



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

21st July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Oscar L - Silver Isabelle M - Topaz Ophelia S - Topaz Lucy C-S - Ruby

Congratulations also to **Freddie P** who finally played his postponed tennis final yesterday and won the 2020 aged 8 and under Championship at Danbury Tennis Club.

Reading certificates were presented in class by Mrs Gooding

Final Thoughts on the Year!



Today we say goodbye not only to our Year 6 children but also to some long-serving members of staff: Mrs Trussell, Our SENCO and Pastoral Manager, Mrs Wainwright, Class B's LSA, and Mrs Clarke, Class F's LSA, are all retiring and together have amassed over 50 years' service to the school! Mrs Rackliff, Class D's LSA and H's HLTA, is moving on for promotion and an exciting new challenge. They have all enjoyed being part of a supportive and happy team working for the benefit of the children. Their highlights all revolve around those special moments, which we experience when working with children, when something finally "clicks" and that one child says, "I've got it!" Mrs Wainwright and Mrs Clarke have both promised to come back to help as volunteers so it will be good to still have them and their expertise around. We wish them all the very best!

Our Leavers' Assembly was a little depleted as the virus continues to work its way through our community but we were pleased this year to be able to invite family members to join us. The children shared with us their memories on starting school, recent activities and their aspirations for the future. We are very proud of them and know that they will continue to work hard and achieve well whatever they do.

I hope that you all have a healthy and restful summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

Sports Day Activities

Sadly we felt that we could not safely invite families to join us for Sports Day this year but over the past few days the children have been outside in their bubbles, a few at a time, taking part in the traditional carousel of activities competing against each other and within their houses.



Class Jay



Class Avocet



Class Budgerigar



Class Flamingo



Class Goldfinch



Class Dove



Class Cuckoo



Class Hummingbird



Class Eider

Despite the rising temperatures, the children had a great time. They enjoyed the freedom of being outside and having fun with their class mates and it was a great end to the year.

Our World, Our Future!



Class Goldfinch

As part of our whole school sustainability project, Class Goldfinch have been busy researching about bees and their important role.

Our display, 'Be a bee friend' demonstrates just some of the information the children have learnt this term.

They were very keen to help the bees so have grown some bee friendly flowers.

We planted the seeds just before the May half-term and this is the end result!

The class were very quick to spot the different colours of the flowers. They immediately told me how much the bees will love them as they are different tones of blue, purple and pinks!

The children have taken good care of their plants and, were excited when they saw bees visiting the flowers last week!



Harvest Time!

Yesterday in Class Goldfinch, we harvested our crops of potatoes. Earlier in the year, we planted six seed potatoes.

There were two varieties grown, one of them was called 'Rocket', which we thought was great and it linked well with our Spring term topic on space!

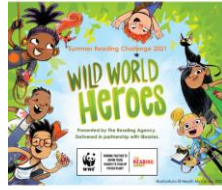
We thought that we would have a lot of potatoes but were surprised at the small number the plants produced. It made us realise how many potato plants must be planted to give us all of the potatoes we buy and each eat week!

Although it was not a lot of potatoes, we are proud of our achievements.



Summer Reading Challenge

Saturday 10 July – Tuesday 31 August 2021



Mrs Medcroft joined us recently for a special assembly to tell us all about the Summer Reading Challenge and asked us to pass on this information:

The Wild World Heroes are coming to a library near you this summer!

We're teaming up with World Wildlife Fund for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

Our Wild World Heroes live in Wilderville, a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there.

The challenge runs from Saturday 10 July to Tuesday 31 August in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries.

Children are being asked to read 6 books to help the Wilderville children make a difference to the environment. As they read library books, they will collect stickers for their folder. After reading 6 books they earn their certificate and medal.

Children can read any library book of their choice; fiction, non-fiction, picture books or books they share with parents and carers – they all count. The under threes are not forgotten with a special version of Wild World Heroes just for them.

The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered by libraries and produced by The Reading Agency. It is open to all children, free of charge.

Supporting our Local Community

Danbury Parish Council's Play Equipment Project has been selected to take part in the Tesco Community Grant Scheme whereby shoppers get given a token to place against one of three projects in store with the highest scoring project being awarded £1,500 towards the cost of its project.

