



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have passed their reading award this week:

Isabella F – **Ruby**

Oscar N - **Diamond**

Jacob W- **Diamond**

Charlotte N - **Topaz**

Reading certificates will be presented in class or at your child's Class Assembly.

Congratulations also to the following pupils who have passed theatre exams:

Freya B – LAMDA solo Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 all with Distinction and Musical Theatre Entry Level

Weekly Update

On Thursday our Year 6 children joined with pupils from St John's Primary School to pay our respects and lay a wreath at the war memorial. This is always a poignant occasion and as ever the children were great ambassadors for the school.



The junior children have embraced the opportunity at lunch time to take part in the Daily Mile and Mrs Williams, Mrs Fox and Mrs Day, our Get Active Promoters, regularly introduce competitions between the classes and year groups. Classes Avocet through to Eider took part in last week's daily mile challenge which was to jog as many laps of the track as possible! Class Cuckoo were our winners completing 819 laps which equates to 103 miles! Class Dove were a close second with 787 laps equating to 99 miles! The Daily Mile encourages the children to get active and enjoy the fresh air and we are pleased that so many take part.

Sadly Mrs Linda Biggs, one of our long serving Midday Assistants and member of the cleaning team is retiring at the beginning of next month. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Divali

This week Mrs Thakkar, one of our Learning Support Assistants, shared with the EYFS children the story of Divali and how her family celebrate. The children dressed up in traditional clothes and enjoyed making patterns. They also enjoyed some festive treats.



Friday 19th November

Friday 19th November is Children in Need day and we are inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform wearing something spotty or stripy if possible in return for a donation (suggestion £1) to the charity. **On this occasion we are not doing wacky hair or make-up** – that will come in the Spring Term when we dress up for World Book Day!

Safeguarding

We would like to remind parents about the great work that the NSPCC do to support children and families. They have some excellent resources online particularly about how to open up the conversations about personal safety and to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. Please take some time to look at their website particularly *talk pants*:

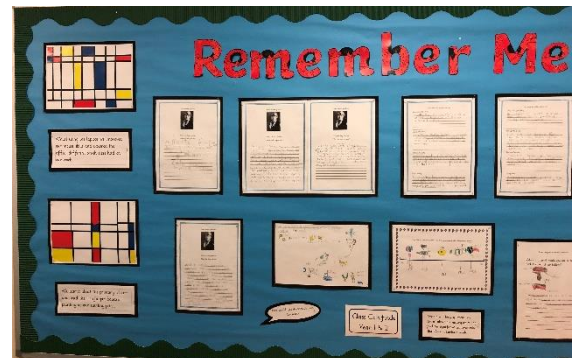
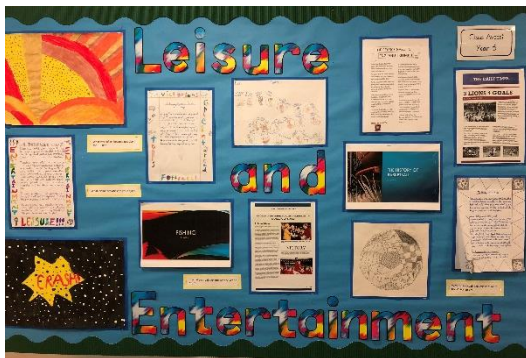
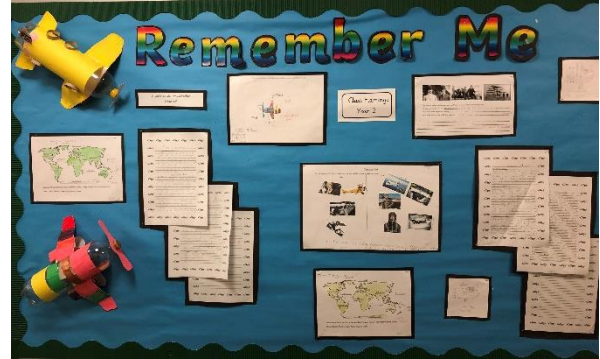
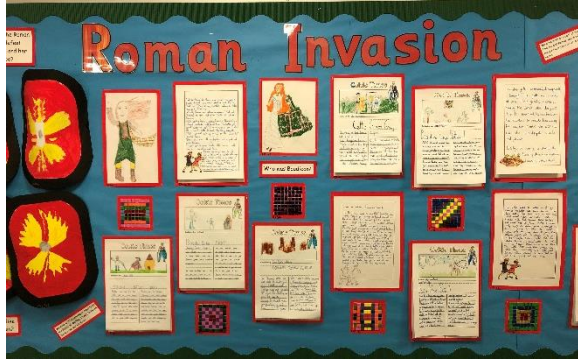
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

We hope to do some work with them in the summer term.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Our Topic Work

At the beginning of this half-term the teachers changed the displays in the main hall and the corridor leading down to classes Goldfinch, Hummingbird and Jay. This time we chose to reflect the topic work that has been taking place in school since September. The displays show the wide breadth of the curriculum and the variety of subjects that we try to connect through the topic so that the children can pull their learning together cohesively and in a meaningful way.



