



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Henry C - **Kryptonite** Alex S - **Kryptonite**
Poppy R - **Platinum** Holly C - **Silver** Toby B - **Silver** Isabelle M - **Bronze**
Avalon L – **Diamond** Charlie W - **Diamond** Theo C-M – **Emerald** Annie B – **Ruby**

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies or in class this week.

Well done to **Eve** who won the Danbury Society Art prize for her picture entitled *70 Years of Corgis* and to **Henry** whose entry was “worthy of the judges’ commendation”. Each year the Year 6 children take part in this competition and the winning work is displayed alongside work from local artists and other local schools. The exhibition will be open to the public from Friday 26th August until Sunday 28th August at the Danbury Sports and Social Centre.

End of Year

I am not quite sure how you sum up this year without saying how challenging and unpredictable it has been, yet again - what with COVID, powers cuts and an extreme heat warning! However, despite these events, it has been a great year as we have returned to more normal operations and have gradually been able to introduce more and more of our traditions and much valued events such as class assemblies, DT days in class, meetings in person, inter-school sporting events, Danbury Park’s Got Talent and our very own sports day.

We are also extremely proud of the progress the children have made this year and our end of year statutory assessments reflect the hard work of the children, the teachers and parents. We have certainly maintained our position as a school that performs better than the national average but more importantly, the majority of our children are back on track with their learning and so are able to continue their journey and are ready for the next steps. By working together, we help the children to achieve their very best!

More detailed information and reports on events this week are included below.

All the staff would like to thank families for their thoughtful and generous gifts and we wish the children and parents a restful summer holiday. We are already planning and looking forward to the Autumn Term 2022-23 which starts on Monday 5th September.

End of Year Leavers

Today we say good bye to our Year 6 pupils and we wish them the very best for the exciting future ahead of them. They have worked hard this year to catch up from the disrupted years of learning and they have done a tremendous job. They are more than ready to fly away and spread their wings!



We would like to thank them for the gift of the lovely buddy benches which they worked hard to raise funds for and which will be used by many children for years to come. We are placing these in the reflection garden that many of them helped dig and plant.

We also say:

- 🐼 Au revoir to Mrs Eveleigh, Class Eider's teacher (also Class Avocet's teacher in the Autumn Term), as she takes a year's sabbatical exploring new countries and experiences;
- 🐼 Thank you to Mrs Gilbert who has been teaching Class Eider since Christmas on Thursdays and Fridays and particularly for inspiring the children with her creative and encouraging approach;
- 🐼 Good luck to Miss Bridge, Class Jay's job-share teacher, who is getting married this summer and will return as Mrs Stone;
- 🐼 Farewell to Mrs Booth, Class Avocet's teacher, as she embarks on a new adventure in another school.

We wish them all well and hope they will be happy in their new ventures.

Danbury Park's Got Talent

The children all enjoyed the opportunity to watch their chosen class acts compete in the talent show.

The winners were:

Infants – **Rosie M** (Class F) for her lovely expressive singing of *Waiting on a Miracle*

Lower Juniors – **Phoebe M** (Class E) for singing with feeling *It could've been me*.

Upper Juniors – **Elena M** (Class C) for her lyrical, controlled dancing to *Brave*



It was incredibly hard to choose winners as we have so many talented children. We would like to give a special mention to **Emily B** (Class A) who impressed us with her circus and **Oscar R** (Class B) with his beautiful singing.

Well done to everyone who entertained us!

End of Year Results

We end the year with a fantastic set of academic results of which we are very proud:

Early Years Foundation Stage: 76% pupils achieved a good level of development.

Year 1 Phonics: 92% pupils achieved the expected standard.

Year 2 Phonics: 100% pupils achieved the expected standard.

End of Key Stage 1 (Year 2)

Subject	Working Below the Towards Expected Standard	Working Towards the Expected Standard	Working at or above Expected Standard	Working at greater depth of the Expected Standard
Reading		5%	95%	35%
Writing		20%	81%	22%
Maths		18%	92%	24%
Science			100%	
R,W & M			76%	20%

End of Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

Tests

Subject	Other	<100	≥100	≥110	Average Standardised Score	National % pupils achieving ≥100
Reading	3%	19%	78%	42%	107	74%
GPS	3%	22%	75%	39%	106	72%
Maths	3%	17%	81%	42%	107	71%

Teacher Assessments

Subject	Foundations/ Early Stages	Has Not Met the Expected Standard	Working Towards the Expected Standard	Working at Expected Standard or above	Working at Greater Depth of the Expected Standard	National % pupils achieving expected standard
Writing	3%		17%	81%	33%	69%
Science		17%		83%		79%

	School	National
Reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics	72%	59%

As you will see, we haven't yet received all of the comparative data but where we have, I am sure you will agree that the children this year performed very well in the statutory assessments compared to schools nationally.

