



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong !*

## Newsletter

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

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

Avie B- **Emerald** Jenson H- **Emerald** Amber M- **Emerald**

Oliver C- **Ruby** Poppy H- **Topaz**

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

### Weekly News



This week saw the installation of the outdoor gym equipment and I hope you will agree that it looks great. The grass will eventually grow through the matting so that the area blends in well with our surroundings. The next stage is to allow the equipment to settle into place, to install a fence so that the area is separated from the field and lay matting from the playground as a pathway with a gate from the playground. Every class will then be introduced to using each station correctly and safely before we then include it as part of break and lunchtimes rotas. We know the children are eager to get started and the junior children were fascinated watching the contractors work. We are so grateful to the DPSA for their contribution towards this project.

Already the summer term is well underway and we are getting ready for the statutory testing time in primary schools. Miss Johnston and Mrs Buer held a meeting for Year 2 parents on Monday to reassure them that the KS1 SATs are just a small part of our assessment process and that the tests are conducted in a supportive and positive way. These will take place over the course of the month of May. This week the children in Class Flamingo were selected by the DfE to take part in the trialling of tests that are being developed for use in future years. The test administrator was very complimentary about the children and they were keen to give their feedback on the style and the presentation of questions.

The week starting 9<sup>th</sup> May the Year 6 children will sit their tests and then as we move into June, Year 1 pupils sit the Phonics Screening and Year 4 the Multiplication Test. As ever preparation for these events is built into our teaching each week so that when the children come to the tests, they are familiar with what is being asked of them so that they can do their best. If you have any worries, please speak with your child's class teacher.

## Earth Day at Danbury Park

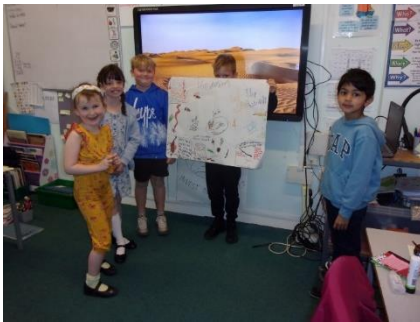
### Class Eider

Class E had a fun-packed Earth Day 2022! They came in dressed in non-school uniform with all the colours of the Earth. Many children donated plants, seeds and bulbs for us to grow at school.

Initially, the children planted broad beans in transparent plastic cups so that once the beans start germinating, we can see what is happening to the bean. They will have to be watered regularly so watch this space!



Then, Class E put their acting shoes on and prepared and performed a presentation to the whole class about a specific biome on the planet: desert, tundra, taiga, rainforest, deciduous forest and savanna. Some groups created bright and colourful posters whereas others wrote playscripts. All in all, they were very informative and entertaining to watch.



Finally, we learned a 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' song and talked about how important it is to reduce the amount of plastic packaging we buy and how to reuse things such as clothing. Class E had a go at reusing and recycling materials brought from home to design and make musical instruments.



## Plastic Recycling by Class Cuckoo

### 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

From our recycling this time we have collected:

| Item                     | Number |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Hand sanitiser bottle    | 0      |
| Small bags               | 98     |
| Medium bags              | 22     |
| Large bags               | 0      |
| Ink cartridges           | 0      |
| Drinks bottles           | 37     |
| Cup lids                 | 2      |
| Soap bottles             | 0      |
| Milk bottles             | 35     |
| Yoghurt pots             | 20     |
| Food pots                | 0      |
| Salad pots               | 0      |
| Chocolate trays and tubs | 1      |
| Glue sticks              | 17     |
|                          |        |

We were pleased that the used glue sticks are now recyclable and we are beginning to put these in the correct recycling bins. We receive lots of packages in plastic bags, like the KS1 fruit. We have been able to reuse some of the plastic pots in class.

### Class Budgerigar

On Earth Day the children in Class Budgerigar designed and made bird feeders from recycled material. We looked at how the seed needs to be stored and then flow onto the platform. We used old plastic bottles.

We are going to hang the feeders from trees in the school playground so that we can attract more birds.





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## Pollution Pollution

Pollution pollution - not good at all!  
Rubbish in the seas  
Which is so uncool

Turtles are dying in plastic and nets  
That's as bad as it gets

Oh no! I spoke too soon  
Time has passed, many at new moon

Pollution pollution - not good at all  
Rubbish in the seas  
Which is so uncool

All the water has drained away  
The sealings has gone  
Now what do we say?

Pollution pollution - not good at all  
Rubbish in the seas  
Which is so uncool  
50 more humans left on Earth  
I guess we got the punishment we deserve.

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By Emily



Emily and Ellie in Class Cuckoo wrote this thoughtful poem about pollution and its effects.