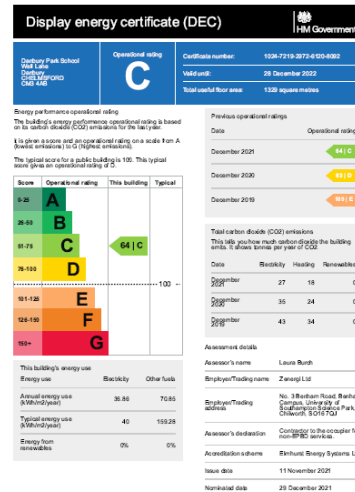
The children in Class Budgerigar presented their class assembly last Friday and they did a fantastic job of sharing their writing, drama and art work as seen in their *Alice in Wonderland* display. I am sure you will agree that the children have obviously worked very hard, enjoyed their topic and that the displays look great!

Our World, Our Future

We are pleased to announce that our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint are having an effect and we have received our recent Energy Certificate showing that we have moved from D to C which is a big step forward.

The link to our school's contribution to the Essex Climate Change project is available on:
<https://youtu.be/hsQDd86SBBE>

You will see that our children are very thoughtful, reflective and care about their future.



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:
 NHS
 Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

COVID-19 Support

The Local Authority has updated their guidance to Covid 19 in school aged children. A parentmail was sent out on 1st November 2021 detailing this information which should help parents and gives advice on what should be done in the case of your child having COVID or being a close contact of someone with Covid 19.

Being Considerate to our Neighbours

This week we have been contacted by one of our neighbours asking that children and parents respect their private property in Well Lane and refrain from climbing up the grass bank and walking along and then behind the large tree where they have placed fencing. Sadly they have witnessed children pull this down and walk behind it to get behind the tree. Their biggest concern is the children's safety as there are many low level and sharp branches that could cause serious injury to a child and/or their eyes.

As this is happening at the beginning and end of the school day and the children are in uniform, they are easily identifiable as being a member of our school. We would ask that parents talk to the children and help them respect our neighbours' property.

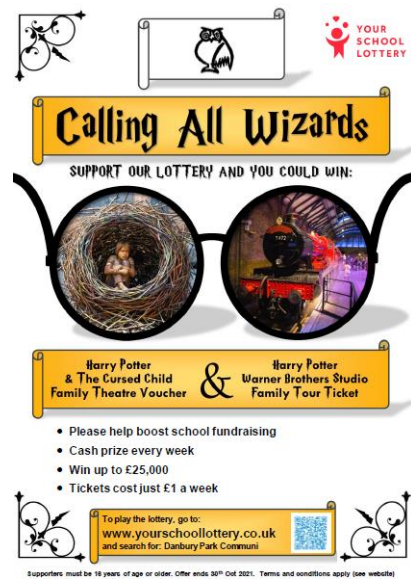
School Lottery

The School Lottery has been running now for two years and we would like 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.

Support our school and buy your chance to win here -

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/danbury-park-community-primary-school>



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!




Notification and Reminders

Dogs – Dogs are not permitted on school premises unless they are a registered support dog for those members of our community with disabilities. They should not be brought into the school entrance area leading down to the playground gate or onto the playground.

Coats – The weather will start to turn cooler and it looks as if it will be rainy next week. Please make sure that your child has their coat with them as we will still go out to play even if it is drizzling.

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

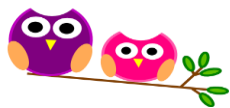
-  Parentmail - Pay360 – online payment system for school dinners.
-  Year 6 - Parent meeting for the York School Journey trip.
-  Flu Immunisation Leaflet - Reminder for parents to fill in details online. Vaccination to take place 1st December.

Applications for School Admissions September 2022
Reminder for Pre-school Parents

The statutory closing date for applications from parents of preschool children for a school place in the Reception year group from September 2022 is **15th January 2022**.

