



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

30th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Eloise T- Bronze

Certificates will be presented in class by Mrs Gooding

Weekly Update

This week was the turn of the EYFS children in Class Hummingbird to help with the planting in their garden area. We planted lots of different herbs so that we can enjoy not only their different coloured leaves but also their smell and taste. We hope in due course, the flowers will attract the bees.



We also planted some seeds to grow into tomato plants and these we left in the classroom as we know that they need warmth and light to grow well before they are strong enough to plant outside. The children will be taking care of them and watering them.

Life is settling down now into what feels like more of a routine. We are making the most of the outdoors and taking some of our lessons outside. This helps the children stay more active and engaged and breaks up the time sitting at tables in the classrooms. The weather is still very changeable and the wind can be chilly with sudden showers, so please remember to send your child in with their coat. Today we are all attempting the national Daily Mile Challenge which I am sure we can complete with ease and we know some children will exceed one mile by doing more at lunchtimes.

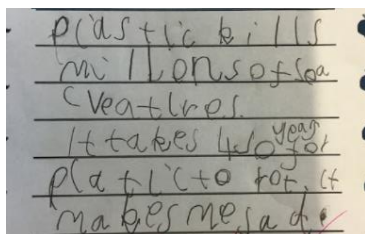
I hope you have a restful Bank Holiday Monday.

Earth Day

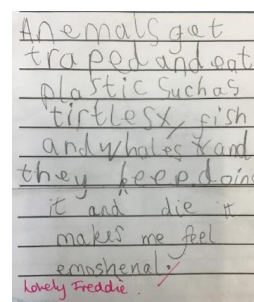


The children in **Class Jay** thought about how they could care for our planet and they showed their commitment by each placing a handprint on a circle to represent the Earth and then writing their pledges on hearts.

Class Hummingbird really enjoyed learning about World Earth Day. Every child made a pledge, we learnt about the recycling, reduce, and reuse.



Charlie B



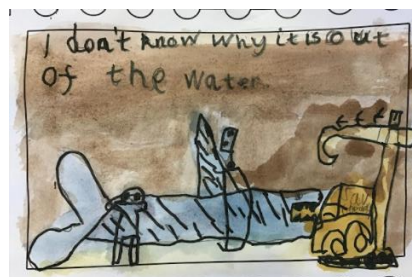
Freddie G

We mixed shaving foam with blue and green paint to replicate the earth.

We designed stamps and learnt some facts about how plastic affects the sea creatures.



Rosie



Sidney



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair

On Friday the children in Class Cuckoo led the whole school zoom assembly by explaining our plastic recycling project. Next week the bins will arrive and then we will check each fortnight how much plastic is being recycled and what sort of items we could reduce the usage of or replace with, a more environmentally friendly alternative.

We also launched our crisp packet recycling scheme. We now have a large black bin by the front entrance to the school to collect empty crisp packets. These are harder to recycle than other items so we are working with the Danbury Community Group as a collection point. The children in Class Cuckoo have designed posters and these will go up next week. We are happy for families to bring their crisp packets to put in the bin before or after school and we will collect any from lunch boxes at lunchtimes.

Our World, Our Future

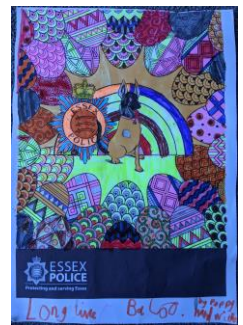


We are busy collating all the data we collected over the past two weeks about how we travel to school. Next week we will let you know which class has the highest percentage of children and families walking to school and we will compare ourselves to other schools who took part so we can gauge how well we are doing. This will help us think about what more we could do.

As part of this project, we have been reviewing the number of cars now using the Danbury Outdoors car park in the mornings and have decided that the children in classes A, B and C will be safer queueing in the playground whilst they wait for their teachers. **The children still need to follow the staggered start times and stay in their bubbles** and they will go straight into the playground to line up when the gate is opened. We are sorry but at this time, we still cannot invite parents onto the school site at the end of the day. We would remind parents that younger siblings should be kept under close supervision as the waiting area is a car park and there may be vehicular movement at any time.