## Class Hummingbird's Visit to the Library

Following our recent class visit, we had a lovely message form Vanessa, one of the librarians:

*Thank you so much Danbury Park Reception and Year 1 for visiting us at Danbury Library for your school visit. It was an absolute pleasure to have you all here, you were all so well behaved and we hope you enjoyed your visit as much as we enjoyed having you here. All of you listened so well to the story and the crafts that you made were all brilliant. We were very impressed by the work that you did about your visit and have displayed it for you to see when you are in the library next. You were all a credit to yourselves, your parents and your school. We hope to see you all very soon.*



## Message from the School Council

### Tuck Shop Returns

The KS2 Tuck Shop has been a huge success and we are very pleased with the number of children buying their fruit each morning. We are finding out from the children what other fruit and vegetables they would like us to stock so that we can widen the variety on offer.

**Please support the children in their endeavours to promote a balanced diet and healthy life-styles and choices. The children in the infants all receive free fruit and vegetables so unless school is aware of a medical need, they do not bring in any tuck. In the juniors we want to move away from the salty snacks, chocolate bars and sweets that have started to creep in since the pandemic started. These are not good nutritionally and although may be eaten as treats, we ask that these are saved for after-school or weekends.**

## 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!

**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

 Year 4 – Superstars Games Competition

## Midday Assistant and Staffing Vacancies

We still urgently require 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 from 1<sup>st</sup> April

The government has issued the following guidance:

- *Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.*
- *Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.*
- *Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.*



**Week 3**

## Owl's Barn School Meals

**Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

Fresh bread and milk available daily

|                  |                                                                                                  |                                                               |                                                                                    |                                                        |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Minced Beef Wrap<br>or<br>(V)Vegan Mince<br>Wrap                                                 | White/Wholegrain<br>Rice<br>Peas<br>Green Salad               | Jacket Potato with<br>a choice of filling<br><br>Cheese, Baked<br>Beans, Tuna Mayo | Shortbread<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Fruit Yoghurt             |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Roast Chicken<br>With Yorkshire<br>Pudding, Gravy<br>Or<br>(V) Quorn Fillet in<br>Gravy          | Roast Potatoes<br><br>Carrots<br><br>Green Beans              | <b>Key Stage 2 only</b><br><br>Jacket Potato<br>with a choice of<br>filling        | Strawberry Mousse<br><br>Fresh Fruit<br>Fruit Yoghurt  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Homemade Pork<br>Meatballs in<br>Tomato Sauce<br>or<br>(V) Vegan<br>Meatballs in<br>Tomato Sauce | White/Wholegrain<br>Pasta<br><br>Sweetcorn<br><br>Green Salad | Jacket Potato with<br>a choice of filling<br><br>Cheese, Baked<br>Beans, Tuna Mayo | Cranberry Flapjack<br><br>Fresh Fruit<br>Fruit Yoghurt |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Omega 3 Fish<br>Fingers<br>Or<br>(V) Cheese and<br>Tomato Quiche                                 | Chips<br><br>Baked Beans<br><br>Cucumber                      | <b>Key Stage 2 only</b><br><br>Jacket Potato<br>with a choice of<br>filling        | Iced Finger Bun<br><br>Fresh Fruit<br>Fruit Yoghurt    |

### School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Half Term: 19<sup>th</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 = 28 days at £2.25 = **£63.00**

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: 7<sup>th</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 = 33 days at £2.25 = **£74.25**

**Total for the whole term = £137.25**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>**

School Closed - Bank Holiday

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9.10am

Stay and Play in Class Jay

1.30pm

Stuart Bird to visit Class A to talk about solar panels

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup>**

9.10am

Stay and Play in Class Hummingbird

2.45pm

Let's Present

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>**

9.10am

Stay and Play in Class Jay

Full term dates for the academic years 2021-22 and 2022-23 are available on the school website.  
2023-24 will be added shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,  
Headteacher



