



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

10th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Alex S – **Platinum** Abbie G – **Bronze**

Emilia T – **Diamond** Jayden C-**Topaz** Sam T- **Topaz** Sam S - **Ruby**

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies during the term.

Weekly News

We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. The children have come back to a very busy two months: Year 2 launched their return with their attendance at the Mini-Games organised by our local schools' sports partnership (report below); Year 3 started their 6 week programme of swimming lessons; Year 6 attended the Essex Crucial Crew event and Class Cuckoo presented their class assembly. We continue this week and next with the statutory testing in Year 1 with the Phonics Screening and in Year 4 with the Multiplication Test. The first is completed with a teacher listening to each child individually decode a list of words, some of which are known words others are "alien" words which are phonetically decodable but don't make sense. The children are used to doing this type of assessment and the "alien" words do create some laughter. The multiplication test is completed online and each child has a personal login and they have 6 seconds to answer a selection of straightforward times-tables questions. Again this is something that the children are used to doing both through Times Tables Rock Stars and practice session in class time. The results will be shared with parents in the end of year pupil reports.

As promised below you will find a snap-shot of our Jubilee celebration that took place before the half-term break. This week the children should have brought home the Queen's Platinum Jubilee commemorative book which is being given to every primary school child nationally and we hope that you will share it with them and that they will keep it as a memento.

We have good news to report, the transformer that caused the power cut issues was replaced during the half term.

There are lots of events coming up this summer and we will share details with you in due course.

Jubilee Special Reports

On Friday 27th May the children and staff at Danbury Park came together to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The tone of the day was set as the children came into school dressed in red, white and blue in a jubilant and celebratory mood.

The children started the day in their own classes following up on the learning that Mrs Gooding introduced in Monday's assembly when she set the scene explaining to the children how the young Princess Elizabeth unexpectedly came to be heir to the throne. They then took part in a carousel of a wide variety of activities by visiting other classes and teachers.

Class Flamingo



Class Hummingbird

For the Queen's Jubilee the children who visited Class Hummingbird worked in groups to make a collage using images in red, white and blue. Class Hummingbird also designed their own stamps and created oil pastel pictures of the Queen's Corgis! The class also created the Union Jack in a variety of media, and made crowns and lanterns when visiting other classes. During the week we made a timeline of the Queen's life and looked at how she has changed over the years.



Jubilee Day Class Eider

Class Eider had a wonderful and memorable Jubilee Day! As well as dressing up in the patriotic colours: red, white and blue, they had fun going to different classrooms to take part in different activities with a jubilee theme. Culminating in a delicious ice lolly, whole school playtime and a good old sing song at the end of the day.



In Class E, each KS2 class collaborated together to create a Pop Art portrait of the Queen in the style of Andy Warhol. Each class used a different media (crayon, oil pastel, pen or watercolour). Here are their creations!



In Music lessons Mrs Long invited the children to write notes to add to a large collage and at lunchtime we enjoyed a special fish and chip treat served in boxes!



In the afternoon all the children came together for a special treat of an ice pop followed by a traditional afternoon playtime. We used the skipping ropes, hoops and balls and it was a great opportunity for the older children to play with the younger children. We were so lucky that the weather was kind to us.



We then retired to the hall and Ms Middleton, HLTA, shared with us *Jingly, Jangly, Jolly Jubilee*, a poem she had written specially for the occasion and which has now been published! We are so lucky to have a recognised poet on our staff and for her to perform her poetry to the children in person. It had a great refrain which the children joined in signaled by Ms Middleton's helpers who rang their bells. We sang some songs, accompanied by Mrs Booth on the piano, dating back to World War I which we found out were some of the Queen's favourites and ended with the National Anthem. Comments from the children were that this was the best day ever!



Class Budgerigar

The children in Class Budgerigar decided that they wanted to install a permanent memento so agreed to spend their Christmas enterprise money that they raised, on purchasing a tree to plant in the school grounds. This tied in with their class *Our World, Our Future* project on the carbon cycle and air quality as well as the Queen's canopy initiative.



Year Two Mini Games 2022

On Tuesday morning the Year Two children from classes Flamingo and Goldfinch participated in the Mini Games at Melbourne Athletic Stadium against ten other schools from the local area. The children were a credit to Danbury Park School as they behaved impeccably, showed great sportsmanship and achieved well in the various activities. They had six activities and gained points for each one according to how fast they completed it or how far they managed to throw the javelin. They had a wonderful time and returned to school very happy and proud of themselves.



Well done Year Two!

Essex Year of **REAding**

Michael Rosen on Language and Play – Thursday 16th June 10-11 (ONLINE)

Michael Rosen is one of Britain's best loved writers and performance poets for children and adults. He is also a broadcaster, Professor of Children's Literature and very much a national treasure. Michael has published in the region of 200 books for children and adults, including "The Sad Book" with Quentin Blake (Walker Books) - a meditation on bereavement written after the loss of his son, Eddie; "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" with Helen Oxenbury (Walker Books) - made into an animated film for Channel 4 broadcast Christmas Day 2016 - and "A Great Big Cuddle" with Chris Riddell (Walker Books). His YouTube Channel 'Kids' Poems and Stories with Michael Rosen' has had over 55 million views.

In this session Michael will perform and discuss the importance of play and talk in language development in young children.

The session is aimed at Parents, grandparents, carers, Early Years Professionals, and anyone who works with young children and is open to all.

Places are free - to book a place and receive the link please email
Essex.yearofreading@essex.gov.uk with Michael Rosen in the subject line.

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



Year 4 Human Biology Meeting – 6.30pm



Week 2

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 13th June 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 Pasta Bolognese or (V) Vegan Mince Bolognese	French Bread Sweetcorn, Cauliflower Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Jelly and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast; Chipolata Sausage Bacon and Egg (V) Vegan Sausage Egg	Hash Brown Mushrooms Baked Beans Fresh Tomatoes	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	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 a roll	Chips Peas Baked Beans Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit 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 13th June 2022

Mon 13th

10.00am	Tennis for Classes D & C
3.30pm	Year 6 sponsored walk to raise funds for a leaving gift to the school
7.00pm	Governors' Personnel Meeting

Tues 14th

6.30pm	Year 4 Human Biology Meeting
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Weds 15th

12.45pm-3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 2/6
2.45pm	Let's Present
7.00pm	Welcome meeting for parents of new entrants in September 2022

Thurs 16th

Fri 17th

2.45pm	Class Budgerigar assembly for parents
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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

Dates for Summer Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
June		
Week beg 13 th		Arts Week continued in some classes
		Year 1 Phonics Screening window continues for those children absent last week
		Year 4 Multiplication Test
13 th		Governors' Personnel meeting
14 th	6.30pm	Year 4 Human Biology 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	12.30 – 3.00pm	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