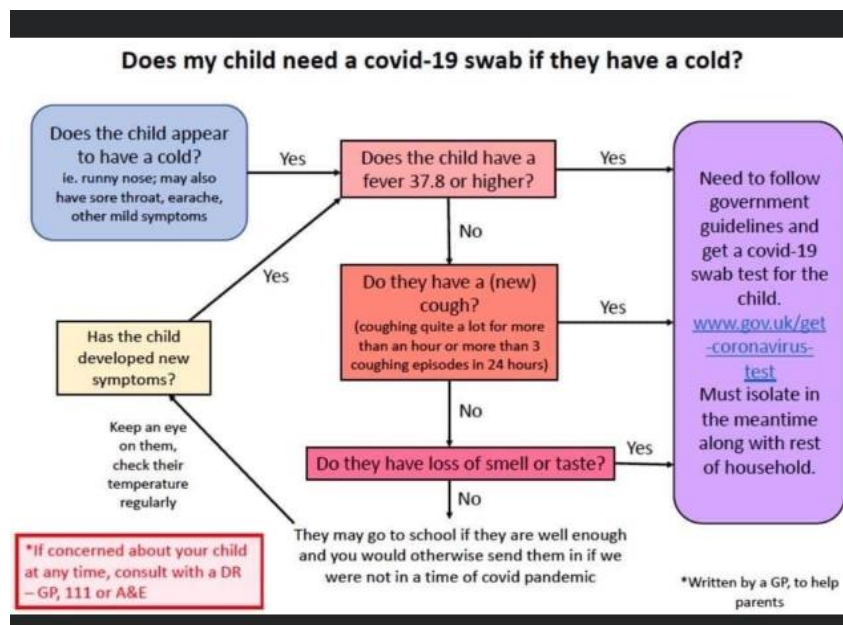
- Martin & Co, Unit 3, The Spinney, 121 Main Rd, Danbury, Chelmsford CM3 4DL
- Charles David Casson, Imperial House, Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1NY

If you know of any others please share the information with other families.

COVID-19 Support

Schools are still being asked to collect information for the government and even if your child is not eligible to be in school, we still need to be informed if your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is isolating due to being in direct contact with a case. You can do this by leaving a message on the school answer phone, speaking to the office staff or by e-mail.

We thought this might be useful to parents in trying to decide if their child needs a test.



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.

Even though school is only open to a small number of children, we may still have to close in adverse weather conditions.



'Wellbeing Wednesday' – Premier Education Home Schooling Support For Parents

Premier Education are working in partnership with our school to offer pupils an exciting 'Wellbeing' Virtual lesson delivered by Premier Education. Their experienced and qualified team will be hosting a series of Wellbeing virtual lessons that our school community can have FREE access to.

What is it?

The popular Wellbeing programme focuses on healthy living and lifestyles. They will allow pupils to explore the key 4 fundamentals of 'Eat well, Drink well, Move well and Sleep well'. This is great for cross curricular links such as Science, History, Geography and maths – all completed within a healthy lifestyles topic. The session will be suited for all ages and will allow parents and teachers to support their pupils learning from their own working environment.

When does it take place?

Sessions take place every Wednesday at 11am, until February half term, so add this to your home school timetable!

How do parents join if they are home schooling?

Parents can tune in to the session via the Facebook Live platform or Zoom link. Both can be found on Premier Educations Facebook page – Please like and Follow 'Premier Education – Norfolk & North Suffolk'.

How do I sign up?

Simply Like and Follow 'Premier Education – Norfolk & North Suffolk' on Facebook and join the live lesson on that coming Wednesday.

Premier look forward to seeing you on each Wednesday at 11am!

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week

The theme of Children's Mental Health Week this year is 'Express Yourself'. The aim is to encourage children to express themselves in a variety of ways. For example, expressing yourself can be about sharing your feelings, thoughts and ideas through creativity. Children could express how they feel through a piece of artwork or writing, or they could express it through a performance such as dance or drama.

