



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong !*

## Newsletter

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

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

**Arthur M – Ruby   Ryan H - Ruby**

*Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies throughout this term.*

### Weekly Update

Last Thursday was National Poetry Day and the theme this year was the environment. In assembly we read *Litter is Rubbish* by Tony Walsh which was a funny poem playing on words but with a serious message. At break and lunch times the children were given the opportunity to write some poems of their own and they were very keen to get started. Some even wrote poems at home over the weekend. Many took the autumnal scene around them as inspiration and we have included a selection of their poems below.

Next week we have our parent consultation meetings, where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out how they have settled in their new class. These meetings take place in the classrooms and you will need to enter the school via the main entrance. There is an opportunity to look at your child's work either before or after the meeting and for classes A, B, C, D, E and F the work will be in the children's trays in the hall, with each class on one table. The work for classes G, H and J will be outside the classrooms.

Each appointment is for 10 minutes and we ask that at your allotted time, you knock on the classroom door and enter the room. Class E is accessed through Class F. We do not run a bell system so it is important that you attend the meeting on time so that teachers keep to the schedule. Should you have an important issue that requires longer than 10 minutes then we will make another mutually convenient appointment with you. Whilst we appreciate that childcare can be a problem, it is best if you leave your children with a family member or friend. The children are not invited into the classrooms so they would have to wait in the hall or corridor where they would be unsupervised.

This week we were treated to the infant Harvest Celebrations. It was reassuring to have another step back to normality with the children singing their songs, performing their poems and telling us about the food collection for the Chelmsford Food Bank. Thank you to all the families who donated so generously. The parcels were collected last Friday and will help support many families.

## National Poetry Day

### The Four Seasons

#### Spring

The humid sizzling sun dazzled through the thriving vegetation,  
What a brilliant time for mediation.  
A draughty bitter breeze glided by with haste,  
Hot cross buns have a scrumptious taste.  
Hardworking farmers planting their seeds,  
Daffodils flourished in the blistering breeze.  
Dense forests teaming with baby creatures,  
So cute with all their features.

#### Summer

Boiling weather only summer can provide,  
Ice creams so frosty that freeze my minds.  
Pool parties fill the lengthy scorching day,  
You can't resist not to play.  
At nightfall the warmth makes us irritated and restless,  
With no rain the flowers fossilise and become lifeless.  
Fire like horizons cloak the midnight sky,  
Where birds soar and swoop so incredibly high.

#### Autumn

Weathered leaves gracefully swirl and curl out of the bare trees,  
Hundreds of conkers rest on the moist ground with heaps of leaves that surge up to my knees.  
All pumpkins great and small fill vast fields,  
Pumpkin inners are used to make fantastic meals.  
Beware at dusk ghost lurk in the shadows,  
You can frequently find them in the spooky hallows.  
Fireworks erupting in the night sky,  
What a dangerous time to fly.

#### Winter

A blanket of snow covers the frosty ground  
Chattering children thrilled; Santa is around.  
Watching Christmas movies whilst snuggled up tight,  
Drinking hot chocolate this is a family delight.  
Crackling fires illuminating the gloomy room,  
Sharing best wishes with relatives over zoom.  
Loads of time to spend with your family and become quirky,  
Don't forget the gargantuan turkey.

**Josh H, Class Avocet**

### A Hiaku of Climate Change

Climate change is back.  
Rubbish is destroying Earth.  
Help us save our world.

**Poppy H, Class Budgerigar**

#### Leaves

Tumbling, falling down,  
Different colours,  
Brown, orange, yellow,  
Lots of them on the ground,  
None on trees,  
Twirling, tumbling, everywhere.

We love them.

**Florence C, Class Dove**



#### Autumn

Leaves falling,  
Wind playing,  
Fire crackling,  
Animals snoozing.  
This is Autumn.

**Poppy E, Class Avocet**

## Class Cuckoo's Assembly

Last week Class Cuckoo shared with us their learning in their class assembly. They told us all about the Roman invasion and how the Roman army operated. Here are two well-crafted pieces of writing which the children read out:

### Romulus and Remus

#### Setting description

After what felt like years and years of searching, the twins finally lay down in the short, silky grass in the meadow and peered up at the bright sky, without a cloud in sight. As the twins lay on the hill they got more tanned by the minute and it was like they were swimming in sticky sweat. The sweet aroma coming from the pollen of the brightly coloured flowers spread around them. From all of the trees around them, Romulus could hear the graceful sound of the tiny birds singing and chirping.

**By Oliver C**

#### Resolution and ending

After a mighty battle, he stared. Just stared. What have I done? "Dear brother, please have a good afterlife. I didn't mean to hurt you." Romulus felt devastated. "I must move on and make my city on both hills to symbolise our friendship." Romulus proudly said.

Romulus assembled a magnificent city and built a palace, houses, a place to store money, market, stables and a road. Positively trembling in excitement, he looked around at his newly built city. Luckily, it was constructed in a natural place and people could go out hunting in a wood nearby. Lots of people came, and that is how Rome was created.

**By Phoebe M**

The children were looking forward to their visit to Colchester Castle which took place this Tuesday so that they could put their research into context.

Well done Class Cuckoo!

## World Mental Health Day

Monday was World Mental Health Day and we took some time in assembly to think about our emotions and this was supported by the work and the displays in the hall and the corridors that we undertook last summer. We are fortunate to have a small team of well-being mentors who are there to help children at times of need. We also have strong links with bccs, whose counsellors support us with more specialised work. This year staff are building on their knowledge of Trauma Perceptive Practice which underpins our approach to understanding and supporting children. We will share more information with you throughout the year in the newsletter.