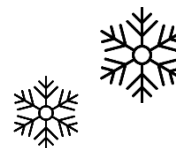
Full information is available on the Essex County Council website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The application round opens on Monday 8th November and all applications are made via this site.



Dates for the Diary

- * 04/12/21 – 12 noon to 2pm – Christmas Fayre
- * 13/12/21 – Filming of the Christmas Plays
- * 28/01/21 – School Disco (All years)
- * 26/03/21 – Easter Egg Hunt



Design Your Own Monster Competition

Thanks again to all the children who entered the competition! We're thrilled to announce the winners are:

- * EYFS/ KS1 – Eliza S (Class F)
- * KS2 – Abbie G (Class C)

Congratulations Eliza and Abbie, your very own monsters are being created and will be with you soon!

DPSA Christmas Fayre – 4th December 2021 – 12 noon to 2pm

This year the Christmas Fayre will be slightly different, as we're planning to have lots of indoor and outdoor fun, so remember to wrap up warm!

In addition to our normal festivities, we'll also have inflatables on the school field along with a Snowman hunt!

We've had some amazing donations for the Raffle so thank you to those who have contributed so far. Tickets are being sent out in bookbags this week, but we have plenty more available from the school office if you need them. Raffle Prizes include the following;

1st Prize - £100 Cash (Donated by Church & Hawes)

2nd Prize - £75 John Lewis Voucher (Donated by Victoria Louise Property)

3rd Prize – Dulce Gusto Coffee Machine (Donated by the Flatman family)

Other prizes: dog grooming session, podiatry voucher, fitness classes, Totes gifts, gin, wine, John Lewis vouchers, Kelly Bronze turkey, donations from The Bell and The Generals Arms, Peaches Beauty voucher, Nail voucher, Stikins labels, B&Q vouchers, Robinsons Fish & Chips, and a trip to the Bicknacre Tea Rooms!

We Need You!

We still need your help with donations, gifts, and chocolate for the Christmas Fayre so if you can help with any of the following please get in touch:

- * **A volunteer to be Santa (costume provided)**
- * Unwanted Christmas Jumpers
- * Wrapped multipack chocolates and adult gifts (ie toiletries, alcohol etc) for the tombola
- * Secret room gifts – where children choose and wrap a secret gift for parents and grandparents
- * Good quality toys and children's books / DVDs
- * Cake bakers for the refreshments stall
- * Helpers for an hour on the day



If you would like to help, please get in touch at DPSA2020@yahoo.com.

Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

All DPSA news and events are regularly updated on our Facebook page @DanburyParkDPSA.

Have a good weekend - The DPSA



Week 3

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 15th November 2021

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake or (V) Cheddar Whirl	French Bread Cucumber Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Sponge and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Mild Chilli Con Carne or (V) Vegan Mince Chilli Con Carne	White/Wholegrain Rice Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Chocolate Shortbread Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Turkey and Sage Onion Stuffing in Gravy or (V) Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Roasted Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Mousse Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce or (V) Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Cranberry Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Finger Bun Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

School Lunches - Costs for Autumn Term 2021

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

Please pay monies for the rest of the term as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

Our new online payment system for parents is now available. Please look out for the Pay360 Education email and follow the instructions to activate your account.

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 15th November 2021

Mon 15th

1.25pm-3.25pm

Classes A & B Hockey sessions

Tues 16th

9.30-10.30am

Prospective parent tour (please note places must be booked in advance through the school office)

Weds 17th

2.50pm

***Let's Present* in classes**

Thurs 18th

Fri 19th

2.45pm

Children in Need

Class Dove Assembly

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding
Headteacher

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Dates for Autumn Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
November		
16 th	9.30am or 10.30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
19 th		Children in Need
	2.45pm	Class D Assembly
24 th	9.15am	Class H & J – Animal Encounters – in class visit
26 th	2.45pm	Class F Assembly
Week beg 29 th Nov		Whole School Assessment Week
December		
1 st	9am	Flu Immunisation –whole school
3 rd	2.45pm	Class G Assembly
4 th	tbc	DPSA Christmas Fayre
8 th	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
13 th	tbc	Filming of Christmas Plays
14 th	tbc	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play
15 th	tbc	KS2 Christmas Play
16 th	tbc	KS2 Christmas Play
17 th	Pm	Christmas Party
		End of Term

Spring Term 2022		
8 th February	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes
10 th February	tbc	Parent Consultations – all classes