



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

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18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Eloise T-Silver Caleb H-Ruby Harry B- Emerald Ryan H- Emerald

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies during the term.

Weekly Update

Book Fortnight has been a great success with the children really enjoying their class books. We know that they love reading and we hope that they have shared with you what they have been learning. The dressing-up day raised lots of funds for us and Miss Johnston is busy ordering even more books to replenish and restock our supplies. As you will appreciate books quickly become worn and tatty. Last week we had a huge delivery of Bug Club books to supplement the infant reading scheme and now we are turning our attention to the junior library. Thank you to the DPSA for their support as books are not cheap, to everyone who donated and particularly to those parents who have recently donated money that we collected two years ago (pre-Covid) for the planned Infant Music Festival and an educational visit that sadly never happened.

Further down the newsletter you will see reports from some of the classes about their work in Book Fortnight. The highlight was definitely Mike Dodsworth, who had the children spell-bound with his detailed, evocative and atmospheric story-telling. This week the children in Class Dove joined a live-streamed lesson from a school in Colchester where Dermot O'Leary was reading from his new book. He is supporting the Essex Year of Reading and was visiting the primary school which he attended many years ago. We believe over 500 Essex schools participated.

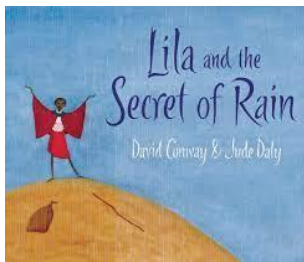
This year we have not sought donations for Comic Relief as we are aware that with the rising cost of living, only just having had our own dressing-up event, the imminent Easter Fayre and many families sending support to Ukraine, this may be too much to ask. In school each class is doing a special 20 minute physical activity session so that we can support Comic Relief by raising awareness of the work that the charity does but we will leave you to make your own personal donations.

Today we are pleased to be participating in the Maldon Tag Rugby Tournament. We are taking two Year 3 & 4 teams and two Year 5 & 6 teams. We hope that this is the start of another step towards normality and the re-commencement of inter-school sporting matches.

We are also pleased to announce that we now have Landlord's Consent for our Outdoor Gym so work will start after the Easter holidays and it will be ready for us to use in the summer term.

Book Fortnight Reports

Book Fortnight in Class Flamingo



Class Flamingo focussed their work on the text *Lila and the Secret of the Rain* which follows the story of Lila and her village in Kenya, and how she saves her people from drought by learning the secret of rain from her grandfather.

First of all the children immersed themselves in the story and became familiar with what a traditional Kenyan village looks like. We then thought about what weather we like and why using conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and similes to explain our choices. We then moved on to describing the setting using descriptors of three. To enhance our vocabulary choices we used thesauruses which the children loved. Our colour thesaurus was especially useful for describing the sun and sky. Next we looked in depth at the characters and thought about what they might be feeling and thinking using pictures from the story with thought bubbles and emotion bubbles. Again, the children used a thesaurus to develop and expand their own vocabulary.

We ended the first week re-telling the story in our own words with the challenge of using the new, adventurous vocabulary we had learnt earlier in the week. The final week ended in the task of writing our own stories set locally where the weather of heavy rain is causing a problem and how their main character might solve it by stopping the rain. The children needed to plan their stories carefully, then focus on word choices, conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and, for some, paragraphing too.

Between all this work, the children have also enjoyed dressing up, creating lots of art work related to the story, discussing favourite books and welcoming in author Mike Dodsworth. What a fortnight!

Book Week!

In Class Avocet, during Book Week, we have been reading "Where the Mountain Meets the Sky." It is a series of Chinese myths and legends that have been passed down and told in slightly different ways.

One of the many myths featured in this book was the story of Jade Dragon. We made notes and analysed the story, before writing our own version. Here is an extract from Olivia's story:

"...herself in river form chooses to believe that someday she will be reunited with at least one of her children. May the fruitless island remain fruitless until she meets again with her offspring. That is the story of how the Jade River came to be."

We also had the privilege of enjoying a dragon hunt. We started off looking for clues that Mrs Booth had laid on the junior field. These included cracked eggs, ash and diamonds. We also used our imagination for clues such as footprints in the mud and claw marks in the trees. After this we wrote a story about it and then a letter to our reading partners inviting them to join us in a future dragon hunt. Here is a short extract from Eve's story:

"As I ventured deeper into the forest, I began to notice some unusual objects. Firstly, laying in a neat pile in a clearing, were eggs dappled with grey. I was unsure if they would be the falcon's as I thought that they lived in trees high in the sky."

