



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

15th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Oliver C – Diamond Zachary H – Diamond Claudia M – Year Four Reading Challenge

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies during the term.

Weekly News

We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused by the necessary rescheduling of our first Sports Day and Open Afternoon since 2019. It seems that, yet again, we are faced with unprecedented and unusual situations. Given the high temperatures that are predicted for Monday and Tuesday, and the risk to everyone's health, we felt that we had no choice. The timetable for Wednesday is:

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| 9.10am | Front gates will be opened to visitors |
| 9.15am | KS2 opening ceremony on the playground |
| | Sporting events for Key Stage 2 (Classes E, D, C, B & A) |
| 10.30am | KS1 and Early Years opening ceremony on the playground |
| | Sporting events for Key Stage 1 and Early Years (Classes J, H, G & F) |
| 11.30am | Whole school running events on the field |
| 12.15pm | Awarding of cups and trophies followed by picnic lunch on the field |
| 1.30pm | Children return to class to change out of PE kits and for registration |
| 2.00pm | Open afternoon in classes with an opportunity to look at your child's work |

We reserve the right to adapt or curtail some of the activities, if we feel that it is unsafe for the children to continue.

The picnic lunches will be eaten on the field and you are welcome to bring your own seats, blankets and gazebos. Throughout the day the DPSA will be on hand to sell drinks and ice creams at lunchtime. Please remember this is a working school day, so please do not bring any alcohol onto the premises and we are a dog and smoke-free premises. After lunch staff will take the children back into class so that families can tidy away their belongings. Once teachers have taken the registers, we will invite parents to come and join your child in their class to look at their best work from this year. You will be able to take your child to their sibling's class and to visit their classrooms for next year but we do ask that you let the teacher know to sign them out. Pushchairs and buggies must be left outside the classrooms as space is limited. Once you are finished, parents may take their child home early from school.

Please note that in conjunction with Danbury Outdoors, we have decided to close the carpark to parents. There will be limited space for those with disabled badges. This is to ensure access to and from Danbury Outdoors and for emergency services to both premises at all times.

Because of the changes to Sports Day, Danbury Park's Got Talent will take place on Thursday after morning break.

Hanging Basket Competition

Back in April, I set the school a competition to see which class could plant a hanging basket and look after it well through the summer term. The dry weather has been challenging but these are the four front runners:



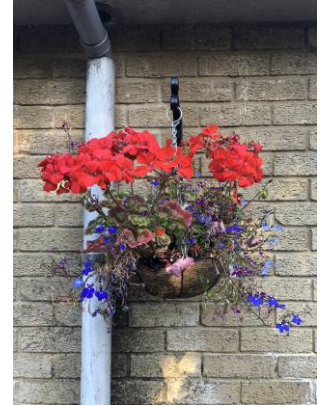
Class Budgeriar



Class Cuckoo



Class Eider



Class Flamingo

Well done so far and next week I will choose the overall winner.

Talented Children

Well done to **George G** who won the Under 8 red ball and Under 9 orange ball finals at the Danbury Tennis Club Championships 2022.

Well done also to **Elena** who took part in the UK National Championships for dancing last weekend and came third for her Lyrical solo dance and first for her Acro solo. She later found out she was the highest scoring Acro dancer for her category and was awarded a trophy.



Well done!

Engineer Visit

On Thursday we were lucky to have two engineers from Ford come into school. Matt and Andreas explained that engineers help improve our lives in many ways. As humans our needs are changing and evolving and they try to keep up with the demands of their consumer. They talked about their jobs as 'Automotive Engineers' and they got the children thinking about how engineers have developed many of the items we own and use every day. From the telephone, to the cars we drive, engineers develop and improve ideas continuously. They showed us how they make a list of requirements and then use that information to develop their ideas. From here they start to test ideas and create a 'prototype'. To ensure none of their competitors know about their new concepts and products they disguise the cars using stickers.



They then transport their prototypes to different places such as the Arctic or the Arizona Desert to test them in extreme conditions. Sometimes they drive them to these places, sometimes they go on a boat and in special cases they fly them over!

The children were fascinated to find out that a new car is manufactured every minute of every day. They also found out that on new electric supercars because of how quiet electric cars are they actually have a sound system that sounds like the car would have, if it was a petrol or diesel, but only people in the car can hear it. People outside cannot hear a thing!

The children enjoyed being able to make links with the learning we do in school from designing something in DT, to testing ideas and materials in science, to ICT where we learn to debug and improve our codes.

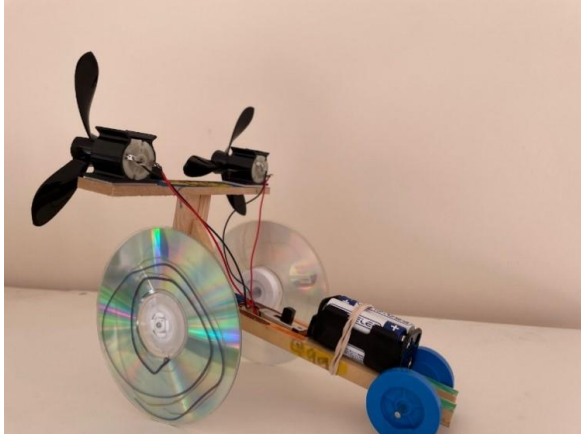


We were then lucky enough to be able to look at one of the prototypes as well as looking at a newly released electric Mustang! The children enjoyed learning how electric cars do not have engines they have a motor instead and at the front of the Mustang instead of an engine it had an area where you could put things. From the children in Early Years through to the Year 6 children everyone seemed to really enjoy hearing about being an engineer and exploring the vehicles.

