



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong !*

## Newsletter

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

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

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

**Ted R - Emerald**

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

### Weekly Update

We start this week with some good news: Congratulations to Mrs and Mr Stone who are expecting a baby in early summer. We are really pleased for them and they are excited to be adding to their family. We will start the recruitment process for a maternity leave cover teacher for Class Jay in due course and we will let parents know as soon as confirmed arrangements are in place.

The second half of the Autumn Term has started with several events this week. On Tuesday the children in Classes Jay and Hummingbird enjoyed a full day of activities learning about how toys have changed over time and they were busy making lots of simple games out of card and paper which they proudly took home. Their reports are included below. We also held our first tours for prospective parents which were well attended. Our visitors were impressed by the school and the children who were busy working away in their classes.

We do have lots of events coming up this term and more details will follow in next week's newsletter but one you may want to prepare for is *Children in Need* on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We are inviting the children to come into school in non-uniform and hopefully wearing something spotty in line with the charity's theme this year, for a small donation. On this occasion, we are not doing make-up and funny hair styles and please remember that the children need to be wearing practical and warm clothing as they will still be going outside at break and lunchtime. Please send in donations on the Friday to give to their class teacher. Thank you

We also have the DPSA AGM on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.00pm in the school hall. Please come and hear about all the fundraising events that raised so much last year and the many ideas that we have planned for this year. All parents are welcome and we do need your support.

If you haven't done so already, please complete the governors' settling in survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/Rpps3NC6QA>

Paper copies are available from the school office and the survey will close on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November**.  
Thank you.

## Displays

On the staff training day, the teachers changed the displays in the main hall and in the corridors leading down to classes G, H and J. Our theme this term was *Through my Eyes* and we challenged the children to think about the perspective and perception of others. Class Avocet took their work from *The Highwayman* which they shared in assembly a few weeks ago to show how they could empathise with a character's viewpoint to give them a deeper understanding of motives and actions. In Class Hummingbird the children made glasses and wrote poems about the changes in the seasons that they see and how these make them feel.



We hope you will get an opportunity to look at the displays when you visit school over the coming weeks.

## Toy Museum Day Class Hummingbird

On Tuesday the children experienced a Toy Museum. They spent the morning looking at the different toys from the past and answering questions that Patrick gave them. They noticed that the toys did not have batteries or need electric. They looked at metal toys, handmade toys, different dolls, different building blocks and paper toys! They even got to see an early version of what is now a television. The children learnt facts about how some people made their toys and we were lucky to see a 500 year old doll that was made from wood.

They then spent some time being archeologists and digging in boxes finding treasure. The children sorted them into various colours, materials and finally toys and not toys. After some discussion the children realised that anything you can play with safely could be a toy. The children soon found out that they could use their imaginations to unlock potential adventures with objects that they would never have played with before!



The children then spent the afternoon making various toys from the past. They listened carefully to instructions and made cup and balls, spinning tops, boats, flip books and puppets!

We cannot thank Patrick enough for the experience he gave the children. A big thank you to the parents that were able to come in and help out and finally, well done to the children as they were very well behaved throughout the day.



## Classes Jay Toy Day

On Tuesday Classes Jay and Hummingbird met Patrick who came into school with his Toy Museum. The children had a chance to investigate each of the toy tables. While exploring they were asked to think about two questions:

- 🦉 What is a toy?
- 🦉 Why do we have toys?

After playtime the children were given Archaeology trays with toys hidden inside. The children were encouraged to use a paint brush to uncover the toys and discuss what they found and what they were made from. The children were then asked to sort the items by colour then by material and finally to make two piles one of toys and one not toys.



During the afternoon session the children rotated around the different tables and had a chance to make their own toys to take home.

It was a brilliant day the children were all engaged and we learnt lots of new and interesting facts about toys from the past.

Thank you to all of the parent helpers we couldn't have run the day without you.