## Safeguarding

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Below are some websites which you might find useful:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/>

<https://www.think.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Colour-me-bright.pdf>

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



New parents may not be aware but we are part of the Schools' Lottery whereby parents can take part in a weekly draw with proceeds going to the school.

In a year we usually raise over £1 000 which we spend on special projects like the EYFS outdoor classroom which we could not otherwise afford.

Please visit the website and support us:

**[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)**

Search for Danbury Park School

You must be 18 years of age to play and tickets cost just £1 a week.



## Children's Poetry Workshop

**Danbury Library**  
**Saturday 19 November**  
**2pm to 3pm and 3.30pm to 4.30pm**

Please join our guest poet, Linda Middleton (now internationally published) for a fun hour, listening to and writing poems

- Suitable for children aged 8 to 10 years
- Free sessions
- Booking required



libraries.essex.gov.uk/events



Back by popular demand:

Essex County Council is really excited to be able to offer another poetry workshop at Danbury Library. The sessions are free for 8-10yr olds, children are dropped into the library and collected an hour later. There will be poetry reading writing and lots of laughter.

Bookings can be made using the links below:

- 2pm to 3pm event -  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/childrens-poetry-workshop-danbury-library-tickets-435558837207>
- 3.30pm to 4.30pm event -  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/childrens-poetry-workshop-danbury-library-tickets-435551766057>

The pupils who participated last year found this an enjoyable and interesting experience!

## Vacancies

We have vacancies for Midday Assistants to work predominantly on Thursdays and Fridays but also at the beginning of the week supporting the children with their lunchtimes. This is an important and rewarding role so if you are interested please contact the school office for details and an application form.

### School Crossing Patrol (SCP) Vacancies

**Are you looking for  
an opportunity to support  
your community?**

There are around 160 School Crossing Patrol sites across the county of Essex. Sometimes known as Lollipop People, SCP Officers work on school days for approximately 40 minutes each morning and afternoon. Hourly rate from £11.35 ph.

Positions available across Essex, including:

**Danbury Park Community  
Primary School**



For more information and to apply please visit  
[www.workingforEssex.com](http://www.workingforEssex.com)

Or email [resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk](mailto:resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk)



## 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.

**Ink Pens** – We have now moved away from using fountain pens in the classroom and are using Berol Writing Pens. These will be provided by the school. However if you are happy to supply your child with a good quality ink pen with blue cartridges, then they will be allowed to continue using them. Please note that biros and gel pens are not allowed and if a child needs a different type of pen because of a specific problem, then we will provide them.

**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>

To check your eligibility, please use the free online checker link:  
<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

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

Please apply on the link above

### Letters/Parentmail sent out this week:

- 📧 Class D & E – Bhaktivedanta Manor Hindu Temple Trip letter

## Applications for Secondary Schools Places 2023

We have been asked to remind parents of children in Year 6 that the statutory national closing date for applications is **31st October 2022**.

Applications for secondary schools can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

All of the application information is also available on the website.



**Week 1**

**Owl's Barn School Meals**  
**Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
Fresh bread and milk available daily

<b>Monday</b>	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or (V ) Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	White/Wholegrain Pasta  Cucumber  Sweetcorn	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b>  Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit  Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homemade Chicken Korma With Naan Bread or (V) Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma	White/Wholegrain Rice Carrots, Peas Green Salad	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b>  Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Peaches and Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	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

**SCHOOL DINNERS**  
**COSTS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2022**

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

**Total for Autumn Term = £177.50**

**Please note that all school meals should be paid for in advance and via Pay360.**

**Please note that the increase in the cost of school meals was applied from 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Dates for the Diary**  
**Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup>**      **Parent Consultations**

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup>**

**2.55pm**      **Let's Present**

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>**      **Parent Consultations**

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup>**      **School closed for staff training**

**Half-term break**

**School re-opens on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

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 can be found below.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,  
Headteacher



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## Dates for Autumn Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
<b>October</b>		
18 <sup>th</sup>	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
20 <sup>th</sup>	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
21 <sup>st</sup>		<b>School closed for staff training</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Half-term break</b>
<b>November</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	All day	Classes J & H <i>History off the Page</i> event - Toys
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am & 10.30am	Tours for prospective parents
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	Governors' Resources Committee meeting
4 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Class Dove Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 9.45am	EYFS Class J Stay and Play
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 9.45am	EYFS Class H Stay and Play
	1.45pm	Tour for prospective parents
9 <sup>th</sup>	Tbc	DPSA AGM
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 9.45am	EYFS Class J Stay and Play
	10.50am	Year 6 Remembrance Day Event
	2.45pm	Class Budgerigar Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Tour for prospective parents
16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Governor Training
18 <sup>th</sup>		Children in Need
	2.45pm	Class Eider Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup>	8.25am – 16.15pm	Class Dove and Class Eider – Bhaktivedanta Manor Hindu Temple Trip
25 <sup>th</sup>		Flu Immunisation
26 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 – 2.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre
Week beg 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Whole School Assessment Week
<b>December</b>		
12 <sup>th</sup>		Filming of Christmas Plays -tbc
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am & 2.15pm tbc	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am & 1.45pm tbc	KS2 Christmas Play
15 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Christmas Dinner
20 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Christmas Parties
		<b>End of Term</b>