Danbury Park School staff and children would like to say a big thank you to Matt and Andreas for coming in especially as this was their first time presenting to children and sharing the knowledge. We thoroughly enjoyed their visit and hope they did too!

Techno Games at William De Ferrers School

By Avy S



On 6th and 7th July 2022, Josh, Arabella, Elena, Sophie and myself (Avy) went to William De Ferrers School to compete in the Techno Games. When we arrived, we saw other schools; each school had five children. We got separated into three different groups: Marble Run, Buggy, Docking Station and Baking. We walked to the technology block, which is near the swimming centre I go to, and went to our rooms to get started creating and designing. I got some help from some Year 9's and in a day and a quarter I finished my buggy.

We got to see the other groups work; all of my schoolmates did baking and I saw their presentation. Then I got to do my race; I came second. I was really amazed with my work. We were presented with certificates and mars bars from the teachers and then we went home with a Haribo 'Fruiticious' packet.



Governor Survey

Last week you should have received a Parentmail as the governors are conducting their annual summer survey and would like parents' views on how well you think the school has coped with the COVID pandemic this academic year and the move towards living with the virus. The survey is available online at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/DGXajhBBEM>

Alternatively a paper version is available from the school office.

Please respond by **Wednesday 20th July**. An analysis of the responses will appear in the newsletter in September.

Thank you.

Well-being

Self-Care Summer Resources

The summer holidays offer an opportunity to recharge, but some children may find themselves struggling without the structure and support network of school. Anna Freud Centre have created these **Self-Care Summer Packs** for primary and secondary pupils. Each feature a range of creative activities based on self-care strategies to stay mentally healthy. They also signpost to additional support which can be accessed over the summer break.

The website is

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/self-care-summer/>

Safeguarding

Remain Vigilant to Signs of Exploitation over the Summer

As the summer holidays approach and more time is spent outside, away from technology, online safety may be far from parents' minds. However, we know smartphones are rarely left behind and child exploitation doesn't disappear for the summer. Parents and carers are being reminded of the importance of being aware of their child's internet use over the summer. The ESCB website has lots of information as well as links to podcasts and videos with useful advice.

TikTok

We would also like to remind parents of some of the dangers of TikTok and how adults need to stay ahead of their children in understanding how these online sites can be misused. Below are some links to guides for parents which we think you might find useful.



Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok (Commonsense Media)

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>



TikTok app safety – What parents need to know (Internet Matters)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Vaccinations

Recently our school was asked to help promote a book specially written for children all about having a vaccination. This can be a scary unknown for children and the book aims to explain what happens when they visit the doctor or nurse for a jab for any reason. It is a friendly story involving animals and we have a copy in school should any family wish to borrow it.

Please see the links below for more information:

Website - [Local NHS launch children's vaccination storybook - Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System \(ics.nhs.uk\)](https://www.local-nhs-launch-childrens-vaccination-storybook-mid-and-south-essex-integrated-care-system-ics.nhs.uk)

LinkedIn - https://www.linkedin.com/posts/msessex-ics_local-nhs-launch-childrens-vaccination-storybook-activity-6950831551639130112-QOS2?utm_source=linkedin_share&utm_medium=member_desktop_web

We have also been asked by Essex County Council to remind families about child-friendly, COVID vaccination clinics for 5-11s that are open all summer. They say:

Looking forward to family holidays? Vaccination offers the best protection from COVID-19. Getting your children vaccinated is quick and easy, increases their immunity and helps protect your whole family. Book online at NHS.UK, call 119 or attend one of our child-friendly walk-in vaccination clinics, no appointment needed. Find your local walk-in centre

Please [click here](#) for more information.





WIN
A YEAR OF
FRUIT & VEG
HOME DELIVERY

12 monthly fruit & veg boxes
delivered to your door

The PEARfect prize!

boxfresh

- Help boost our fundraising
- Tickets cost just £1 per week each
- Weekly cash prize
- Win up to £25,000

Play Now! Go to:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/support
and search for: **Danbury Park Community**



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing date for entries: 27th August 2022

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.

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>

This is the eligibility criteria ECC use:



Entitlement and what is required

The Government set the criteria for free school meal entitlement. To be entitled, you need to receive:

- Universal Credit with an annual income of £7,400 or less
- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment & Support Allowance
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Child Tax Credit (But not working tax credit) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Parents with Asylum Seeker status who receive support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit 'Run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Here is the link to apply [Free school meals - Essex County Council](#)

Letters/Parentmail sent out this week:

-  Letter to all parents regarding arrangements for September 2022
-  Young Voices Letter – Year 4&5





Week 3

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 18th July 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

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| Monday | Local Butchers Pork Sausages or (V)Vegan Sausages | Creamy Mashed Potato Carrots Peas Green Salad | Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling | Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt |
| Tuesday | Homemade Chicken Korma with Naan Bread (V) Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma | White/Wholegrain Rice Mixed Vegetable Green Salad | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo | Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt |
| Wednesday | Sports Day | Picnic Lunch Pre - Ordered only |  |  |
| Thursday | Omega 3 Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers | Chips Baked Beans Peas Green salad | Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo | 100% Organic Fruit Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt |

School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2022

As the end of year is fast approaching please ensure that the **school meal accounts are fully paid via Pay360**.
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 18th July 2022

Mon 18th

Tues 19th

Weds 20th

Sports Day
Open Afternoon

Thurs 21st

9.15am

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for parents/carers (places limited to 2 per family)

11.00am

Danbury Park's Got Talent

3.15pm

School ends for the academic year 2021-22

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