The stores taking part are the Danbury Express, Burnham on Crouch Express and Maldon Extra.

So when you are shopping, please support our community!



- Help us raise essential school funds
- Tickets cost just £1 a week each
- Cash prize winner EVERY week
- You could even win the £25,000 jackpot!

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

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing date for entries: 17th July 2021

School Lottery

The School Lottery has been running now for nearly two years but we do need to boost the number of supporters in order to keep the prize fund level up and to maximise the donations to school.

The funds raised help us proceed with projects such as the EYFS outdoor area that otherwise we couldn't afford! We always have more that we want to do and now we would like to enhance our stocks of KS2 reading books and also Maths resources throughout the school.

Please remember to support our School lottery.

We would like to say a big thank you to those parents who over the years have donated their winnings back to the school. We are very grateful!

School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2021

1st Term: 2nd September – 21st October 2021 = 36 days at £2.25 = **£81.00**

2nd Half Term: 1st November – 17th December 2021 = 35 days at £2.25 = **£78.75**

Total for Autumn Term = £159.75

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. Please note Key Stage 1 and EYFS are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Midday Assistant Vacancies

We still have vacancies within our Midday Team for Thursdays and Fridays. If you are interested in working with the children during the lunchtime period, please call into the office for an application form and more details.



Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of the academic year it is traditional to look back and review all that has happened, which is important because it enables all of us to learn from past events, 'bounce back, bounce higher', and look forward to September 2021 with, perhaps, a new normality. Parents, pupils and staff coped admirably with remote learning and the high standards of Danbury Park have continued thanks to the dedication of the staff. We have become a beacon school for introducing and implementing a programme of sustainability for all pupils – a wonderful achievement alongside the solar panels installation, and recycling and fuel efficiency projects initiated by the Headteacher, the pupils, staff and Essex County Council.

Governors have continued to support the school whenever possible and practicable. Committee meetings have been conducted on Zoom and the following recorded:-

Curriculum and Pupil Related – Chair, Mrs.Katherine Moulding

- 🦉 The committee has examined the use of the "Bounce Back" Covid19 catch-up funding to support the pupils' curriculum recovery work. We received reports from the English and Maths Subject Leaders on enhancements they are implementing to these curriculums.
- 🦉 We approved the Year 6 residential trip for 2022 and the updated Terms of Reference for the committee.

Resources – Chair, Mr.Rak Rehal

- 🦉 Focus on this Academic year has been working with the school to ensure that new Financial Processes are in place.
- 🦉 Conducting a series of Health and Safety reviews.
- 🦉 Continuous reviews of the school's facilities to ensure they support the outstanding education Danbury Park offers.
- 🦉 Ensuring Financial Stability of the school

Personnel – Chair, Mr.Peter Irvine

- 🦉 The committee were pleased to note that a replacement for Mrs.Trussell, SENCO and Pastoral Manager, has been recruited from September: Mrs.Katishe Macey.
- 🦉 It was noted that staff welfare and wellbeing are a key element of the Personnel Committee's role, especially over the last 18 months.
- 🦉 Despite Covid disruptions, Staff have still carried out a significant amount of CPD training online, which is of benefit to the pupils and school.

We are bidding farewell this year to Mrs.D.Trussell, our SENCO and Pastoral Manager, and Mrs.P.Eagar, our clerk, as well as Mrs.Wainwright and Mrs Clarke, our long serving LSAs and Mrs Sullivan, Senior MDA as they are all retiring, whilst Mrs Rackcliff, LSA, is leaving us for a new challenge. They have all made significant contributions to Danbury Park over many years and we wish them every happiness in the future. The Governors hope that you will have a safe and very enjoyable summer break.

Brenda Wray, Chair of Governors

Notification and Reminders



Medication - All pupil medication will be sent home with the pupils on the last day of school. Please check their bookbags.

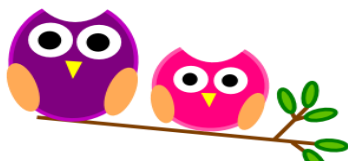
Ink Pens – if you have provided your child with a Lamy pen to use in school, please could you ensure that they have sufficient ink cartridges as well. School has a stock of the smaller cartridges which fit the pens sold in the school office but we do **not** have the larger ones for Lamy or Parker pens.

