



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

17th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Emily B - **Gold**

Isla W - **Ruby**

Alex S - **Emerald**

Zoe S - **Emerald**

Jensen B - **Emerald**

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

Weekly News

I hate to start the newsletter with negativity but despite regular reminders and requests to parents and families about parking with care and consideration, we have received a complaint from a neighbour in Well Lane where a deep red Range Rover Evoke has been parking across a driveway obstructing the entrance. They have taken photographs so we do have the registration number of the car. This reflects so badly on our school and our reputation in the community. Please consider what role model you are setting to the children.

On a much happier note, I am pleased to inform you that we have successfully appointed a teacher to cover Mrs Stone when she starts her maternity leave after the Easter break. Miss Abi Vogel, an experienced EYFS teacher, will be joining Danbury Park School and she will be visiting and meeting the class on Monday. Miss Vogel will be teaching the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Crouch on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Class Hummingbird presented a lovely assembly last Friday sharing with us their love of song which has helped them learn the days of the week as well as the continent and oceans of the Earth. Class Jay's assembly takes place today followed by the special Key Stage 2 *Our World, Our Future* celebration on Friday 31st March. A separate letter is coming home with all the details.

We are busy changing the displays in the school hall and the corridor to reflect the work from Book Fortnight. Each class has their own board and we do hope that you will be able to have a look either at class assemblies or at the DPSA Easter Fayre which takes place tomorrow, Saturday 18th from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. The committee has worked very hard to organise this event which we hope families will enjoy and which also raises funds for our school. The DPSA has committed to purchasing 10 more i-pads for school as the existing bank is in high demand. The children in Year 4 are practising their multiplication tables at the moment but they are used throughout the school.

Please support the DPSA and drop by. We look forward to seeing you there!

So far we have raised £252.75 for Comic Relief. Thank you for your generosity.

Our World, Our Future Book Fortnight Class Reports

Class Budgerigar

In book fortnight for Class Budgerigar we did lots of fun activities including: Art, reading to other classes, class book, parents coming in, writing mini books for Class Hummingbird, Where's Wally? hunt, and of course, dressing up!

In art, we designed and painted animals and nature inspired from our class book, The Great Kapok Tree. In English, we created our own story based on The Great Kapok Tree (our class book). We got to make up our own tree and name it too! After that, we illustrated and wrote our story on top copy paper. This was really fun! On the second Tuesday of Book Fortnight we went to class Hummingbird and got paired up with one of them. We got to read books of their choice to them and we all enjoyed it!

We all made our own mini books for class Hummingbird. Once we have finished them we will get to go down to their class and read our books to them. Although we have not yet done this, we think it will be really fun. We focused on making sure it was bright, colorful and easy to read, while keeping it well presented. On another day, some of our parents came in to read to us. This let us spend time with our family while learning. Of course, we got to dress up on the last day of Book Fortnight! We all came as creative characters from books. We enjoyed everything from these two weeks of Book Fortnight.

By Teigi S and Zoe D



As a relatively new teacher to the school, I was curious about how Book Fortnight 'worked' - it was amazing! I was very impressed by the children's work around our class book, The Great Kapok Tree, which linked to 'Our World, Our Future' perfectly. Class B wrote beautiful stories in a similar style to the book and did some super art work, too.

We all enjoyed the families' and friends' visit during our reading afternoon- it was lovely to see so many guests.

Class B and Class H's joint reading morning was a super experience for everyone, so much so that our class are in the process of making mini storybooks for Class H.

Lots of pupils came to my classroom, during the teachers' reading session, to hear me read an extract from 'The Football Boy Wonder', with many borrowing my copies; they really were amazing listeners.

I am already looking forward to next year's Book Fortnight!

Mrs. Murphy

Class Hummingbird

The children in Class Hummingbird thoroughly enjoyed Book Fortnight. They loved being able to share books with children from different classes, listen to different teachers read, go on a *Where's Wally* search through the school identifying the flags he was holding and having their parents and grandparents in to shared a story.



Class Dove's Visit to Danbury Mission By Florence

The Snowflake Times

On Wednesday 1st March I, Florence was joined by Danbury Park Primary School and Heathcote Primary School to watch a performance performed by the Saltmine theatre company. It was performed at the Mission in Danbury in Essex. The play was hosted by Dave Hartwell.



When the two schools arrived they settled themselves down and I got a front row seat next to two pupils from Danbury Park. Mr Hartwell



welcomed the children and teachers. When Mr Hartwell had left an actor sprinted on saying "yelling 'I'm late I'm late'". The Saltmine theatre company had transformed the stage into Angela's Ashes (Angel Academy). Two pupils called Felix and Astra came and was showing us the creation of the world.

The told us the story of Abraham and Sarah who gave birth to Isaac (which means laughter) and she also gave birth to Moses. Mose was found by the pharaoh's wife. Moses left and then came back for a rap battle with pharaoh. Thankfully Moses won. One side of the church shouted let my people go and the other side shouted no, no, no.



Then came Jesus he showed us lots and lots of miracles and told

When Mr Hartwell lots of stories. when the play finished the children had a snack and a drink.



When all the children had settled down, the workshop began. The children were really noisy and one of the children from Danbury Park was shouting out really random things! The children played some games and one of the games was where there was a sea and foam fish and whenever the fish jumped out of the water we had to clap. The children obviously enjoyed it. Finally the classes gathered up their things and slowly left.

Talented Children

On Saturday, Sophia W (D) took part in her first swimming gala and won both the Under 9s backstroke and the Under 10s 4x25m Relay!

She really enjoyed her first taste of competitive swimming and got into the team spirit, cheering on her teammates.

Well done, Sophie!



Mathletics Challenge

We have restarted the Mathletics Challenge for the Spring Term and the class that made the most use of Mathletics from 28th February to 5th March was:

Class Eider who amassed a collective 17 hours 25 minutes and the pupil was:

Amber H in Class Eider

Well done and keep up the good work!



Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 20-31 March. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. Why not be creative and try parking further away from school and walking for the last 10 minutes of your journey!

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels. Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/>

For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!

Safeguarding Mental Health and Well-being

There are some excellent resources available to parents on the Place2be website. Mrs Macey has been working with them to study for her Level 3 Mental Health Lead award and we feel that parents might also appreciate their knowledge and expertise:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

The DPSA has kindly agreed to fund workshops with the 2 Johns 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!

Attendance

Important information - Term time holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays.

We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.

Midday Assistant Vacancies

Sadly this week we say good bye to Miss Collins, one of our Midday Assistants as she takes on a new challenge. This means that 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 someone who might be, please contact the school office for details and an application form.

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>

Parking and Road Safety

Please remember to use the local roads and the school car park with consideration and care for others. Please keep the roadway down into the car park free so that traffic can move off and onto Well Lane without causing a blockage on Main Road which then compromise the safety of the zebra crossing. We are still looking to recruit someone to man our school crossing patrol, so please spread the word.



Please park with care and consideration for our neighbours.

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.

A promotional poster for the 'WIN A YEAR OF HELLO FRESH' lottery. The top half features a collage of fresh vegetables like tomatoes, onions, broccoli, and mushrooms, along with a bowl of salad. The text 'WIN A YEAR OF HELLO FRESH' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, a list of benefits is provided: 'Tickets cost just £1 a week', 'Win a whole YEAR of HelloFresh!', 'Please help give our fundraising a boost', and 'Save money and eat fresh in 2023'. The bottom section is a solid green bar containing the text 'PLAY NOW: Go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk Search for: Danbury Park Communi' and a QR code on the right.

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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

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:

 **NEU Industrial Action**

 **Invitation to Key Stage 2 families to Our World, Our Future assembly on Friday 31st March**

SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SPRING TERM 2023

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

**Please note that all school meals should be paid for in advance and via Pay360.
As we come to the end of the financial year, please could parents ensure that all accounts are settled in full.**



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 20th March 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	Oat Cookie with Fruit 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 20th March 2023

Big Walk and Wheel 2023
Assessment Week

Mon 20th

Tues 21st

Weds 22nd

2.50pm

Let's Present

Thurs 23rd

12.00pm -

3.00pm

Class Hummingbird to visit Danbury Mission

Fri 24th

9.00am

12.30pm

Preschool activity morning

Year 3&4 Rugby Tournament

Year 5&6 Rugby Tournament

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Spring Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
March		
Week Beg 20 th		Assessment Week
24 th	Am	Pre-school activity morning
29 th	Am	Teddy Lympics for invited Year 1 children
	9.00am	EYFS Egg Rolling and Welly Walk
	Pm	Inter-house Hockey Matches
31 st		KS2 Our World, Our Future assembly to parents
	9.15am	Year 3 & 4 parents with classes J & H
	2.30pm	Years 5 & 6 parents with classes F & G
		Last day of Spring Term

A full list of dates for the Summer Term will be published shortly.