An important part of this theme is that expressing yourself doesn't mean that you're the best at something. It's all about finding a way to show other people who you are and how you feel. It's about showing how you see the world and finding a way to 'express yourself' which feels good to you. Expressing yourself in a way that's unique to you is a great way to improve mental wellbeing.

Next week, we would like to encourage both children and adults to explore the different ways that we can express ourselves. It's time to get creative and express your feelings, thoughts and ideas, through poetry, song, dance, or whatever it is that interests you.

So please do take some time out of the busy week for some family time together!

Notification and Reminders

Free School Meals – Due to Covid-19 we understand that your circumstances may have changed or may change in the near future and you may now be eligible for free school meals. To check eligibility please contact Essex County Council on 0345 603 2200 or for more information and online application go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Nut allergies – Please do not include nuts of any kind including peanut butter in your child's lunch box due to the risk of severe allergic reactions. Thank you.

Danbury Food Bank - The Danbury Food Bank organised by the Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer group is continuing to operate and 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 Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2021

1st Half Term = 29 days at £2.25 = £65.25

2nd Half Term = 25 days at £2.25 = £56.25

Total for Spring Term = £121.50

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 and if possible for the whole half-term.** You will only pay for those meals that your child has and any credits will be carried forward to the next term. Thank you. Please note Key Stage 1 and EYFS are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Sweep The Floors With This Prize!

ROBOT BINGO

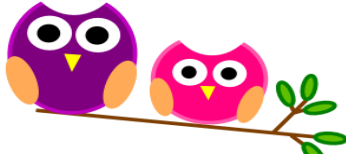
WIN

Landscape Robotic Lawnmower + Eufy BoostIQ RoboVac Cleaner

- Support your school this term
- Weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Ticket cost just £1 a week
- Help boost school funds when we need it most

To start supporting your school, go to:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk
and search for: Danbury Park Community Primary School

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 30th Feb. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).



DPSA News



School Tea-towels.



We still have a few tea-towels left so if you would like to order one please do so by using the form that was sent out or by emailing thedpsa2020@gmail.com and we will arrange to get one to you.

Children's Christmas Performance DVD

For this year only, as these last few months have been particularly exceptional and difficult for some, the DPSA has arranged to rent out the Christmas Performance DVD to those of you who were unable to get hold of a copy of it before the school holidays but would still like to see your child or children perform. It will cost £3 for 3 nights or £5 for a week to rent. Please email dpsadvdrental@hotmail.com and we can arrange a suitable time for collection and drop-off with you. Payment will be required at the time of you receiving the DVD.

Name Labels



Stikins are name labels for clothes and school equipment. They are a great way to ensure items are never lost again and they are very easy to use as they just stick in. The same label can be used for clothes, shoes, water bottles, etc. Visit the website www.stikins.co.uk to order and **use the code 5641** at the checkout and the DPSA will automatically receive a donation for our funds.

Co-op Community Cards



The Co-op are currently adding an extra 50% to the donations they make which is a huge boost to the fund-raising. Extra cards are available at the school office.

Online Shopping?



At this particularly challenging time for us all, please don't forget that over 4,100 shops and sites will donate to Danbury Park Community Primary School for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can support the school, when you get your groceries, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else online – at no extra cost to yourself! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE to use. Just visit: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/danburyparkcommunityprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n4

You just need an email address and a password to register. Every time you make a purchase on-line through the easyfundraising website the retailer donates a percentage to the school.



Please use this link to get to the Amazon Smile site (which is exactly the same as the main Amazon site) and shop raising funds for the DPSA. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/285968-0>

Second-hand School Uniform

Second-hand school uniform items - jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE kit - are now being sold via Natalie W so please let her know what you are looking for by emailing her at Westthorp222@mail.com and she will be able to let you know what is in stock and arrange to get it to you. Items are now selling from £2 each.

Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook and make sure you know what's happening when. Our page is constantly updated so you never forget things important things.

**Have a good weekend.
The DPSA**



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 1st February

Week 1 Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pasta Cucumber	(KS2 only) Jacket Potato	Shortbread Biscuit Fruit
Tuesday	Chicken Nuggets Or Quorn Dippers	Rice Sweetcorn	(KS2 only) Jacket Potato	Jelly Fruit
Wednesday	Pork Sausages Or Linda McCartney Vegetarian Sausages	Creamy Mash Baked Beans	(KS2 only) Jacket Potato	Chocolate Cake Fruit
Thursday	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	(KS2 only) Jacket Potato	Ice Cream Pot Fruit
Friday	Fish Fingers Or Vegetable Nuggets	Chips Peas	(KS2 only) Jacket Potato	Flapjack Fruit

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher



PUBLIC CONSULTATION -

NEW EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR DAWSON MEMORIAL FIELD

Danbury Parish Council are looking to enhance and improve the recreation facilities within our Village for our younger residents and we are looking for your views on the equipment proposed (as shown in images below)

How can you get involved?

Just fill in the form overleaf and return it to the Parish Office, Old School House, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ

Alternatively complete the Survey online via the link-
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R3T9TPV>

Please submit your completed questionnaire by
15 March 2021

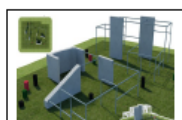


Image 1 - Parkour



Image 2 - Aerial Runway



Image 3 - Climbing



Image 4 - Trim Trail

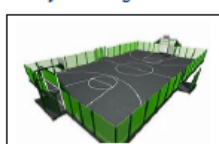


Image 5 - Multi use Games Area

Part 1 - Your Details

1. Name: 2. Contact Number:

3. Email Address:

4. Age Range: (Please circle) Under 10years 10 - 16years 16 - 21 years 21 years+

Part 2 - Type of Facility

Please indicate by circling the response for each image (for illustration only) as shown overleaf, the equipment you would be in favour of:

Parkour (Image 1)	YES	NO	Don't Know
Ariel Runway (Image 2)	YES	NO	Don't Know
Climbing (Image 3)	YES	NO	Don't Know
Trim Trail (Image 4)	YES	NO	Don't Know
Multiuse Games Area (Image 5)	YES	NO	Don't Know

Part 3 - Additional Comments

Please let us know if there are any other types of recreational facilities you wish the Parish Council to consider:

Part 4 - Data Protection

I consent for my data and information to be collected and stored for the purpose of being contacted and to process my interest into activities in Danbury. This data will be processed by Danbury Parish Council. Your data will be stored for up to 12 months and will be anonymised thereafter. Your data will not be shared with a third party. You can request that your information is deleted at any time. Data will be processed and held securely and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018 (and any updates).

Signed:

Date:





















Online Activities

1st to 26th February 2021 via Microsoft Teams

You can access Microsoft Teams via the internet or download the app



Note: By booking a place, you are giving your consent to share any interactions you use during the online session with other participants, eg. Video streaming and audio content. Participants are required to use their camera and use headphones during the cyp virtual session.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>10 AM</u>	Mindfulness and Relaxation Families 	Self-Care For You Mixed ages CYP 	Staying Active Families 	Self-Care For You Parents 	Yoga Families 
<u>12 PM</u>	Conflict resolution and managing anger 13-19 	Staying Safe in a Virtual World Mixed ages CYP 	Strong Resilience and emotional wellbeing 13-19 	Boot camp Mixed ages CYP 	Lets get Arty Mixed Ages CYP 
<u>2 PM</u>	Creative Creations Mixed Ages CYP 	Strong Resilience and emotional wellbeing 8-12 	Conflict resolution and managing anger 8-12 	One Community 13-19 	
<u>4 PM</u>	Coping through Covid Families 	Yoga Families 	Family Fun Families 	Staying Active Families 	

To book your place, please check out our website; www.childrenssociety.org.uk/east/services/safe-in-essex or contact Essexreferrals@childrenssociety.org.uk

Safe in Essex Advice Line 10am – 2pm: 07725 639571 (if unanswered, leave a message and someone will contact you)