



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong !

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

3rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Jake W – Emerald Caleb H - Topaz Charlie H - Diamond

Reading certificates will be presented in assemblies and in class throughout this term.

Weekly Update

Next week will be a busy week in school as Tuesday 7th is Safer Internet Day and the whole week is Mental Health Week. Both of these topics are important to us and although we never need a special day or week to work on them, it does sometimes give us an extra focus for our assemblies and our work in class.

At the beginning of every half-term and every unit of the computing curriculum involving the use of the internet, we remind the children about staying safe. This is done at an age appropriate level. The children are creating new posters for our ICT suite so that we have a permanent visual reminder.

Teigi in Class Budgerigar made an excellent poster, as did Zoe and both are on display in the ICT suite.

The children are very good at telling us how to stay to safe but regular reminders, we hope, will help them put this into practice!



As mentioned, next week is Mental Health Week and we are lucky that there are now a range of resources readily available to families. We put posters in our noticeboards with information, which we hope parents might find useful. Many of these are advertising local meetings on particular issues covering children of all ages and many of these are free to attend. More information is included further on in the newsletter. Sadly Mrs Macey, our SENCO and Pastoral Lead, is unwell and not in school at the moment but if you need any advice or support, please contact the class teachers or the school office and either Mrs Gooding, Miss Johnston, our Deputy Headteacher, or Mrs Ireland, our KS2 Lead, who will be happy to help.

Class Hummingbird

At the end of last term Class Hummingbird had a DT afternoon. It was lovely to see so many parents come in and work with their children. We were very lucky to have the Chair of Governors, Mr Sutton in class and our Class Governor, Mrs Pain, to join in the fun!

The children had all designed their own toys and thought of who would play with that toy, be it their sibling, pet or themselves. They made a list of the resources they would need to make their toy. We looked at how we can reuse things and use our imaginations and be creative. The children made puppet shows, play houses, cars, cat toys, marble runs, carriages and dolls houses. The children and parents spent the afternoon cutting, sticking, painting and making their toys. There was a real buzz in the class and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.



The children then shared their toys with their peers whom all made some really positive comments. It was lovely to see such kindness between the children and the pride they had in their own toys as well as their peers. The children had to evaluate their toys. They had to say if they were happy with what they had made and say why. Would they change anything about their toys? If so, what would they change? Finally, the children had to say if their toy was fit for purpose? They answered honestly and could justify their thinking.

Thank you to all the parents and well done Class Hummingbird!

Our World, Our Future

Following on from the work that our Year 6 pupils did in the Autumn term, which we shared in the newsletter, the article written by Sam, Holly and Poppy has been featured in a worldwide magazine and can be seen at:

<https://www.interregnorthsea.eu/our-news/how-youngsters-decarbonise-their-schools>

Well done!

Safeguarding

Announcing NSPCC Listen Up, Speak Up

To start the year the NSPCC has unveiled their new *Listen Up, Speak Up* campaign, aimed at giving adults practical advice, about how to address concerns about a child. The research from the NSPCC shows that at the moment the world of under-18s is in the midst of a spike in concern flagging. From April 2021 to March 2022 the NSPCC Helpline spoke 8,347 times with adults, compared to 7,338 in the same period for the previous year.

Often when adults are concerned about a child, the question is “What do I do?” This is even more problematic when parents may know the child well, or know the family well and it will almost certainly put them in a difficult position. The new NSPCC campaign, is designed for these situations. The link below includes more information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2023/listen-up-speak-up-campaign-provides-training-to-spot-and-report-abuse/>

Please remember that the staff in school are also here to help, so if you are concerned about a child, we can offer advice, support and take appropriate action.

More information is also available from the 2 Johns:

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

The DPSA has kindly agreed to fund workshops with the 2 John on 23rd May. Please keep this date free in your diaries as there will be an evening workshop for parents that we are sure you will find illuminating.

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Mathletics Challenge

We have restarted the Mathletics Challenge for the Spring Term and the class that made the most use of Mathletics from 23rd to 27th January was:

Class E who amassed a collective 6 hours and 53 minutes

and the pupil was:

Lorenzo R in Class Dove

Well done and keep up the good work!

Mental Health Week Resources

Children's Mental Health Week
6th - 12th February 2023

Let's Connect



Primary Resources

Starter ideas for conversations and activities



This year's theme for Children's Mental Health Week is 'Let's Connect'. At BCCS we know all about connecting with children and young people, their families and school staff – we do it every day. We know that you do too and that the first time you connect with your class each day is during registration time. A time not only to see who is present but to check-in emotionally, to chat and to set the tone for the rest of the school day.

What we are really talking about here is social connection – feeling close to others. Feeling loved, cared for and valued in our relationships. Most people want to be accepted just the way they are, without judgement, without being expected to change. Social connection can add purpose and meaning to life – this can be family, friends and you at school. These connections can also help all of us to cope when life feels difficult. Connection makes us stronger.

So, we have prepared a few prompts for you to start a conversation about connection or to offer a connection activity. All are simple, quick ideas that use minimal resources. A great way for you and your class to be part of the 2023 Children's Mental Health Week and get connecting!

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Activity 4

Origami finger game – each child makes a finger game which reveals some facts about themselves. One child holds the finger game and the other gives a number which will then reveal a fact e.g. 5 equals 'I like to play football', 2 reveals 'I hate ice-cream' etc. Visit Hellokids.com and look for the simple video on how to craft the origami finger game.

Activity 5

Bring your favourite cuddly toy into school tomorrow! Get each child to introduce their cuddly and what they mean to them. Why can these toys be important? e.g. they provide security at night, they may be a transitional object that aids movement from place to place, they may have been gifted by a special person.

Activity 6

Mandala colouring – mandalas have many meanings but they can symbolise connections within their intricate patterns. Some may believe that all things are connected and silently colouring a mandala pattern can allow children to experience and be part of this connectivity. Visit supercoloring.com for free Mandala colouring pages – one of many free websites where each child can receive a printed black and white mandala ready for whatever colours they choose. You may like to explore with the class how it felt to sit in silence and colour. What did they notice about themselves and others? How did it feel to be quiet but with other people – could they still experience a connection during the collective activity?

We hope that your class has enjoyed connecting with each other while doing some of our activities. Keep up to date with our work by visiting our website or following us on social media. Thank you for your focus on children's mental health this week.



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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
Or email resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk

Essex County Council

Vacancies

We still have vacancies for Midday Assistants to work during the week supporting the children with their lunchtimes. This is an important and rewarding role so if you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please contact the school office for details and an application form.

Parking

Please remember to use the local roads and the school car park with consideration and care for others. Before Christmas we received two complaints from our neighbours in Well Lane regarding parents parking across residents' driveways, causing obstructions and preventing them from leaving their properties, thus making them late for work. This does reflect badly on our whole school and causes bad feeling in our local community.

Please park with care and consideration for our neighbours.

Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System

NHS

Find out what to do if your child is unwell

Download our
free guide




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CHILDREN'S HEALTH MATTERS

Treat at home?
Call 111?
Visit A&E?

We have been contacted by the Mid Essex Alliance, part of Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System (ICS) to share this important information with you. Across mid and south Essex, there is continued pressure on local health systems. **Data shows that there is increasing paediatric emergency presentation in local A&E departments. However, for much of the time, the outcome of the attendance is recorded as self-care/advice and no treatment is given.**

As a response, the ICS has re-launched a campaign to promote the **Children's Health Matters guide**, updated with new information for winter 2022/23. The free guide was co-designed with local parents and is packed with expert advice and guidance on what to do when children are unwell with common childhood illnesses. **It explains how to treat children at home, when to see a GP or call 111, and when symptoms are more serious and you should seek emergency help.**

In addition to the CHM guide, they have a family health newsletter that families can subscribe to - subscribers get 10 weekly email newsletters each covering a different aspect of family health and wellbeing - the link to subscribe is below:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKMSEHCP/signup/32458>

Danbury Park School Lottery

We would like to remind parents about the school lottery and thank those who regularly donate their winnings back to the school.

The Schools' Lottery is where 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 and which we could not otherwise afford. Every little contribution helps!

Please visit the website and support us:
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.



**WIN A
YEAR OF
HELLO FRESH**

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
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- Please help give our fundraising a boost
- Save money and eat fresh in 2023

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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 25/02/2023.

Notification and Reminders

Netball Club – We are working with Premier Sports as we are aware that the current club is full. We hope to introduce a second club after Easter.

Tights and Socks for Infants – We like to hold a stock of tights and socks for the infants in case of accidents. If you have any in good condition that your children have outgrown, please bring them into the school office.

Named Uniform – please can all parents check that their child's school uniform is clearly named. We continue to have a large pile of unnamed school uniform and we are sure you are as frustrated about missing jumpers as we are.

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:



SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SPRING TERM 2023

1st Half Term: 5th January – 10th February 2023 = 27 days at £2.50 = £67.50

2nd Half Term: 21st February – 31st March 2023 = 29 days at £2.50 = £72.50

Total for Spring Term = £140.00

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



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 6th February 2023

Week 2

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Fillet of Fish or (V) Crispy Vegan Quorn Dippers	Creamy Mash Potatoes Sweetcorn Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Pasta Bolognaise or (V) Vegan Mince Bolognaise	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
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast; Chipolata Sausage, Bacon and Egg (V) Vegan Sausage, Egg and Hash Brown	Hash Brown Mushrooms Baked Beans Fresh Tomatoes	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Roll Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
Thursday	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
Friday	Beef Burger in a roll or (V) Quorn Burger in a roll	Chips Peas Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Marble Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 6th February 2023

Mon 6th

Tues 7th

9.30-11.45am

Year 4 Superstars at Melbourne Sports Stadium

3.40-6.10pm

Parent Consultations

Weds 8th

2.45pm

Let's Present

Thurs 9th

3.40-6.10pm

Parent Consultations

Fri 10th

Am

EYFS Welly Walk

2.45pm

Class 6 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 Spring Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
Week Beg 6 th		Mental Health Week
7 th	9.30am – 11.45am	Year 4 Superstars
	3.40pm – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
9 th	3.40pm – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
10 th	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
	2.45pm	Class Goldfinch Assembly to parents
13 th – 17 th		Half-term break
20 th		School closed for staff training
21 st onwards		Book Fortnight
24 th	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
March		
2 nd	7.00pm	Resources Committee meeting
3 rd		Dress-up day
13 th	6.30pm 7.00pm	Pay Committee meeting Personnel Committee meeting
15 th	Am	EYFS Welly Walk
17 th		Comic Relief
	2.45pm	Class Jay Assembly to parents
Week Beg 20 th		Assessment Week
24 th	Am	Pre-school activity morning
29 th	9.00am	EYFS Egg Rolling and Welly Walk
	Pm	Inter-house Hockey Matches
31 st	9.15am 2.30pm tbc	KS2 OWOOF assembly to parents Year 3 & 4 parents with classes J & H Years 5 & 6 parents with classes F & G
		Last day of Spring Term