



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong !*

## Newsletter

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

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

**Alice F - Bronze**

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

### Weekly News

Last week the families of children in Class Cuckoo joined us for their class assembly. Whilst some of the children are understandably nervous about presenting in front of an audience of adults, others relish the opportunity to perform. In our class assemblies the children share their learning from the last half-term which we hope gives parents a flavour of what they have been doing in class. In Class Cuckoo the children were very enthusiastic about plastic recycling, sharing with us their poems in the style of Benjamin Zephaniah reflecting their thoughts on why we need to take more care of our planet. They also demonstrated their country dancing, ukulele playing and spiral music composition. This showed very well how our curriculum, whilst celebrating traditional and classical painters and composers, also opens the children's mind to modern artists and musicians. We hope that in September, we will be able to re-introduce holding our class assemblies in front of the rest of the school as it is crucial that the children see what each other are doing and learn from each other.

Today has been very hot in school and sun safety is part of our PSHE teaching. We have encouraged the children to stay in the shade at break and lunchtimes and to have regular drinks of water throughout the day. We have noticed that many children are coming to school in long lasting sun protection which is great and that some are bringing in sunglasses. We appreciate that protecting our eyes is important but we ask that children wear high quality sun glasses with the correct level of UV protection and that parents do understand that wearing these are not without risk as the children do run around a lot when outside and there is the possibility that they may fall or bump heads and that the glasses may get broken or cause injury to the face.

On our return to school after the half-term break, we participated in the Sky Arts Week and each class took a special word from our Danbury Park Code to pull apart and understand through creative representation what this means. The words included: resilience, courage, kindness, respect. We are putting together a display for the hall and the corridors so that parents will be able to see the children's work as part of our open afternoon in July. A small taster of what the children were doing in Class Eider is included below.

## Class Eider Arts Week

Class E had a lovely Arts Week and our word of the week was: COURAGE. We explored the meaning of the word 'courage' in a variety of ways. We read the story of Milton, a young boy who loses his courage to participate in activities he used to love. Until one day, he is given a jar of 'courage' which helps him to enjoy life again! Slowly, Milton realises that the courage to do things is within him and not within the jar.



We made and decorated 'courage' catchers using cardboard, wool, beads, sequins and, of course, GLITTER!!!



We also put our acting shoes on and role-played scenarios involving courage. There were children using courage to pick up 'spiders', go swimming, stand up to a bully and even own up to breaking their mum's plant pot!

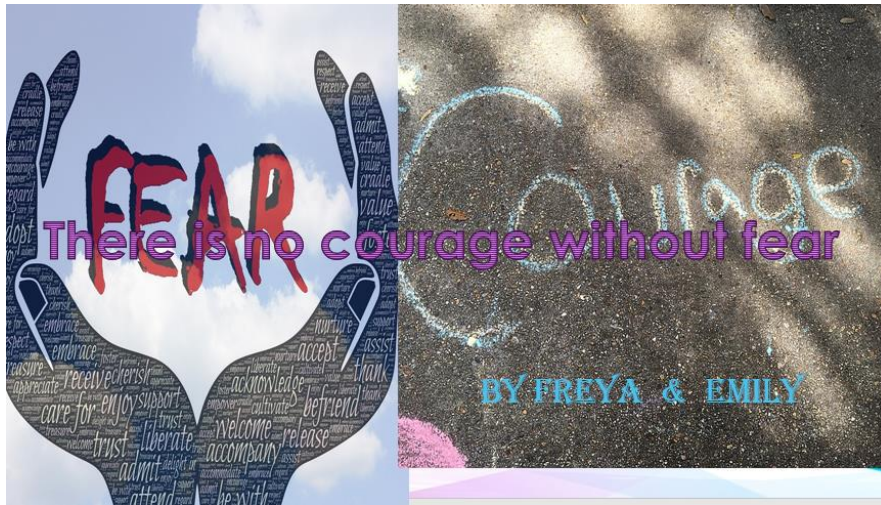
The children explored different poses to show courage in front of the camera and we used these black and white photos to create Pop Art self portraits under the title: Courage.





## Class Eider Arts Week (contd)

We used the laptops to type up motivational quotes to help others find their courage. Some of the quotes the children wrote, were very thought-provoking and insightful.



## Year Four Superstars

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the Year Four children travelled to Melbourne Stadium to participate in the Year Four Superstars Festival. This was their first opportunity to meet and participate in a sporting event, so there was great excitement.

On arrival at the stadium, the weather, although dull, was dry. However, by the time all nine schools had gathered the rain had begun! This did not dampen their spirits. The children, oblivious to the rain ran, skipped, jumped and even scooted around the course, demonstrating good skills and great sportsmanship. Score cards were completed and the children all looked forward to the closing ceremony when the scores would be announced. Which school would win, who would be the highest achieving athlete?

After completing the activities, the children gathered for the announcements. It had been decided that all children were winners due to their willingness to participate regardless of the conditions. Certificates were issued, thanks were given and then all returned to school.

It was a super afternoon and I was proud of the children. The children and I would like to thank the parents who came along to support them.



Photographer: Rupert F

Reporter: Mrs Ireland

## Safeguarding

This week the 2 Johns issued a 15 minute update for schools and parents on topical matters in Essex. They highlighted:

- 🦉 Edible cannabis (which we have included in our previous newsletters),
- 🦉 Child exploitation and
- 🦉 Challenges.

We appreciate that some children also read our newsletter so do not want to give too much detail here but we would urge parents to check out the 2 Johns website and facebook page for more details. The worry is that children as young as 6 are being urged to participate in challenges that they are seeing online and that these could cause serious injury or death. At this age the children are unable to understand the consequences of what they are being urged to do.

The website is: <https://esafetytraining.org/>

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

## 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.*



- 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Request from Class Flamingo

If you have any spare material at home in red, yellow, orange, blue, white or silver at home, please can Class Flamingo have it for their weaving activity.





**Week 3**

## **Owl's Barn School Meals**

**Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Fresh bread and milk available daily

<b>Monday</b>	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake or (V) Cheddar Whirl	Bread Sweetcorn Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate 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	Tuti Fruti Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken With Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy Or (V) Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Roast Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Organic Fruit Ice Lolly 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	Shortbread Biscuit 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 Summer Term 2022**

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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>**

Am

Classes D and C - Tennis as part of PE lessons

After school

Year 6 District Sports Event

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>**

12.30pm

**World Music Day**

Dan Putnam, visiting Olympic athlete joining KS2 for some sporting activities

**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Am

**Class Photos**

12.45pm-3.15pm

Year 3 Swimming 3/6

2.45pm

Let's Present

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>**

2.45pm

Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon School

Class Dove 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



## Dates for Summer Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
<b>June</b>		
Week beg 20 <sup>th</sup>		Year 4 Multiplication Test window continues
20 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	KS2 District Athletics
21 <sup>st</sup>	12.30 – 3.00pm	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 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
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 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
	9.15am	Leavers' Assembly