



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong !*

## Newsletter

Website: [www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk](http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk)

**25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

Henry C - **Kryptonite**

*Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies during the term.*

### Weekly Update

It's hard to believe that this week was the two year anniversary of the first national lockdown. It has certainly been an eventful two years with schools and families adapting to new ways of life. We are all looking forward to the Easter break when we hope that infections rates will start to fall and come back under control. Again this week we have had 25 pupils absent and 4 members of staff.

Despite all the disruption Danbury Park School has tried hard to hold traditional events where we can and in the safest way possible. The DPSA Eastival this Saturday should be a great afternoon out for the family with a range of stalls and activities for everyone. It also looks as if we will enjoy some warm early spring weather. The DPSA committee has worked hard to bring this event together so please support them.

Last week we sent two Year 3 & 4 teams and two Year 5 & 6 teams to the Maldon Tag Rugby Tournament. The teams did very well and reports from the children are below. We are very proud of how well they represented the school not only in coming together as a team at short notice but also the way in which they played the games. Well done!

Next week we are re-introducing our traditional KS2 inter-house sporting event. The Year 6 House Captains will be coaching hockey teams from across Key Stage 2 and then Miss Bridge, our Class Jay teacher and PE Lead, will be refereeing short matches. All classes will have the opportunity to come and watch at some point in the afternoon. Please note that we are sorry but we are not able to invite parents this year.

We are pleased that on Monday Mrs Evans, Class Cuckoo's teacher, will be returning to school and we would like to say thank you to Mr Garratt, who has been taking good care of the class. We are also pleased that Mrs Marsland, Class Budgerigar's teacher, will be back with us straight after the Easter break. They have both been missed and we all look forward to their return.

## Book Fortnight Reports

### Class Goldfinch

During book fortnight, our class read the story, 'Mama Panya's Pancakes'. It is a village tale from Kenya. The story is about a character called Adika and his mother, Mama Panya. They set out to the market to buy ingredients to make pancakes. Along the way, Adika meets his friends and, without asking Mama Panya, invites them all to join them for pancakes. Mama Panya worries she will not have enough coins to buy all the ingredients they need. At the end, there is a surprise for Mama Panya and Adika. (We don't want to spoil the story by telling you the ending!)

We learnt meanings of the words in the story, like Rafiki, it means friend. We also enjoyed learning facts about Kenya, the wildlife that could be seen when walking to market and what village life is like.

In our English lessons, we mapped out the story, collecting different adjectives to describe the characters and settings in the story.

Using these word banks, we then changed one of the events in the story. Finally, we planned our version of the story using some of the ingredients that were suggested in the pancake recipe, which was included in the book.

"I liked learning the hidden message in the story." Beau & Chemmy

"I enjoyed reading a story set in another country!" Eddie

"I enjoyed retelling the story." Harry

"I liked using pastels to create scenes from the story." Oakley & Annabelle

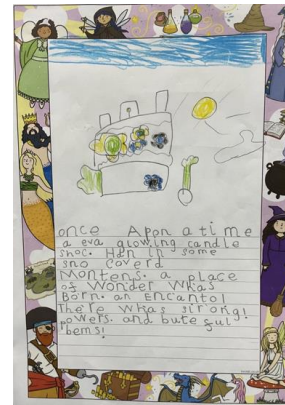
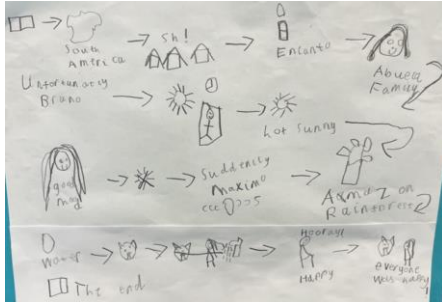
### Class Jay



During our recent book fortnight, Class Jay enjoyed sharing the Aboriginal story of Tiddalick, a story of a greedy frog who drinks all the water leaving nothing for the other animals. The children used story mapping to retell the story and then were asked to adapt the story by changing the main character. The children chose farm animals to drink all the water. We were very impressed with their story writing! The children enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and were enthralled by the stories from the storyteller. They couldn't believe he was able to tell these stories without a book and they were all just in his head!

