



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

1st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Freya B - Diamond Fred P – Year 4 Reading Challenge Emily B – Silver
Hema M - Silver Tom B - Silver Tommy P- Gold

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies during the term.

Weekly News



Over the past few months many of the children in the juniors have been working with me at lunchtimes to create a quiet garden area by the side of the gazebo. The first task was to remove the existing grass and break up the concrete-like soil. We were also helped considerably by our caretaker, Mr Lawday. The Year 6 children worked so hard and gave it their all but it was hard work! At the end of SATs in May we had a productive afternoon with one group digging and another distributing bark around the EYFS outdoor classroom.

We were very lucky that Mrs Williams, one of our LSAs and one of our Get Active Promoters, was removing some small shrubs, ferns and grasses from her garden and she gave these to us so that we put in place some established plants as a structure. This week we planted out some of the other plants and flowers that were given to us and that we have been growing on. Unfortunately it seems that the squirrels, rabbits and birds like the loose soil and they have been digging up some of the younger plants. Well, we decided that is what happens when you also want to encourage the wildlife into our grounds but we are planning another gardening session on Monday!

Well done to the children in Class Dove who shared their learning with families last week in their class assembly. They were very well-prepared and tested the knowledge of our audience through a multiple-answer quiz. They demonstrated their country dancing skills and also their wonderfully evocative writing based on local history.

Miss Potter's Visit

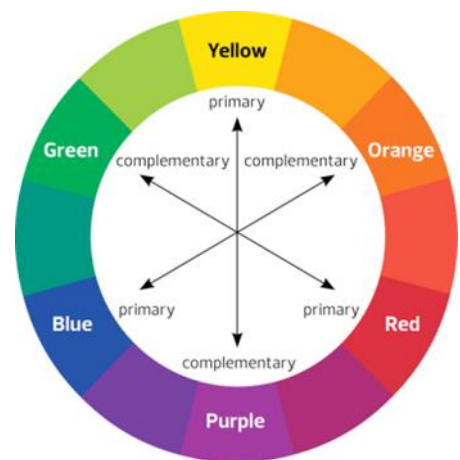


On Wednesday 22 June, class Budgerigar met Miss Potter, a freelance artist, in their classroom as their focus in Sky Arts week was 2D mark making.

First, we looked at her powerpoint and she explained that she uses her iPad Pro to draw digitally as she likes to zoom in for detail. She likes bright, bold colours especially those that are the opposite sides of the colour wheel.

Miss Potter likes to skateboard and surf and she had her own skateboard and t-shirt shop. Her inspiration is Andy Warhol as he used to screen print and he once said "Art can be printed on anything."

She gave us advice on how to get better at art: practice every day, never give up, go to art exhibitions, enter art competitions, research other artists and keep an open mind.



She has illustrated a children's book called, Arfa the one eyed, one legged parrot by Peter Smith.

These illustrations were made on her iPad Pro.

She has a selection of her work online and people contact her to discuss new projects.



Ronny and Harvey
Class Budgerigar

Future Summer Events

Sports Day – Monday 18th July

This year Sports Day will take place on Monday 18th July. We are following the same format as in previous years combining our Sports Day and Open Afternoon. To save busy parents having to take two days off work we are combining the two events on the same day with the traditional picnic lunch in the middle. The timetable for the day is:

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 and then visit their new class for next year
3.15pm	End

If you would like to bring a picnic lunch to share with your child you are welcome. We are offering the opportunity to order a lunch from the school kitchen and a letter has been sent home with details. Please note that you must pre-book your picnic lunch using the slip and that no other lunches will be provided by the school kitchen. You must complete the slip, enclose the money and order a picnic lunch even if your child has school dinners everyday. Replies must be received by 12 noon on Friday 8th July as late requests will not be possible. Please note that payments for adults must be cash only for this event.

In the event of bad weather we will make a decision as early as possible on the day as to whether events can go ahead. Regardless, we will still hold the lunch for families and we will picnic in the school building if needs be.