## Dates for Summer Term 2022

| Date                                             | Time                         | Event                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>May</b>                                       |                              |                                                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                                  |                              | KS1 SATs window opens                                    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                  | 1.30pm                       | Stuart Bird to visit Class A re solar panels             |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                                  |                              | DPSA Jumble Sale                                         |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                                  |                              | Bag2School                                               |
| Week beg 9 <sup>th</sup>                         |                              | KS2 SATS – see separate timetable                        |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                                 | tbc                          | Governors' Curriculum meeting                            |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                                 |                              | Governors' Personnel meeting                             |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 2.45pm                       | Class E assembly                                         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                                 |                              | School Census – Summer                                   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 5.45 – 6.45<br>7.15 – 8.30pm | DPSA Disco – EYFS & KS1<br><br>DPSA KS2 Disco            |
| Week beg 23 <sup>rd</sup>                        |                              | Assessment Week for Years 1, 3, 4 & 5                    |
|                                                  | 12.00pm                      | Year 4 Superstars                                        |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                                 |                              | Whole school Queen's Jubilee Celebrations                |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> |                              | Half-term break                                          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                                  |                              | School closed for staff training                         |
|                                                  |                              | Arts Week                                                |
|                                                  |                              | Year 1 Phonics Screening window opens                    |
|                                                  |                              | Year 4 Multiplication Test window opens                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>                                  | 9.30am                       | Year 2 Mini-games                                        |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                                  | 12.45 – 3.15pm               | Year 3 Swimming 1/6                                      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                                  | 7.00pm                       | Governors' Resources meeting                             |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 2.45pm                       | Class C assembly                                         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 12.45 – 3.15pm               | Year 3 Swimming 2/6                                      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 2.45pm                       | Class B assembly                                         |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                                 | Pm                           | KS2 District Athletics                                   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                                 |                              | Olympic athlete to visit school                          |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                 | 12.45 – 3.15pm               | Year 3 Swimming 3/6                                      |
|                                                  |                              | School Class Photos                                      |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                                 |                              | Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon School                       |
|                                                  | 2.45pm                       | Class D assembly                                         |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                                 |                              | DPSA Quiz                                                |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 9.30am – 10.30am             | New entrants to visit<br>Meet your teacher for next year |
|                                                  | Pm                           | KS2 District Athletics                                   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>                                 | 12.45 – 3.15pm               | Year 3 Swimming 4/6                                      |
| <b>July</b>                                      |                              |                                                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                                  | All day                      | Year 5 visit to Danbury Outdoors                         |
|                                                  | 2.45pm                       | Class A assembly                                         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                                  |                              | Science Day                                              |
|                                                  |                              | DPSA Inflatables afternoon                               |

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|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup>           | 12.45 – 3.15pm  | Year 3 Swimming 5/6                                         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>           | 7.00pm          | Full governing body meeting                                 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>           |                 | Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon                              |
|                           | 1.30pm – 2.30pm | New entrants to visit<br>Meet your teacher for next year    |
|                           |                 | Pupil end of year reports to go out                         |
|                           | Eve             | DPSA Year 6 Leavers' Event                                  |
| Week beg 11 <sup>th</sup> |                 | Year 6 School Journey                                       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>          |                 | New entrants to visit for lunch and stay and play afternoon |
|                           | 12.45 – 3.15pm  | Year 3 Swimming 6/6                                         |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>          |                 | Sports Day & Open afternoon                                 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>          |                 | DPS Got Talent                                              |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>          |                 | Last day of term                                            |

# KS2 SATS

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**N.B. Start and finish times are subject to change.**

| Date & Time                      | Test                                                                                           | Location         |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>     |                                                                                                |                  |
| 9.20 – 10.05am                   | <b>English grammar, punctuation and spelling</b><br><b>Paper 1</b> – short answer (45 minutes) | Hall and Class A |
| 10.10 – 10.30am                  | <b>Paper 2</b> – spelling (approx. 15 minutes)                                                 | Hall and Class A |
| <b>10.30 – 10.45am BREAK</b>     |                                                                                                |                  |
|                                  |                                                                                                |                  |
| <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>   |                                                                                                |                  |
| 9.20 – 10.20am                   | <b>English Reading</b> (1 hour)                                                                | Hall and Class A |
| <b>10.30 – 10.45am BREAK</b>     |                                                                                                |                  |
|                                  |                                                                                                |                  |
| <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> |                                                                                                |                  |
| 9.30 – 10.00am                   | <b>Maths</b><br>Paper 1 - Arithmetic (30 minutes)                                              | Hall and Class A |
| <b>10.30 – 10.45am BREAK</b>     |                                                                                                |                  |
| 10.55 – 11.35am                  | <b>Maths</b><br>Paper 2 – Reasoning (40 minutes)                                               | Hall and Class A |
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>  |                                                                                                |                  |
| 9.20 – 10.00am                   | <b>Maths</b><br>Paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes)                                               | Hall and Class A |
| <b>10.30 – 10.45am BREAK</b>     |                                                                                                |                  |
|                                  |                                                                                                |                  |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>    |                                                                                                |                  |
| 9.15am – 10.00am                 | <b>Science Test A</b> (internal test)                                                          | Hall and Class A |
| <b>10.30 – 10.45am BREAK</b>     |                                                                                                |                  |
| 11.00– 11.45am                   | <b>Science Test B</b> (internal test)                                                          |                  |

When tests are finished, runners will be sent to classes to confirm that playtime can commence.