## Class Hummingbird

During Book Fortnight Class Hummingbird explored the story of Encanto and the country of Columbia. The children used their senses to think of adjectives to describe the setting. We created our own characters with Columbian names and created magical doors which represented their powers. We created story maps which had a different problem and resolution in.



The children's characters used their gifts to resolve the problems. We created a collage of the Casita using scrunching, ripping and cutting. We were lucky enough to have our class assembly during this period and we got to share our learning with our parents.

**Final reports and photos to come next week!**

## **Maldon Rugby tournament**

### **Friday 18th March 2022**

On Friday 18th March, a group of fifteen Year 3 and 4 children went to Maldon to take part in a rugby tournament. We went with Mrs Ireland and were supported by our parents. We had two teams of seven, with one substitute.

#### **Danbury Park Team A**

Luke P, Archie F, Leo P, Theo C-Mc, Oscar N, Poppy H and Lucy C-S

Our first game was against Maldon Court and we beat them 8-0! We started the game with the ball. Archie received the ball and zoom, off he went to the try-line. The ball then went to Maldon Court B but they dropped the ball after an early pass. Luke picked the ball up and ran for the try-line and another try was scored. The whole team played extremely well, especially Oscar, Archie and Leo who managed to tag most of the other team due to their speed. By the end of the match, we had scored 8 tries!

The next game was against Purleigh. Would we have the same success? This game began with Purleigh having the ball. Unfortunately, they scored an early try. The ball was then ours and we quickly moved it down to the try-line. A try to us! By the final whistle, we had scored a further seven tries and won the game 8-2.



Fortunately, we now had a break from playing and went to watch Danbury Park B play their game. Whilst watching, we were told we had won a place in the Championship finals against Maldon Court A and Great Totham. Before playing, we had a biscuit and a drink and chatted with our parents.

The time came for the final two games. We began by playing Maldon Court A. The game was very tight with a final score of 8-8. We took the lead at the start, but they always pulled level. Our final game was against Great Totham. Again, we started off well, but the final score was 5-3 to Great Totham. Overall, we came third, scoring 27 tries. We were very proud of our achievements.

Reported by Poppy and Luke



## Danbury Park Team B

Harry V, Harry R, Marshall H, Maria T, Ruby C, Toby P, Alex B and Zachary H.

On Friday 18th March we played a rugby tournament at Maldon Rugby Club. We played four matches during the tournament. Our team won two matches and lost two matches. In all of our matches we scored a try. Our first game was against Maldon Court.



It was a tricky game and, although we scored three tries, we unfortunately lost. In our second match against Burnham we won 6-4. It was a really good game as we all worked well together. Burnham were really fun to play against as they were all very good players and good sportsmen. At the end of the game we all shook hands and said hip-hip hooray. We then had a short break before playing again. During the break, we watched the other teams and their tactics. We also had a quick game of Piggy-in-the-Middle. At the end of the tournament we all received a medal.



Reported by Harry R and Marshall H

## YEAR SIX RUGBY TOURNAMENT 2022



On the Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Year Six competed in the yearly rugby school tournament against 12 other schools. After many different games we managed to place third and the other team managed to come fourth. It was fun and a very exciting experience and we were very happy with our results.

Our first match we played was against Purley School (*aka the turnips-on the day we couldn't remember all the team's names so we named them after vegetables and fruits*) in the group stages of the tournament (*if we won both our games we proceeded to the final group*). We won 5-4 and Poppy, Tommy and Zac scored the tries. We were very happy with our first win and directly after that we went back onto the pitch to play our next game against Moulsham School C Team. With help from our temporary coach (*given to every team going to the tournament*) we won 8-2 and began to watch our other team's game.