Danbury Park's Got Talent - Wednesday 20th July

We are pleased to re-introduce our annual talent show on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th July. Each class will organise and hold auditions for two acts to represent their class in the main competition. In previous years children have worked in groups to produce their own mini plays and sketches or gymnastics and dance routines whilst other children have performed a solo, singing or playing an instrument. The teachers will be talking to the children and will let you know their own class's requirements and arrangements shortly. We are sorry but we do not have room in the hall to accommodate visitors for this event.

District Sports 2022

Field Events

The District Field events took place on the 20th June 2022. Throwing, high jump and long jump were all a part of this inter-school athletics tournament. Each event had a girls team and a boys team. The teams consisted of Eve, Eloise and Myah for the girls, and William R, Jacob and Zac for the boys. All in all, three certificates were brought back to school by the girls. The boys also put in a valiant effort. Congratulations to Eloise, Eve and Myah, plus the rest of the team.

Track event

A week later we travelled back to Melbourne Sports and Athletics Centre to participate in the track events. The events consisted of Girls and Boys 400m relay, 600m and 80m (*70m for Year 5, 60m for Years 3 and 4*). It began with 600m, which we tried our absolute best in, but unfortunately, we didn't take home a certificate. Next was the 80m, 70m and 60m sprints. All of us did amazingly well with most placing in 1st, 2nd or 3rd. The event concluded with the relay races: this was exclusive to Year 6 only. The relay consisted of 4 girls or boys and each would have to run 100m each. The Girls relay team had Bella, Eloise, Poppy and Myah racing and the boys: Max Sq, Tommy, Theo and Zac. Both teams were placed third and received a certificate.

Congratulations to all who participated in both field and track:

Eve, Eloise, Myah, William R, Jacob, Zac, Tommy, Poppy, Elena, Evie, Albert, Josh H, Bella, Myah, Zac, Max S, Lexie, Mya-Rose, Archie, Charlie, Katie, Rachel, Sam, Ibraheem and Theo.

Well Done Danbury Park! 🥳



Well-being

As a school we work closely with bccs for expert counselling and more specialised support where children and families are in need. They have been working on their new training materials and some of their most experienced child and adolescent therapists have created new workshops for parents/carers, pupils, and staff alike.

Below are the links for the webpage and the supporting information for each workshop.

Parental workshop on understanding anxiety

<https://www.bccs.org.uk/training-in-schools/parent-workshop-anxiety>

Wellbeing mentor training

<https://www.bccs.org.uk/support-for-school-staff/wellbeing-mentor>

Mindfulness

<https://www.bccs.org.uk/support-for-school-staff/mindfulness>

Bereavement

<https://www.bccs.org.uk/training-in-schools/supporting-children-and-young-people-after-bereavement>



Safeguarding

Huggy Wuggy – Poppy Playtime

We have been made aware of this character and game that we feel parents should be aware of. It is scary for young children and has been re-classified as suitable for 12+. Please check out any online games by first playing them with your child. That way you will know what they are being exposed to.

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.commonsensemedia.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!

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.*



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BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



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- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: Danbury Park Communi

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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>

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.

Dog Fouling

We have been asked by a member of our community to remind parents about their responsibilities for cleaning up their dog excrement from the pavements and grassed areas. Children bringing dog mess into homes and school on their shoes is unhygienic. It causes upset for the children as well as additional work for families and staff as we have to clean the carpets and floors straightaway and also for parents who will have to clean up their child's shoes.



Week 1

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 4th July 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

American Independence Lunch Monday	Local Butcher Sausage In a Roll (Hot Dog) or (V) Vegan Sausage	French Fries Sweetcorn Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	Roast Chicken With Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy Or (V) Quorn Fillet in Gravy	Roast Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	100% Organic Fruit Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	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
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers Or (V) Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Chips Baked Beans Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Finger Bun 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 4th July 2022

Mon 4th

After School

Science Day

DPSA Summer Bonanza

Tues 5th

9.15am

Year 2 performance to parents of *Eddie the Penguin*

9.15am

Students from Sandon School for Year 6 Spanish lesson

Weds 6th

12.45pm-3.15pm

Year 3 Swimming 5/6

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 7th

7.00pm

Full Governing Body Meeting

Fri 8th

1.30am

Induction Day at Sandon for Year 6 pupils

Eve

New entrants for September to visit and pupils their teacher for next year

Year 6 DPSA Silent Disco

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
July		
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