Class Jay

## DPSA Monster Competition



Well done to:

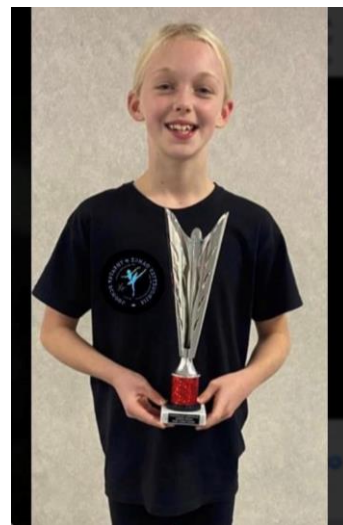
 **Neve C**

 **Oscar M**

who were chosen as the winners of the design a monster competition. Mrs Flatman has again worked her magic and turned the children's drawing into crocheted monster. The children were presented with their prizes in assembly today.

## Talented Pupils

Elena took part in the UK National Dance Championships at the weekend and came first in her Lyrical dance. She also received a trophy for the highest scoring Lyrical performance.



**Well done Elena!**

## Mathletics Challenge

We are setting the children in Key Stage 2 a challenge to find out which children and which class are getting the most out of Mathletics. This online resource is funded by the DPSA and is invaluable in helping the children practise their mathematical knowledge and skills. The children need to have quick recall of multiplication and other number facts and this only happens through regular practice to train their memories. Mathletics forms part of our Homework schedule so please encourage your child to spend 10 to 15 minutes each day on the site.

Please encourage your child to spend some time each day practising their Maths and next week we will let you know which children and which class are top of our league table.

## Parking

Parking continues to be a problem this week and again families are ignoring the "No Parking" signs in the carpark and are causing obstructions with traffic backing-up into Well Lane and Main Road. Before the half-term break we had a visit from our local Police Officers who were alarmed that parents were continuing to try to get into the carpark when there was obviously no space and that they were potentially stopping emergency services from accessing the school and Danbury Outdoors.

We have also been made aware that parents are continuing to park in the disabled bay by the exit barrier from Danbury Outdoors. This is reserved for Blue Badge holders only.

We are fortunate that Danbury Outdoors let families use the carpark as not many schools have this facility but we ask everyone to be considerate and not cause obstructions or abuse this privilege.

## British Legion Poppy Appeal



The Year 6 children will be taking round the British Legion poppies and collection tin. If you would like to donate, please send the money into school in your child's book bag. The Year 6 children will visit each class during the school day.

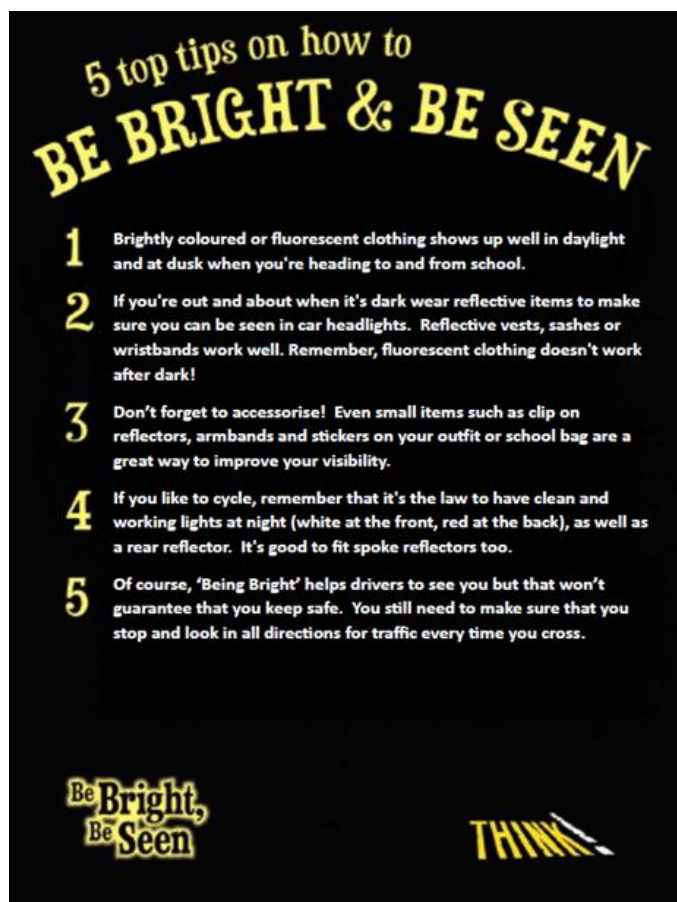
We have additional items that families may be interested in such as the wrist bands etc. These are kept in the front reception area for families to visit before and after school. The suggested minimum donation is £1. We do ask that children do **NOT** wear wrist bands in school as these can be dangerous if they get caught.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November our Year 6 children will be leading a remembrance assembly for the rest of the school. We will not be visiting the War Memorial this year as we have found that the noise from the traffic detracts from what should be a special event. A small group will be going to the memorial with Mrs Gooding to lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