Another fun aspect of book fortnight was the dressing up. This is something that we have been doing for many years and each one of them was much enjoyed. Some of us also brought the book that we were dressed from into school.

Lastly we were visited by a story teller who told us stories from around the world. He told us various stories, all of which he had written himself. He was not only expressive with his voice, but also used his hands to add emphasis.

WRITTEN BY OLIVIA H AND EVE R FROM CLASS AVOCET

Class Dove

During Book Fortnight, we read a book called Journey to Jo'burg. It is about two children from South Africa who need to travel from their village to Jo'burg. The distance they need to travel is over 250km! We also learnt about Nelson Mandela who was the first black president of South Africa. His journey was a little bit similar to the journey in Journey to Jo'burg.

A storyteller called Mike Dodsworth came in and told us three stories. My favourite one was the first story about Anansi the Spider. It was very funny and lots of people enjoyed it. It was about not being able to say the number 5. If they did they would disappear for two days!

During the second week, the class had a zoom meeting with Dermot O'Leary. He told us about his books. Most of these were about Toto the cat who is actually one of Dermot's own cats.

By Teigi



In book week, we talked about the class book we are reading which is called Journey to Jo'burg. It is about a girl called Naledi and a boy called Tiro who go on a trip to Jo'burg (Johannesburg).

On Friday, we dressed up as characters from books. Everyone looked very different, especially Poppy with her blue hair! We also drew pictures of orange trees using chalks.

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By Phoebe

Class Eider

Class E read the Chinese myth, 'Wild Goose Lake'. This folklore tale is about a heroine, called Water-Lily who is the daughter of a mountain farmer. A terrible drought turns the fields round her to dust and it is up to her to go on a quest to save the village.

The children wrote instructions for creating a magic potion to try and help Water-Lily on her quest. They used adjectives to describe the setting and characters from Wild Goose Lake. Afterwards, Class E retold the story of Wild Goose Lake using a storyboard. Then they worked in small groups to compare the similarities and differences between Wild Goose Lake and a Spanish folktale, The Three Golden Oranges. They discovered that both myths contained animals, a quest and were set in a village with mountains surrounding.



In art, Class E created paper mache Chinese animals by making armatures from cardboard and newspaper, covered by paper mache and decorated with tissue paper. This was both challenging and messy!



On Friday, we all had a chance to dress up as a character or a word – here are our fantastic costumes!



During the second week, we planned our own myths and adventure stories using a storyboard. We had to make sure that the story had a setting, characters, a problem, a build-up, a climax and a resolution. Class E worked hard to use effective adjectives to describe the characters and settings so that the reader could picture in their heads as they read the story. The build-up needed suspense and tension in order for the reader to feel excited and a bit scared. Some of these lovely stories will be displayed in the hall and in the classroom.

More reports next week



Get set... Danbury Park School is taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2022 (the new name for Big Pedal), the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge.

The challenge runs from **21 March to 1 April**. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

- Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.
- We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.
- We know there may be things which make it more difficult for some pupils to take part than others.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

It also links with our school *Our World, Our Future* project in trying to cut pollution around our school area.

Active school runs help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide packed with advice, games and challenges to help you have hassle-free cycle, walk or scoot to school.

Download your free family guide using this link:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/>

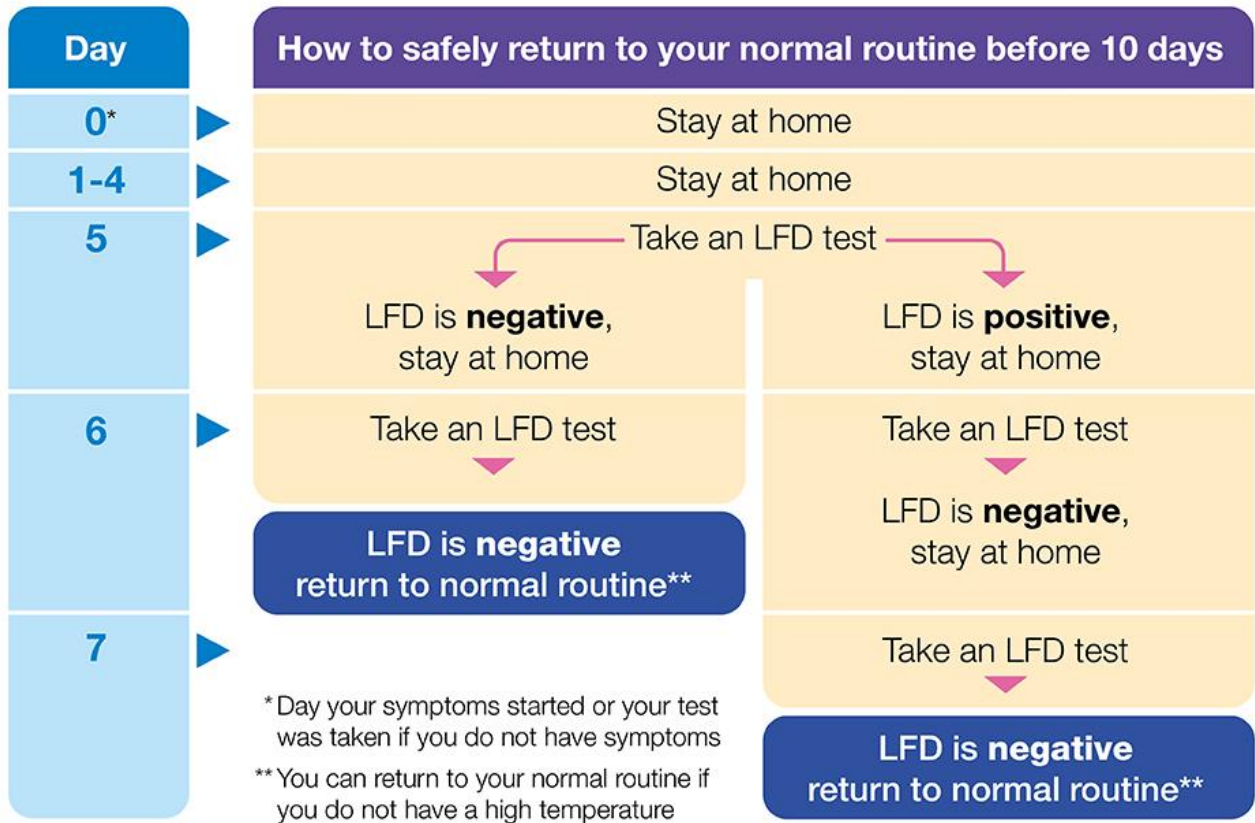
For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk. Enjoy the challenge!

Midday Assistant Vacancies

We still have vacancies for Midday Assistants to help us at lunchtimes starting after the Easter break. This is a rewarding and busy job helping the children enjoy their school dinners and playtimes.

We can be flexible on days so please contact the school office for more details.

COVID Guidance Flowchart



Well-being

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (bccs) continues to support the emotional health and wellbeing of children, young people and families and are seeing an even greater need for their services at this time. As a school we use their services and their counsellors have helped many of our children and families over the years.

Please take a minute to read about their work and support them where you can:

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society – bccs –Spring Newsletter:

https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/2616/4734/6129/bccs_Easter_2022_Newsletter_single_page.pdf

Safeguarding

CHILD EXPLOITATION AND COUNTY LINES PARENT AWARENESS SESSION

sessions for parents or carers to raise awareness of exploitation and County Lines. With a focus on the signs of potential grooming or criminal exploitation and what to do.

Hosted by Reach Every Generation, with real life testimonies and the voice of a Young Person sharing their experiences.

LOCATION AND BOOKING LINKS

17th March 2022

Boswells School
Burnham Road CM1 6LV
<https://17marchboswells.eventbrite.com>

18th March 2022

St John Payne School
Patching Hall Lane CM1 4BS
<https://18marchstjohn.eventbrite.com>

22nd March 2022

Hamptons Sports & Leisure
Tydemans CM2 9FH
<https://22marchhamptons.eventbrite.com>

24th March 2022

Chelmsford City Council
Duke Street CM1 1JE
<https://24marchchelmsford.eventbrite.com>

TIME: 19:00 – 20:30



SESSION INCLUDES:

The role of social media for 'recruitment', Fear and Trauma.
The behavioural patterns to look out for.
Reasons why Young People are exploited.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Essex has seen an increase in the criminal exploitation of its young people, for drug dealing by County Line gangs.

WHO CAN BE EXPLOITED?

Perpetrators don't discriminate based on ethnicity, religion, gender, age, disability, or financial status; any young person is at risk of exploitation.

In Partnership with



Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Notification and Reminders

Food and Drink in School – Please remember to check any food brought into school for nuts. We have children and staff with potentially fatal allergies so we are a nut free environment. With Natasha's Law now in force, we are having to tighten up on treats brought into school, so we are sorry but we cannot distribute treats brought into school to mark your child's birthday. Please save these for your child's party or celebration. Please send your child in with suitable unbreakable water bottles. No glass bottles are permitted.

Pay 360 – Thank you to all the parents who have now joined the new online payments system. Our office staff are happy to support you if you are experiencing difficulties. Please note that we are now well on our way to being a cashless school as part of *Our World, Our Future* project. By having the online system, staff need to make fewer journeys by car to the bank, thus reducing emissions and we are using less paper.

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



Year 6 School Journey booklet and form to return by 25th March 2022



Week 2

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 21st March 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Fillet of Fish or (V) Quorn Dippers In a Brioche Bun	New Potatoes Cucumber Peas	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese or (V) Vegan Bolognese	French Bread Sweetcorn Cauliflower Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Jelly and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast; Chipolata Sausages, Bacon and Egg. (V) Vegan Sausage, Egg and Hash Brown	Hash Brown Mushrooms Baked Beans Fresh Tomatoes	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Ice Cream Roll Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or (V) Vegetable Nuggets	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Fruit Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Beef Burger in a Roll or (V) Quorn Burger in Roll	Chips Baked Beans Peas Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

School Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2022

2nd Half Term: 22nd February – 1st April 2022 = 29 days at £2.25 = **£65.25**

Please pay monies up to 1st April 2022 ONLY as the summer term falls within the new financial year. Thank you.

Please pay via the online payment system Pay 360 – Thank you

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.

Ink Pen Purchases

As we have moved to becoming a cashless school, the purchase of ink pens now needs to be made via Pay360 and not the school office. You will need to order the pen via the stationery tab on Pay360. Once we have seen a payment of £1.50 on Pay360 the school office will deliver the pen to the child's classroom. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary Week beginning 21st March 2022

Mon 21st 6.30pm 7.00pm	Assessment Week <i>Governors' Pay Committee Meeting</i> <i>Governors' Personnel Committee Meeting</i>
Tues 22nd	Class Dove's Mayan Day
Weds 23rd 2.45pm	Let's Present
Thurs 24th	
Fri 25th 2.45pm	Class Flamingo DT morning Class Goldfinch assembly

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher



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Dates for Spring Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
March		
18 th	2.45pm	Class F Assembly
WB 21st		Assessment Week
		Display change
21 st	6.30pm 7.00pm	Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
22 nd		Class D Mayan Day
25 th	2.45pm	Class G Assembly
26 th	12.00- 3.00pm	DPSA Easter Fayre
April		
1 st		Last day of term

Please remember all events are dependent on the COVID situation at the time.

CHELMSFORD CITY FC

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

EASTER FOOTBALL COURSES 2022

COURSES

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TEAM

FREE TICKET ADMITTING 2 PEOPLE TO A CHELMSFORD CITY HOME GAME THIS SEASON ON ALL COURSES

COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME	VENUE	AGE	PRICE
SOCCER COURSES					
CF1	APRIL 4/5	(2 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, BRIMPTON, S. CHELMSFORD (INDOOR OUTDOOR)	4-12	£35
CF2	APRIL 11/12/13/14	(4 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD PARK, BALLINGHOOD, CHELMSFORD (INDOOR OUTDOOR)	7-12	£50
CF3	APRIL 11/12/13/14	(4 DAYS) 9:30-12:30	CHELMSFORD PARK, BALLINGHOOD, CHELMSFORD (INDOOR OUTDOOR)	4-6	£30
GOALKEEPER COACHING					
SPECIALIST COACHING FOR THE ASPIRING KEEPER					
GK1	APRIL 4/5	(2 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, BRIMPTON, S. CHELMSFORD (INDOOR OUTDOOR)	6-10	£40
GK2	APRIL 13/14	(2 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD PARK, BALLINGHOOD, CHELMSFORD (INDOOR OUTDOOR)	6-10	£40

THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY WITHIN AGE BANDS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO BRING

Please bring suitable clothing and footwear for indoors and on grass and a packed lunch on CF1 and GK1. Outdoor clothing and footwear for grass and a packed lunch on CF2 and GK2. Outdoor clothing and footwear required on CF3. On all courses bring plenty of non-fizzy drink and a healthy morning snack.

Come and have
FOOTBALL FUN
with qualified
DBS checked
coaches.
Skills, games
and mini match
play



Erinn - 11 years old

"I've really enjoyed the course, the crossbar challenge was my favourite because it was challenging and you could see different people's skills. I enjoyed meeting other kids because sometimes I can be socially awkward, so it's nice to be around new people. The coaches are really good! They improve your skills and aren't too strict."

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE BEST, JUST THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE!"

Please contact Chris Finch on 07990673213 or email stoppercoach@aol.com for further information

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