



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong !

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Albert L - Diamond

Brahman P - Topaz Luca S - Topaz

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies during the term.

Weekly News

This week has been much calmer and fortunately the electricity supply has been stable and reliable! It has been yet another busy half-term in school but we have enjoyed some fun activities this week. On Wednesday the Year 6 House Captains led their teams in an inter-house dodgeball competition refereed by Miss Bridge. The Year 6 pupils coached their teams at lunchtime and then all classes were invited to come and watch the tournament. There was a lively competitive atmosphere with each team fighting hard to win and the children have written a detailed report below.

Today we have marked the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a carousel of activities and a special afternoon play-time for everyone, topped off with an ice-pop. A full report will follow in the newsletter after half-term.

We are now starting to plan for September and will soon start our induction programme for the children who will be joining the Reception classes. This year, it would seem that locally there has been a drop in the birth rate and for the first time in eight years, we have spaces! If you know of anyone whose child is due to start school in 2022-23 and were put off applying for Danbury Park School because we are usually heavily over-subscribed, please let them know. We are welcoming visitors and would happily arrange tours so ask them to contact the school office.

The first week back is our Arts Week and we are taking as a theme our emotions and core values and exploring how these are represented in the arts in the widest sense. This links closely to one of our priorities in our school improvement plan which is to support the children in their emotional health and well-being. The children will be producing lots of creative work which we will display in due course in the school hall and the corridors.

I hope that you have a restful half-term break and that you are able to enjoy the jubilee festivities in your communities. School re-opens on Tuesday 7th June as Monday 6th is a staff training day.

Inter-house Dodgeball Competition

Yesterday, on the 25th May 2022, the four houses - Air, Earth, Fire and Water- competed in a thrilling dodgeball tournament. Due to Covid-19, Danbury Park School have not had the chance to participate in sporty tournaments. However, since lockdown has finished, we have seized this opportunity to create a brand-new dodgeball tournament; here's how it went.

It all started when the sports' captains had the idea to create a brand new dodgeball tournament since the hockey tournament was a huge success. The captains chose a date for the tournament to commence as well as holding trials to see who would participate. The trials were split up into two age groups: Y3/4 to Y5/6. There was a great difference in players' skills which made it quite tough for the teams to be selected. Eventually, the teams were made and all that was left was a long wait while the classes were extremely impatient. Finally, the teams were announced with the dodgeball right around the corner. The teams took the time to practise with their newly made teams to make the most of every second they could.



At last, it was time for the competition and the teams started to warm up. After the teams took their photos, it was time: the teams lined up. Firstly, it was Water vs Earth. Both teams showed great skill with Earth knocking out most of Water's players. Suddenly, Water managed to catch many balls bringing the game back, leaving Earth with one player just before the whistle blew, meaning Water won the first game. Next up was Air vs Fire with Fire just barely winning the game, shocking everyone. Next was Fire vs Earth. Many great players were made in this game, but Earth was too skilful and Fire lost. The next intense game was Water vs Air. But Water was just not awake with them not playing their best so Air won quite comfortably. The next match was a big one; Water vs Fire, though Water was just too good. But finally, what we have all been waiting for, the final decider Air vs Water. Air played it smart while Water were too aggressive. This match, Air were playing their best and suddenly Water had lost; Air had won.



4th came Fire, 3rd came Earth, 2nd came Water and 1st came Air.

Max F and Emily B

Safeguarding

We have been asked to pass on to parents and carers information about a worrying trend regarding cannabis edibles:

We have been hearing about a national trend regarding cannabis edibles within local safeguarding meetings this month. Essex Police have seized cannabis edibles so this trend is also present here in Essex. Information shared by Health workers indicated that there had been A&E admissions by young people for cannabis edible consumption.

Cannabis edibles involves cannabis in sweets. Packaging is making this appealing to young people but because of the nature of how long it takes to feel the effects compared with smoking cannabis, some young people have consumed larger quantities resulting in ill health. It is therefore important to inform families so awareness can be raised within our community.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

COVID Guidance from 1st 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.*



- Please help give our fundraising a much-needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Cash prize winner EVERY week
- Win up to £25,000!

PLAY NOW

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older. Offer ends 29th June 2022. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

Notification and Reminders

Stomach bugs – Please remember that if your child suffers vomiting or diarrhoea, **they must stay at home for 48 hours** after the last bout. This is a directive from the Health Authority and the Local Authority. Tummy bugs spread very quickly and we want to protect the other children and the adults in school. We have some members of our community who are vulnerable and a stomach bug could be a serious illness for them and could lead to hospitalisation. Please do not be offended if the office staff ask for more details after an absence or if a child tells us they were sick.



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

-  Classes Goldfinch and Flamingo – African Activity Day
-  Year 2 –Music Festival Performance.