Next, we waited for ten minutes while Ollie did tricks with his cute sister Ella. Afterwards, we went into the final group to play other teams that had won their groups. First up was Maldon Court- The Tomatoes- who were wearing gum shields for no reason! Unfortunately, we lost 3-2. We left the pitch unhappily after our first loss of the competition. Next we had to play the B team and won 4-2. It was a great match and very close. The B team were distraught but they had to play another match. Later, we played against Moulsham School A Team. We unluckily lost 3-1 but we were still pleased with the scores and were excited to see where we came.

During the ceremony we found out that we had come third and the B team had come fourth! Overall it was a great day and we felt proud with our performances. We were sad that it would be our last opportunity to play in the tournament but we will surely compete in more when we go to Secondary School!

By Tommy and Poppy ☺





## Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Tournament Team B

### About the tournament



On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 we went to the tag rugby tournament in Maldon. Our first match was against 'All Saints' aka the banana because they wore yellow kits; the people on our team were: Eloise, Junaid, William R, William H, Jacob, Emily, Lucy and Alex S. Our second game was against the carrots and we won most of our games out of 5. Overall Danbury Park came 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with the A team and the B team. It was great to be able to play in a tournament again and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. We all did our best and played well as a team. The weather was very sunny too, so it made it even better. Overall it was really fun and we enjoyed playing against other schools and wish the school good luck for future games.

By Eloise and Junaid



Congratulations to Avy in Class Budgerigar who won a reading challenge prize through the Danbury library. Well done Avy!



### **New Pupils in Class Hummingbird**

This week we were really lucky to have some new pupils in our class. Although, they were a little small! Thank you to Mary in Class Hummingbird for bringing in her Buff Orbington chicks who are ten days old for the class to meet. We learnt a little about their breed and how they are cared for. The children were surprised that their beaks didn't hurt when they pecked food from their hands. One even thought it was a parrot!



### **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.





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**

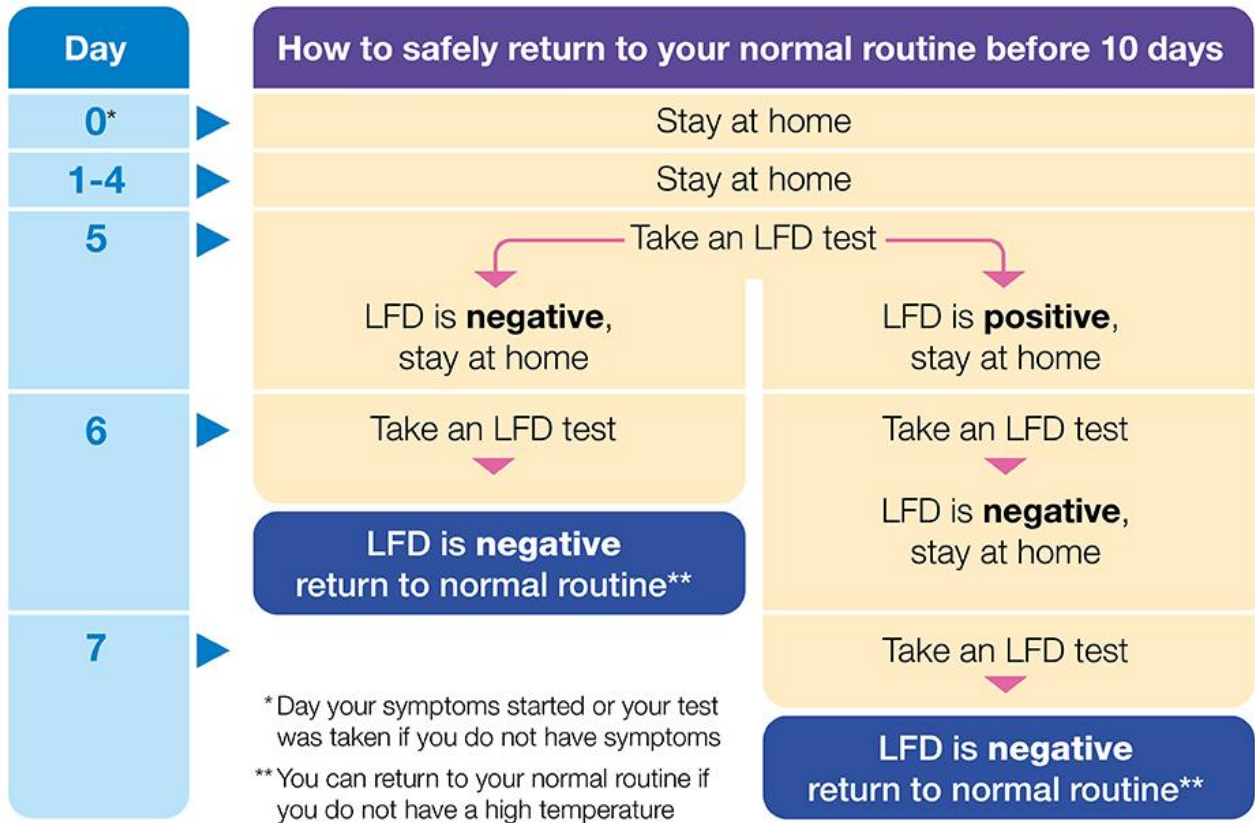
To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide packed with advice, games and challenges to help you have hassle-free cycle, walk or scoot to school.