## Medicines in School

We would like to remind parents that all medicines should be given to the school office by an adult and not left with the children. We store the medicines safely so that they are ready to hand but are out of reach of small children. Children are not allowed to self-administer any medicines, including hard-boiled throat lozenges which present a potential choking hazard. The children need adult supervision and guidance to ensure that medication is taken correctly and is therefore effective. We want to keep everyone in our school safe.

## Safeguarding



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.

**Piano lessons** - Mrs Long was not in school today (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November). She will make up any missed instrumental lessons later this term.

**Music Lessons** – Mrs Long has limited spaces available starting in January for piano, recorder and guitar lessons. Please contact Mrs Long or the school office should your child be interested.

**Christmas Card Project** – The online shop for all purchases will close at midnight on 10/11/2022. Families wishing to order after this date will have to pay additional postage charges. We expect to receive any orders made online returned to school by 28/11/2022.

**Flu Immunisation** – Will be taking place on **25/11/2022**. A parent mail has been sent out with links for Parents/Carers to complete the Electronic Flu Consent Form for their child. The deadline for parents/carers to complete this is **3pm Wednesday 23/11/22**. We cannot guarantee any forms submitted after this date and time will be accepted at the school session. Parents can contact the team on 0300 790 0597 if they would like any help completing the form or have any queries.

**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

### Letters/Parentmail sent out this week:

-  - DPSA – Christmas Fayre Donation Sheet / Competition
-  - NHS Flu Immunisation Parentmail – Consent form



Week 2

## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Fresh bread and milk available daily

<b>Monday</b>	Fillet of Fish or (V) Crispy Vegan Quorn Dippers	Creamy Mash Potatoes Sweetcorn Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homemade Pasta Bolognese or (V) Vegan Mince Bolognese	Homemade Bread  Peas, Cauliflower  Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo	Lumpy Bumpy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	All Day Breakfast; Chipolata Sausage, Bacon and Egg (V) Vegan Sausage, Egg, Hash Brown	Hash Brown Mushrooms Baked Beans Green Salad Peas	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Roll Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza Or (V) Vegetable Nuggets	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
<b>Friday</b>	Beef Burger in a roll or (V) Quorn Burger in a roll	Chips Peas Baked Beans Green Salad	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

### SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2022

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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**

9.00-9.45am EYFS Stay and Play in Class J

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup>**

9.00-9.45am EYFS Stay and Play in Class H

1.45pm Tours for prospective parents (places must be booked through the school office)

**Weds 9<sup>th</sup>**

2.55pm Let's Present

7.00pm DPSC AGM in school hall

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>**

9.00-9.45am EYFS Stay and Play in Class J

10.50am Whole School Remembrance Assembly

2.45pm Class Budgerigar Assembly to Parents

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,  
Headteacher

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## Dates for Autumn Term 2022

Date	Time	Event
<b>November</b>		
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
21st	8.25am – 16.15pm	Class Dove and Class Eider – Bhaktivedanta Manor Hindu Temple Trip
25 <sup>th</sup>		Flu Immunisation
26th	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>