Week 1

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 6th June 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Tuesday	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages or (V) Vegan Sausages	Creamy Mashed Potato Carrot Peas Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Jam Tart and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Homemade Chicken Korma With Naan Bread or (V) Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma	White/Wholegrain Rice Mixed Vegetables Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Peaches and Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets or (V) Cheesy Stack Wrap	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Apple Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Omelette	Chips Baked Beans Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Fruit Yoghurt

School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2022

2nd Half Term: 7th June – 21st 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 6th June 2022
Arts Week

Mon 6th June **School Closed for staff training**

Tues 7th
8.30am **Year 2 Mini games**

Weds 8th
12.45pm-3.15pm **Year 3 Swimming 1/6**
2.45pm **Let's Present**

Thurs 9th
7.00pm **Governors' Resources meeting**

Fri 10th
2.45pm **Class Cuckoo assembly for parents**

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Celebrate, Explore and Enjoy Our Parish Churchyard

'Love your Burial Ground / Churches Count on Nature' is a unique opportunity for those who love their churchyards and church spaces to take part in the largest ever nature count. This year it will take place during the week of Saturday 4 June to Sunday 12 June

Together with churches across the country of all denominations, the

Church of St John the Baptist, Danbury

welcomes you to come and discover the wildlife within our churchyard areas and help us start recording what animals and plants are here.

We have selected an area to leave unmown for a couple of months to allow the naturally occurring plants to flower and attract bees and other insects. We plan to do this with selected areas on a rotation basis over the years.

We hope to collate the data on the biological records hub, the National Biodiversity Network. If you have expertise in identifying wildlife we would love to hear from you.

We are hosting a '**BUG HUNT**' on

Saturday 4 June from 11:00am – 2:00pm

open to all ages, and you are welcome to bring a picnic

Identification guides will be available to use, or bring your own

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CHELMSFORD CITY FC

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

WHITSUN FOOTBALL COURSES 2022

COURSES

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TEAM

COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME	VENUE	AGE	PRICE
SOCCER COURSES					
CF1	MAY 31/JUNE 1	(2 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELSEA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, BROOMFIELD, CHELMSFORD (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	4-13	£37
GOALKEEPER COACHING SPECIALIST COACHING FOR THE ASPIRING KEEPER					
GK1	MAY 31/JUNE 1	(2 DAYS) 9:30-2:30	CHELSEA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, COURT ROAD, BROOMFIELD, CHELMSFORD (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)	8-16	£42

THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY WITHIN AGE BANDS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO BRING

Please bring suitable clothing and footwear for indoors and outside on 3g astro-turf (football boots not astro trainers if possible) and a packed lunch. On all courses please bring plenty of non-fizzy drink and a healthy morning snack. Water bottles can be refilled.

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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Dates for Summer Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
June		
Week beg		
6 th		School closed for staff training
		Arts Week
		Year 1 Phonics Screening window opens
		Year 4 Multiplication Test window opens
7 th	9.30am	Year 2 Mini-games
8 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 1/6
9 th	7.00pm	Governors' Resources meeting
10 th	2.45pm	Class C assembly
13 th		Governors' Personnel meeting
15 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 2/6
17 th	2.45pm	Class B assembly
20 th	Pm	KS2 District Athletics
21 st		Olympic athlete to visit school
22 nd	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 3/6
		School Class Photos
24 th		Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon School
	2.45pm	Class D assembly
25 th		DPSA Quiz
27 th	9.30am – 10.30am	New entrants to visit Meet your teacher for next year
	Pm	KS2 District Athletics
29 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 4/6
July		
1 st	All day	Year 5 visit to Danbury Outdoors
	2.45pm	Class A assembly
4 th		Science Day
		DPSA Inflatables afternoon
6 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 5/6
7 th	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
8 th		Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon
	1.30pm – 2.30pm	New entrants to visit Meet your teacher for next year
		Pupil end of year reports to go out
	Eve	DPSA Year 6 Leavers' Event
Week beg 11 th		Year 6 School Journey
13 th		New entrants to visit for lunch and stay and play afternoon
	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 6/6
18 th		Sports Day & Open afternoon
20 th		DPS Got Talent
21 st		Last day of term
	9.15am	Leavers' Assembly



JUBILEE FESTIVAL – Friday 3rd June

1pm to 6pm

Location: Dawson Memorial Field and Danbury Sports & Social Centre

Free Entertainment and Games for all the Family

Food available to purchase or bring a picnic

INFLATABLES
HUMAN FRUIT MACHINE
LIVE MUSIC
GAMES &
LOTS, LOTS MORE

**NO PARKING
EXCEPT BLUE BADGE HOLDERS**



EVENING JUBILEE QUIZ

Friday 3rd June

Danbury Sports & Social Centre

8pm to 10pm

8 people per table

(or we'll put you in a team)

£2 per person

Please contact Sports Centre on
01245 224515 to book your place