School Reading Books - Can parents please check at home for any school reading books? We are missing quite a few new books from the infant selection. Thank you!

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>

Letters/Parentmail sent out this week

-  COVID notification arrangements from 19th July
-  Arrangements for September 2021



DPSA News



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

Stuck for things to do with the kids this summer? DPSA Adventure Island wristband vouchers are now available to buy from the main tills at the Danbury Co-op for **only £15 each**, saving £10 on the 'on the day' price. Wristbands can be used at any time up to the end of 2021. 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.



Anyone can buy them so please do spread the word to neighbours, work colleagues, family and friends.

Dates for the diary 2021



- Saturday 11th September – Little Baddow Festival (tickets available online at <https://littlebaddowfestival.co.uk>)
- Monday 13th September (before school) – Bag2School
- Monday 13th September (after school) – Bouncy Castle Day
- Friday 24th September – School Disco

Bouncy Castle Day –Monday 13th September (after school)

After school on Monday 13th September the DPSA will be hosting a Bouncy Castle Day in the school field. Wrist bands are available to purchase in advance at £7.50 each / £14 for two / £20 for three.

Payments should be made directly to the following account but please remember to email dpsa2020@yahoo.com to let us know you've paid. Account Name: **Danbury Park School Association**; Sort Code **20-19-95**; Account Number: **03049310**; Reference: **Your child's name**. We will ensure you receive your wristbands before the event. Wrist bands will also be available to buy on the day at £8 each. Everyone welcome so please feel free to bring friends and family along!

Volunteers & Raffle Prizes Needed

We need the assistance of some willing volunteers for the following events, so please get in touch if you can help:

- Little Baddow Festival: a total of 6 parents to do an hour shift each between 1pm and 4pm.
- School Disco: any help you can offer would be gratefully received. Please contact dpsa2020@yahoo.com or your class rep if you can help or contact us via Facebook.
- We would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to donate a raffle prize. If you or your business have anything you would like to offer, please get in touch.

Second-hand School Uniform

Second-hand school uniform items - jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE kit - are now being sold via Natalie W. Let Natalie know what you are looking for by emailing her at Westthorp222@mail.com and she will be able to tell you 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 @DanburyParkDPSA to make sure you know what's happening and when.

**Thank you for your continued support over the last year. We couldn't have done it without you.
Good luck to all the year 6 children moving on to their new schools we shall miss you!**

**Have a lovely summer break and we all look forward to seeing you again in September.
The DPSA**



Owl's Barn School Meals

From 2nd September 2021

Summer Menu Week 1

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 2nd September 2021

Thurs 2nd

8.50am

School gates open for the start of the Autumn Term

Friday 3rd

Full term dates for the academic years 2021-22 and 2022-23 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

Play in the PARK



Play in the Park with us this Summer!

**FREE multi-activity sessions
for children aged 3-11 years.**

Each two hour long session is packed full of sports, games, arts and crafts. Selected sessions will also feature special 'Extras' such as; bouncy castles, face painting and a petting zoo!



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DANBURY DATES:

Mondays 2nd & 8th August and
Thursday 6th August

Morning Session 10.30am to 12.30pm
Afternoon Session 1.30pm to 3.30pm

General activities of sports,
games and crafts at all sessions.

Plus large inflatable assault course, parkour
and skateboard & scooter lessons at
selected sessions. Full details & to book:
www.chelmsford.gov.uk/play

Dates

Monday 2nd August 10.30am to 12.30pm Parkour plus general Play in the Park session (variety of activities)

Monday 2nd August 1.30pm to 3.30pm general Play in the Park session

Thursday 5th August 10.30am to 12.30pm general Play in the Park session

Thursday 5th August 1.30pm to 3.30pm Inflatable Assault Course plus general Play in the Park session

Monday 9th August 10.30am to 12.30pm skateboard and scooter lessons plus general Play in the Park session

Monday 9th August 1.30pm to 3.30pm general Play in the Park session