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](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk). Enjoy the challenge!

## 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](https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/2616/4734/6129/bccs_Easter_2022_Newsletter_single_page.pdf)

## Safeguarding

Now that the weather is improving and you may be considering letting your older children walk to and from school on their own, it would be a good time to remind them about road safety. Main Road and the roads around the village do get very busy in the mornings and at the end of the school day. We are working with the Parish Council and the local community to improve safety in the village but this will take some time. A gentle refresher in road safety for the children from families would go a long way!

Last week and this week school is participating in the annual *Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel* event (see information above) which inspires pupils, staff and parents to be amazing and take active journeys to school. This would also improve the air quality around the school!

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, wheeling or scooting to school. The school's best five days will determine our final position so there is still time to take part!

**Let's work together to keep the children safe!**

## Notification and Reminders

**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.

**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**





**Week 3**

## Owl's Barn School Meals

**Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Fresh bread and milk available daily

<b>Monday</b>	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake or (V) Cheddar Whirl	French Bread Cucumber Sweetcorn	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Sponge and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Minced Beef Wrap or (V) Vegan Mince Wrap	White/Wholegrain Rice Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling  Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Shortbread Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding Gravy or (V) Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Roasted Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Strawberry Mousse Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	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
<b>Friday</b>	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Chips Baked Beans Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Finger Bun Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

### School Lunches - Costs for Spring Term 2022

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

**Please pay monies up to 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## Dates for the Diary Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Mon 28<sup>th</sup>

Tues 29<sup>th</sup>

9.00am

Language Leaders from The Sandon School visiting to work with Year 6 pupils.

Weds 30<sup>th</sup>

9.15am

EYFS Egg Rolling in the Country Park

Pm

Inter-house Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup>

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April

Last Day of term.

School re-open on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,  
Headteacher

Dates for the Summer Term will follow after the Easter break.



# 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
<b>SOCCER COURSES</b>					
CF1	APRIL 4/5	(2 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD CITY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, BRIMPTON, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX SSG10 0JG	4-12	£30
CF2	APRIL 11/12/13/14	(4 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD PARK, BELLINGHAM, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX SSG10 0JG	7-12	£30
CF3	APRIL 11/12/13/14	(4 DAYS) 9:30-12:30	CHELMSFORD PARK, BELLINGHAM, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX SSG10 0JG	4-6	£30
<b>GOALKEEPER COACHING</b>					
SPECIALIST COACHING FOR THE ASPIRING KEEPER					
GK1	APRIL 4/5	(2 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD CITY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, BRIMPTON, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX SSG10 0JG	6-10	£40
GK2	APRIL 13/14	(2 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELMSFORD PARK, BELLINGHAM, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX SSG10 0JG	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!"**

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