Well done to the children and all the staff who work so hard to provide so many wonderful opportunities for the children to succeed.



Dear Parents/carers,

This term has been one of further challenges for our school – power problems, Covid ‘catch-up’, and a heatwave – but, thanks to the leadership of the Headteacher and the hard work of all the staff, these challenges have been met with determination and resilience. The governors are extremely grateful to them all. The pupils have also worked hard and happily and will go into the next academic year well prepared. We have continued to support the school through monitoring (e.g. safeguarding, Health & Safety) and visiting our classes – Maths week was particularly enjoyed – and our committees have met regularly.

The committee chairs’ reports are as follows –

Curriculum and Pupil Related – Chair, Mrs. Katherine Moulding

We reviewed progress towards the School's yearly objectives monitored by the committee on teaching, learning and Wellbeing.

- 🐭 We received and reviewed Governor monitoring reports on Safeguarding, Pupil Premium, Broad Curriculum, Equalities, SEND, Wellbeing, KS2 and governor visits during Maths week.
- 🐭 We approved the updated policies on SEND, Food, Out of School Hours Learning, Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development, Target Setting and Visiting Speakers.

Resources Committee – Chair, Mr. George Fraser

- 🐭 There has been an in-depth review of the power outage problem which occurred this term.
- 🐭 The outdoor gym is now in use by pupils.
- 🐭 On budgetary matters, concerns around rising costs were discussed.
- 🐭 School meal price rise proposal for the next academic year was agreed due to the rising cost of food.

Personnel – Chair, Mrs. Debbie Le Monde

- 🐭 Staff covid absences have generally reduced this term providing consistent educational experience all round.
- 🐭 Despite illness and absence cover across the year, staff have maintained their training to comply with statutory requirements and keep up to date with current educational provision.
- 🐭 Very pleased to report there is a full complement of staff across the school.

We wish you and your families a safe and happy summer holiday.
Brenda Wray, Chair of Governors

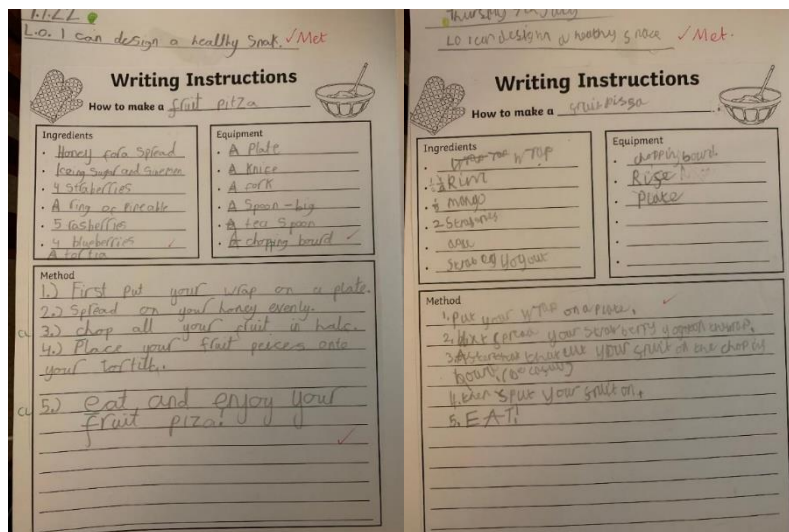
Hanging Basket Competition

The overall winner was Class Flamingo for taking such good care of their well-designed bright and colourful hanging basket. Well done!



Class Eider Cookery

On Thursday, Mrs Moulding, Class Eider's governor joined the class for their fun cookery session. Previously, the children had designed a healthy snack in the form of either a no-cook fruit or a vegetable pizza. They planned which ingredients and equipment they would need, wrote recipes and gathered some special ingredients from home.



Class E learned various cutting techniques such as: the fork secure technique, the claw hold and the bridge hold which helped the children to cut their fruit and vegetables safely and with control.



The children were extremely focused and persevered to overcome any problems. The proof was in the pudding, however, when they came to enjoy their delicious treats.



We would like to give **Maldon Morrison's** a big thank you for donating the ingredients for our delicious healthy snacks and Class E would also like to thank **Mrs Moulding** for coming in and helping us!

Sports Day

The children had a great time at our Sports Day on Wednesday and it was good to see so many parents, grandparents and families. We were fortunate that there was a breeze to help alleviate the hot sunshine so that we could proceed with the entire schedule of events. There were lots of personal bests achieved as well as team support and camaraderie.

The results were:

EYFS and Key Stage 1 Winners:

Year 2 – **Green** Team

Year 1 – **Yellow** Team

EYFS – **Blue** Team

Key Stage 2

Year 3 – **FIRE**

Highest scoring boy – Jensen H

Highest scoring girl – Avie B

Year 4 – **AIR**

Highest scoring boy – Charlie H

Highest scoring girl – Emilia T

Year 5 – **AIR**

Highest scoring boy – Tom B

Highest scoring girl – Elena M

Year 6 – **AIR**

Highest scoring boy – Tommy P

Highest scoring girl – Bella G

KS2 OVERALL WINNER – **AIR**



Safeguarding - Online Safety

Children and young people today are growing up in an increasingly complex world, living much of their lives online. The internet provides many opportunities for our children, but also brings with it risks. We need to help our children understand these risks and equip them with the skills to keep themselves as safe as possible online. We also need to be confident that they understand how to report online harm and where to access help and support if they need it. Any child can be vulnerable online, and their vulnerability can fluctuate depending on their age, developmental stage and personal circumstance.

It is important to teach children how to navigate the online world and equip them with sufficient knowledge and understanding to keep themselves safer online. General messages about online safety are appropriate, as to refer to specific potential harmful websites and apps can increase risk. The key to help children and young people develop are:

- ✓ **How to evaluate what they see online** – children need to be able to assess and make judgements about what they see online, and not automatically assume that what they see is real or appropriate
- ✓ **How to recognise techniques used for persuasion** – children should understand the techniques that are often used to persuade or manipulate others
- ✓ **Online behaviour** – children should understand what acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour (in themselves and others) looks like. They should apply the same standards of behaviour and honesty on and offline, including respect for others.
- ✓ **How to identify online risks** – children should be able to identify possible online risks and make informed decisions about how to act
- ✓ **How and when to seek support** – children should understand safe ways in which to seek support if they are concerned or upset by something they have seen online, and also how to report online harm

Resources for parents and carers:

- [Internet Matters](#) – a not-for-profit organisation set up to empower parents and carers to keep children safe in the digital world. Their support for parents includes a range of downloadable guides covering subjects such as transition to secondary school, Vlogging & livestreaming, online gaming and cyberbullying
- [NSPCC](#) - includes a range of resources to help parents keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more
- [Parent Info](#) - from CEOP and Parent Zone, Parent Info is a website for parents covering all of the issues amplified by the internet. It is a free service which helps schools engage parents with expert safety advice, endorsed by the National Crime Agency's CEOP command. This website provides expert information across a range of online harms
- [Parent Zone](#) - offers a range of resources for families, to help them meet the challenges of the digital age, including parent guides on the latest digital trends and platforms.

Resources for pupils:

- [BBC Own It](#) - support for young people to take control of their online life, including help and advice, skills and inspiration on topics such as friendships and bullying, safety and self-esteem
- [Childline](#) – includes information for pupils on sexting, gaming, grooming, bullying, porn, relationships.

The Essex Safeguarding Children Board also has a lot of information about [Online Safety \(escb.co.uk\)](https://www.escb.co.uk).

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

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 has 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/>



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

Free Energy Advice

Sustainable Danbury was founded in 2021 by and for residents in Danbury, Little Baddow and other surrounding villages. We have received funding to provide free energy advice for residents in the local area.

Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about:

- Simple ways you can save energy and money while keeping your home warm
- Lowering your carbon consumption
- Information on energy contracts, tariffs and switching suppliers
- Accessing free or part-funded efficiency measures such as the Green Home Grant and Warm Homes Discount
- Information on dealing with energy and water debt
- Joining the Priority Service Register for priority help during power cuts

We will be holding clinics at various times throughout 2022 and can also provide individual advice by appointment either by phone, video call (Zoom) or face to face.

Book your consultation at:
<https://sustainabledanbury.org/Energy-Advice.php>
Or scan the QR code



You can email us at sustainabledanbury@gmail.com
Or call at 07808 332258

This programme is being funded by UK Power Networks (our local Electricity Distribution System operator) and administered via the Centre for Sustainable Energy and is supported by Essex County Council



Notification and Reminders

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:



Week 1

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 5th September 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or (V) Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	White/Wholegrain Pasta Cucumber Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages or (V) Vegan Sausages	Creamy Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables 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 Carrots, Peas 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 DINNERS **COSTS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2022**

1st Half Term: 5th Sept – 20th October 2022 = 34 days at £2.50 = £85.00
2nd Half Term: 31st October – 20th December 2022 = 37 days at £2.50 = £92.50

Total for Autumn Term = £177.50

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 5th September 2022

Mon 5th
8.45am

School gates open, remember 8.55am school gates close!
EYFS Group 1 children in Class Jay start

Tues 6th

EYFS children in Class Hummingbird start

Weds 7th

EYFS Group 2 children in Class Jay start

Thurs 8th

Fri 9th

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

A full list of dates for the Autumn Term will be published in September.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher