



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

8th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Eve R - Platinum Ellie R – Silver Luke P - Topaz Harry R - Diamond
Charlotte H - Emerald Summer P - Emerald Daniel S - Ruby

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies during the term.

Weekly News

As the academic year draws to a close, life in school gets busier. Last week the Year 6 children performed their final class assembly to families. They shared not only their learning in preparation for School Journey to York, which takes place next week, but also their special talents and their aspirations for the future. This last assembly really showed how far the children have come, their wonderful sense of humour and comic timing as well as how confident they are to speak in front of an audience. Next week will definitely be quiet without them!

This week we were treated to a performance of *Eddie the Penguin* by the Year 2 pupils. In previous years we have participated in a special joint event with other schools. Unfortunately the schools all agreed not to mingle this year, so at Danbury Park, we did our own musical production. The children did a great job of telling the story and a photo and short report is below.

On Monday we even managed to squeeze in a special Science Day with lots of investigations and experiments linked to our learning this year. Reports are below.

We are delighted to announce that Danbury Park School has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. It shows that although the academic side of education is important to us, so is sports and all other curriculum areas.

This 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.

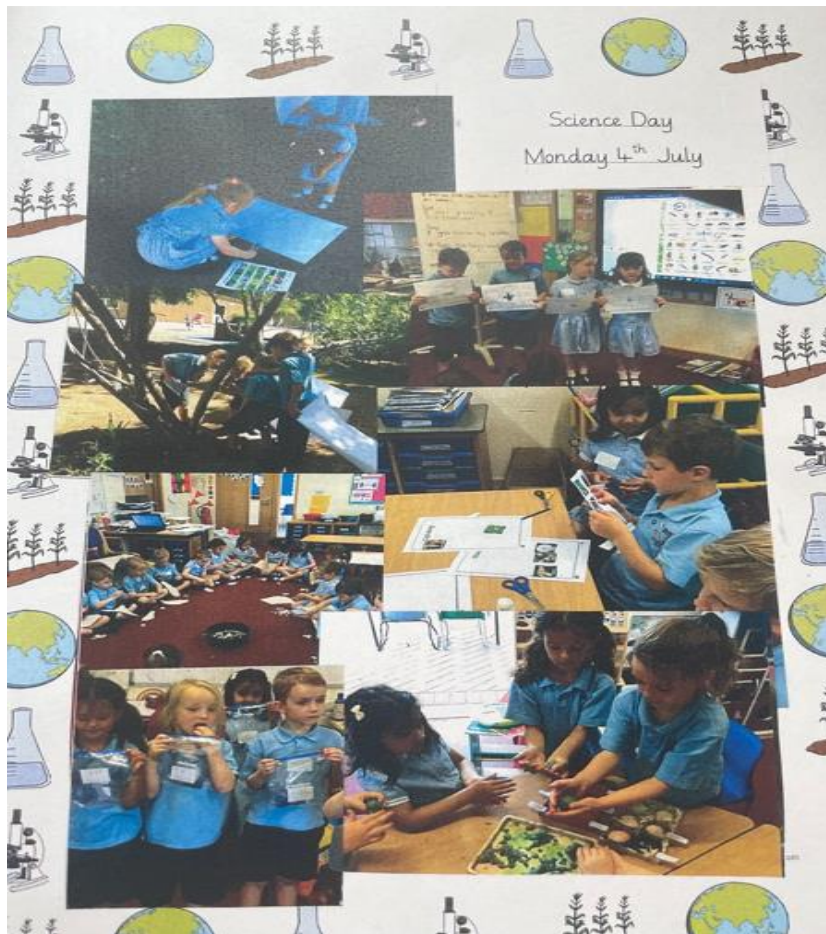
Please respond by Wednesday 20th July. An analysis of the responses will appear in the newsletter in September.

Science Day in Class Hummingbird

Class Hummingbird enjoyed a whole day of Science on Monday. We started off exploring the grounds of the school on an insect hunt. We used large pieces of paper and magnifying glasses. We had to shake the leaves to see which insects lived in the plants. We found a grasshopper, a ladybird, some ants, spiders, wood louse and greenfly.

We then had to create our own insect and think of the habitat it would live in, what it would eat and which animals would eat it!

We then learnt about the different ways seeds are dispersed and sorted some images. To finish off we made our own seed bombs using water, paper, food colouring and seeds. We then had to roll them into balls and wait for them to dry.



We had a wonderful day and the children are looking forward to the next one!

Danbury Outdoors Trip 1st July

On the 1st July 2022 Year 5's were able to go on a trip to Danbury Outdoors activity centre. I was in Mrs Ayris's group along with Elena, Arabella, Harry, Harvey, Finella, Ronny, Charlotte and Darcie(me).



Our first activity was mountain biking. We had to do some test on our bikes before we could start on the track. In the picture I am about to go in and out of wooden post for a test.



Our second activity was an obstacle course. In this picture I was lifting up tires to let someone underneath to get through.



After lunch, our next activity was zip lining. This is me on the zip line. I was the first person in my group to go. Although the harness hurt it was worth it.



Our final event was Aerial Trekking. (An obstacle course in the air). There was two levels and I had two go's on each level.

By Darcie, Class B

Year 2 Performance of Eddie the Penguin

On Tuesday the Year Two children wowed their audience with their performance of Eddie and the Penguins. They sung beautifully, said their lines clearly and with expression and acted out the story brilliantly. The story they told had a powerful message of how we need to look after our planet and work together to make small changes which in turn make a big difference. Well done Year Two – you were amazing!



Talented Children

Elena M took part in a gymnastics competition at Whitehall, Colchester on Sunday and came 3rd on vault, 3rd on beam, 2nd on Floor and 2nd on bars and 1st overall.

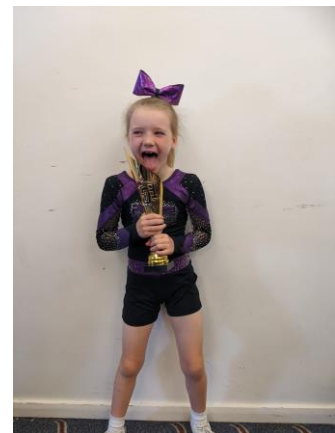
A fantastic achievement for all her hard work.

Well done!



Poppy and Amber's cheerleading team, The Little Rebels, travelled to Bournemouth on the 1st July to compete in their final competition of the season.

Of the 14 teams in their category, Little Rebels finished in 5th place. The girls worked hard to improve on their last result, and despite their nerves put out an excellent performance. They are very pleased to have won a trophy.



Well done!

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.

Exploring our Emotions

One of our school improvement priorities this year has been to get the children talking about their emotions using a common language. We have previously shared with you the Zones of Regulation that we teach the children so that they can recognise when they are anxious, excited or angry, sad or even calm using colours. This helps them then be able to manage how they are feeling.

During our Arts Week we explored how emotions can be represented and portrayed using art, drama, music and creative writing. We have put this work on display in the hall and the corridors to share.



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/>

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.*

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!



The
PEARfect
prize!

- 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>

Letters/Parentmail sent out this week

 Class Dove – Visit to Danbury Village – 12th July.

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.

A request for Africa Day – 2 or 4 pint (1 or 2 litres) milk bottles and newspapers.



Week 3

Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 11th July 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake or (V) Cheddar Whirl	Bread 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 11th July 2022

Mon 11th

8am	Year 6 School Journey
All day	Classes F and G African Day

Tues 12th

Am	Class Dove walk to St John's Church and the village
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Weds 13th

12.45pm	New entrants and parents visit for school dinner and afternoon play
12.45pm-3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 6/6 with Mrs Ireland
2.45pm	Lets Present

Thurs 14th

Fri 15th

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		
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	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly with families