Talented and Caring Children

Poppy (class E) and Amber H (class G) recently won a colouring competition hosted by Essex Police, so on Sunday they were paid a visit by 3 police officers and 2 police dogs. The girls had a great time meeting PD Tex and PD Chip, and asked the officers lots of questions about their roles.



Well done Poppy and Amber. What an exciting visit!

Jessica S in Class Jay wrote to the Queen to express her sadness when Prince Philip passed away. Yesterday she received a card in response which she was so excited about.

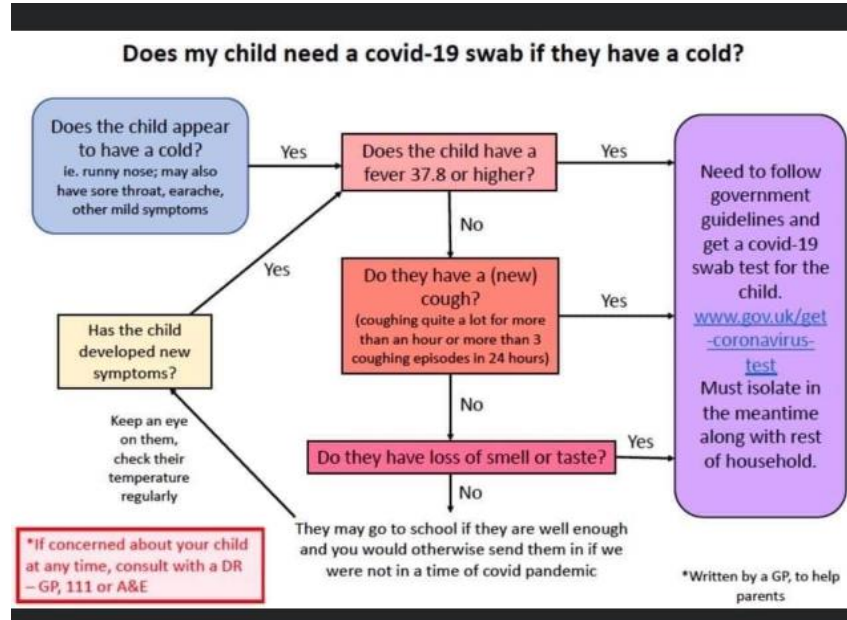
We are so impressed at how considerate and thoughtful Jessica was. We are so proud of you for thinking of others.



COVID-19 Support

Now that we are back in school and households are mixing within class bubbles, it is vital that parents are vigilant for signs of COVID and act promptly. Please inform us if your child has suspected COVID or tests positive for COVID-19.

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



Safeguarding

The 2 Johns

The 2 Johns are planning on going ahead with the online safety workshops for the children, staff and for parents on 9th June. However, these will have to be delivered remotely. Parents will be issued with a link for a zoom meeting which will take place in the evening after the children have gone to bed. We would urge at least one parent from every family to join as you will be surprised and shocked at what you don't know but need to know, if you are to help your child navigate the online world. Please reserve the date!

More details to come nearer the time.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!



Please remember to support our School lottery. The funds raised help us proceed with projects such as the EYFS outdoor area that otherwise we couldn't afford!

Children's Well-being



PHEW!

Parenting Help for Emotional Wellbeing



"I cannot stop worrying"
"I don't want to go to school"
"They don't seem very happy"
"They seem to be unable to cope with their emotions,
and I don't know how to help them"

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing service are offering a 30 minute virtual appointment for you to discuss your current challenges and offer strategies to best support your child or young person's emotional wellbeing.

We can signpost you to online resources and recommend services that best support your child or young person's needs.



Last **Monday** of the Month (excluding Bank Holidays)
Appointments available throughout the day
Please contact 0300 247 0014 to book

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

Services commissioned by:



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>

Ink Pens – If your child has their pen licence, could you please make sure that they have their ink pen and cartridges in school. We hold a stock of the small cartridges but these do not fit Parker or Lamy pens. Ink pens are available from the school office at a cost of £1.50.

PE Kit – Please ensure that your child has their full kit in school. Whilst the weather is getting warmer, it can be chilly first thing so the children do need a PE sweatshirt to wear.

Letters/Parentmail sent out this week



Class Topic Letters



Year 3 & 4 Swimming lesson update letter

School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2021

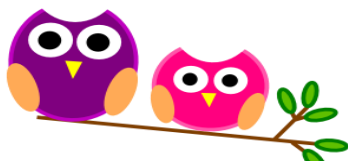
1st Half Term: 12th April – 28th May 2021 (excluding May 3rd) = 34 days at £2.25 = £76.50

2nd Half Term: 8th June – 21st July 2021 = 32 days at £2.25 = £72.00

Total for the Summer Term = £148.50

Please send monies in with your child via the book bags in a named envelope making cheques payable to **Danbury Park Primary School**. Please note the change of payee as we now have our own bank account and no longer come under the ECC umbrella.

This change also means that meals should be paid for in advance 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.



DPSA News



Adventure Island Wrist Bands Vouchers - valid until the end of 2021



DPSA Adventure Island wristband vouchers are now available to buy from the main tills at the Danbury Co-op. The Co-op are kindly doing this to support the school free of charge and each time we sell a voucher we raise much needed funds for the school. The vouchers are again exceptionally good value as they are **now £15 each** and there is only one band for all ages - you are saving £5 per voucher on the internet price and £10 on the 'on the day' price. Height restrictions do still apply on the individual rides.

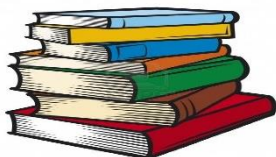


Adventure Island is now open (check their website for times) and all vouchers bought can be exchanged at any time in 2021 for a wristband at the Adventure Island entrance. Anyone can buy them so please do spread the word to neighbours, work colleagues, family and friends.

Second-hand School Uniform

Second-hand school uniform items - jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE kit - are 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 selling from £2 each. Any donations can be left in bags under the counter at the school office.

The Big Childrens' Book Collection



The Big Book Collection of donated children's books over the last couple of years has added **several hundred books** to the school library. If you have any **good quality books or audio CDs** your children no longer use or have outgrown please leave them in a bag in the box by the school office. We are looking for all types of books in good condition from Early Years Foundation up to year 6 - fiction, poetry, non-fiction. Thank you.

Co-op loyalty cards



If you use a community card at the Co-op in Danbury or at the Quadrant in Chelmsford, the school will receive a financial contribution for every transaction made. Cards are available at the school office.

Stikins Name Labels



Stikins name labels are a great way to ensure items are never lost again. They are very easy to use as they just stick in and they do stay in place through multiple washing cycles. 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 we will automatically receive a donation for our funds.

Other ways to help raise money for the school



Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook to make sure you know what's happening and when.

If you'd like to join our team organizing events and raising money for the school, please message us on Facebook and we'll be in touch.

**Have a good weekend.
The DPSA**



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 3rd May

Week 1 Monday Bank Holiday				
Tuesday	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages or Vegan Sausages	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans Peas Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Tart and custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Turkey in gravy or roasted Quorn fillet in gravy both with Yorkshire Pudding	Mini Roast Potatoes Carrots Cauliflower Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Peaches and Ice Cream with wafer Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets or Macaroni Cheese	White and Wholegrain Rice Sweetcorn Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Omelette	Chips Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Red Velvet Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 3rd May 2021

Mon 3rd

Bank Holiday

Tues 4th

3.20 - 4.20pm

Class A Multi-Sports

Weds 5th

2.45pm

3.20 - 4.20pm

Let's Present

Class D Multi-Sports

Thurs 6th

3.20 - 4.20pm

Class G Multi-Sports

Fri 7th

2.45pm

Daily Mile Challenge

Whole school assembly via zoom

Full term dates for this academic year 2020-21 and for next 2021-22 are available on the school website. Dates for this term will follow shortly once we have a clearer understanding of what and how school events can be held during this time.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher