



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

31st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

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

Tom B - **Gold** Phoebe M - **Diamond** Sophia W - **Diamond** Maria T - **Diamond**

Ahalya P - **Emerald** Isla W - **Emerald**

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

Weekly News

We end this term with two very special events: our inter-house sports competition and our Key Stage 2 joint assembly with the children sharing their work during Book Fortnight on *Our World, Our Future*.

The inter-house sports competitions were one of those traditional events at Danbury Park School that were paused during the pandemic and we are now building back into our calendar. It is the responsibility of the Year 6 children to hold practices at lunchtime for those children in the junior classes who want to try out for the teams and as ever, they managed and motivated their teams exceedingly well. Thank you to Mrs Stone for organizing the event and Mrs Marsland for refereeing. The results were:

Year 3 and 4 - Water 4th Air 3rd Earth 2nd Fire 1st

Year 5 and 6 - Water 3rd Earth and Fire 2nd Air 1st.



Some more good news to end the term with: Congratulations to Mrs Fox, one of our Get Active Promoters who supervises the Daily Mile at lunchtime, and her family on the birth of their baby boy.

Year 3 and 4 Rugby Tournament

Friday 24th March

Last Friday, nineteen year 3 and 4 boys and girls went to Maldon Rugby club to take part in the Essex Schools Rugby Tournament.

A-Team Report

First, we met our coaches. We practiced our skills with them until our first match. As this was our first rugby game, we were feeling very excited. Before we began, the referee gave us some instructions: do not run backwards and do not hold the ball with only one hand, do not to spin or pass the ball forwards, on the fifth tag, the ball would pass to the opposition and to score a try we had to put the ball down over the line.

Our first match was against Wentworth Primary School. On the whistle, the game began. Jensen scored two amazing tries and Ibraheem scored a further one which was just as impressive. The game ended with a 3-0 win to us. We had a break before our next game which was against Heybridge. Everybody played well, but unfortunately, we only managed a 0-0 draw. This meant we had to win our next game against All Saints if we wanted to get to the A-Finals. The game was very close. Jensen and Ibraheem both scored and when the last ball was played we were winning 2-1. Unfortunately, All Saints scored meaning we narrowly lost our place in the A-Finals.

Still being very happy, we began the B-finals. We found out we would play Danbury B team! During this part of the tournament, we played Moulsham Juniors. We won 3-1. Our next game was against Danbury B. Would we win? We did by scoring 3 goals. These were scored by Rupert, Jensen and Ibraheem. So far, we had won all games. Our last game was against All saints B. Could we beat them? Yes, we did! Jensen scored two tries, Josh scored one and Ibraheem scored two. We had won the B-Finals.

At the awards ceremony we achieved fourth place in the tournament and all received a medal for our achievements.

We enjoyed the morning. Thank you to those who came along to support us.

Written by Ibraheem, Jensen, Rupert and Dominic.



Our team players were: Jensen, Rupert, Dominic, Ibraheem, Josh, Oliver, Daniel, Rosie, Amber and Katie.

Year 3 & 4 B Team

On Friday 24th March, we travelled to Maldon Rugby club to take part in the Essex Schools Rugby Tournament. We were all so excited and couldn't wait to get started! We played in mixed teams and in the first round we played 4 matches against different schools in our group stage. We got through to the final rounds. We won matches against All Saints, Moulsham and then even had to play against Danbury A team!



Overall, we came in 6th place. We all really enjoyed taking part in the rugby tournament. We were presented with medals at the end. We really want to play again, and can't wait until the competition happens again next year when we are in Year 5!

Ruby and Maria



Year 5 and 6 Rugby Tournament

Friday 24th March

Team B Report

On the 24th March eighteen children travelled to Maldon Rugby Club to participate in the inter-school's rugby tournament. Some of us had practiced weekly with Stuart and this knowledge came in very useful. We stepped onto the field, trying to warm up although it was pouring with rain. The B team faced Great Totham, All Saints, Purleigh and Moulsham Juniors.

Our first game was against Great Totham. The game started with Great Totham having possession of the ball. Fortunately, a foul was given and the ball was passed to us. Zachary received the ball from Toby and, after a lengthy run, he scored a try. The score was 1-0 to us. Toby, Jayden and Zachary scored further tries and when the whistle blew the score was 4-2 to us. We played 3 further games; we drew 1 and lost 2. "I felt proud to represent our school" said Zachary.

Marshall said, "The afternoon was brilliant, enjoyable and I want to do it again. I absolutely loved it!" The team members were: Zachary, Marshall, Toby B, Toby P, Evie, Holly, Jayden and Harvey.

Reported by Marshall and Zachary

Team A Report

On Friday 24th March, Danbury Park travelled to Maldon rugby club to take part in their annual tag-rugby tournament. When we arrived, nerves were high but we were excited to play. Unfortunately, by the time we started our first game, the rain had drenched us (and our supporters). However, this didn't knock our confidence and we went on to win 5-0 with tries from Charlie, Tom and Archie, winning us the game. The next game was against Great Totham which we won 3-0 including a spectacular try from Darcie ending up with her in a puddle of mud. By this point, the pitch was a pond. Our next game, against St Lukes was hard fought but fun and we managed to win by one try. By the last game we knew we had to win to get into the finals, so we played like nothing was stopping us and we won 3-1. Although we were ready to play in the final, by this time the pitches were unplayable and the final was cancelled, potentially costing us the trophy. The tournament was to be decided on points. We waited nervously inside the clubhouse to hear the final results; Danbury Park A came 2nd overall. The team would like to particularly thank Oscar's mum for the biscuits.

"Even though I was drenched, the afternoon was spectacular," said Ronny.

"The pitch was like a pigsty, but the games were incredibly joyful," announced Josh.

"Although we were unable to play in the final, I still had lots of fun and wish we could do it again" said Tom.

The team members were Charlie, Archie, Tom, Darcie, Poppy, Charlotte, Luke, Oscar, Josh and Ronny.

By Josh, Ronny and Tom



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.



It seems like only yesterday I was reflecting on the school Christmas plays. As we begin to stock up on our supplies of chocolate for the Easter festivities, it certainly feels like this term has flown by. Staff at the school have, as always, pulled out all of the stops to deliver the entirety of the broad curriculum in a short space of time, and it has been an absolute pleasure to observe the pupils themselves present the outcome of their learning through the class assemblies.

At this point, I would also like to recognise the work of all those who give up their free time to support the school and its pupils in so many ways. The Easter Fayre would not have been possible without the dedication of DPSA volunteers and parents. They worked tirelessly to put on the event and to raise much needed funds that go to benefit pupils directly – the report from the Resources Committee below provides some practical examples of these positive outcomes.

There are many other opportunities to support the school by helping out, and the school is always looking out for more assistance. Volunteering is an incredibly rewarding experience that is much appreciated by the whole school community, and I would encourage anyone who is able to contribute in any capacity to contact the school or the DPSA.

A termly update from each of the Committees is presented below:

Curriculum and Pupil Related – Chair, Mrs. Katherine Moulding

- 🦉 We reviewed the Autumn term assessment data on pupil achievement and progress towards the target of 80% of pupils to achieve the expected level of development for their age group by the end of the academic year 2022-2023.
- 🦉 We received detailed written reports and verbal updates during the committee from the English and Maths subjects leads on work underway to support pupils with these core subjects and help them to achieve their best.
- 🦉 We reviewed progress towards the committee's other key objectives included in this academic year's School Improvement Plan. These are memory and retrieval skills, new RE curriculum introduction & training in and implementation of Trauma Perceptive Practice to support school to understand behaviour and support wellbeing.
- 🦉 We received reports from Mrs Gooding on attendance, admissions and leavers, behaviour and pupil wellbeing support for the Autumn term.
- 🦉 We received and noted the content of Governor monitoring visits covering Pupil Wellbeing, Broader Curriculum, KS1, KS2, English and Maths, & also Governor contact visits to their allocated class for this year plus attendance at key school events such as the Harvest Celebration and nativity plays.
- 🦉 We received a status report on preparation for the Year 6 school journey.

Personnel – Chair, Mrs. Debbie Le Monde, Vice-Chair Mrs. Brenda Wray

- 🦉 Governors were pleased to note that the school is fully staffed and plans for staffing in the next academic year are being reviewed.
- 🦉 Governors noted the Continuing Professional Development courses for a number of staff which ensure up to date knowledge and training.
- 🦉 Wellbeing of staff: Governors are carrying out a Staff Wellbeing Survey based on sound management principles this week to better understand the work environment; and the Headteacher continues to monitor staff workload and the number of meetings held.

Resources Committee – Chair, Mr. George Fraser

- 🦉 This term we have continued to monitor the fabric of the school while keeping a close eye on the overall finances. A number of decisions have been made, which (pending final budget confirmations) will allow a major improvement to the bathroom facilities throughout the school. The school has managed to navigate the cost of living crisis well, and steps taken last year and at the beginning of the current school year proved to be astute. We continue to monitor the situation closely to ensure as much efficiency can be made as possible. The school has managed to win a number of new grants particularly regarding Energy Efficiency and the environment, which will bring benefits to the lighting.
- 🦉 You will have noticed that a number of trees on the school grounds have been cut. A recent survey from Essex County Council identified a number that were either dead or had unsafe growth and they were dealt with on matters of safety.
- 🦉 The new school playground benches (very kindly purchased with a donation from the DPSA) have proved popular with the children, and improved the outdoor area immeasurably. In addition, the association has offered to purchase a number of new tablets for school use. The committee would like to express their thanks all those involved at the DPSA and to all parents who donated towards fund raising events this year via the DPSA or School Lottery. These have made meaningful impacts to the offset some of the overall budget constraints that we, like all publicly funded bodies, face, and we recognise that without them the school would be in a poorer place. Thank you.

On behalf of all the school governors, I would like to wish pupils, parents, staff and their families a restful Easter break.

Paul Sutton, Chair of Governors

Talented Children

Well done to Florence L-L who had a very successful weekend in her karate competitions at the Yokoso Dutch Open in Amsterdam.

She was placed in all 5 of her divisions. She won gold in Individual Traditional Kata, gold in Team Kata, silver in Creative Forms, silver in Creative weapons and bronze in points fighting.

Her family are beyond proud of her and the work she has put in. Well done Florence!



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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 'Hello Fresh' lottery. The top half features a collage of fresh vegetables like tomatoes, onions, broccoli, and mushrooms. The text 'WIN A YEAR OF HELLO FRESH' is prominently displayed in the center. Below this, 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 with 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.

Mathletics Challenge

We have restarted the Mathletics Challenge for the Spring Term and the class that made the most use of Mathletics from 20th to 24th March was:

Class Budgerigar who amassed a collective 12 hours 21 minutes!
and the pupil was:

James F in Class Budgerigar.

Well done and keep up the good work!

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:

- 🐼 Year 2,3,4 Chelmsford City FC

SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SUMMER TERM 2023

1st Half Term: 17th April – 26th May 2023 = 28 days at £2.50 = £70.00

2nd Half Term: 6th June – 21st July 2023 = 34 days at £2.50 = £85.00

Total for Summer Term = £155.00

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 17th April 2023

Week 1

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or (V) Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza	White/Wholegrain Pasta Sweetcorn Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Local Butcher's Pork Sausage or (V) Vegan Sausage	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked beans Mixed Vegetable Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Oaty Cookie and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Homemade Chicken Korma or (V) Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma	White/ Wholegrain Rice , Naan Bread Carrots, Peas Green Beans	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Peaches and Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets or (V) Macaroni Cheese	Crispy Potatoes Wedges Carrot Sticks Sweetcorn Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Apple Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Omelette	Chips Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Iced Sponge Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 17th April 2023

Mon 17th	School re-opens after the Easter break
Tues 18th	
Weds 19th	
1.45pm	Class Cuckoo's online session with the Royal Observatory
2.50pm	Let's Present
Thurs 20th	
7.00pm	Full Governing Body Budget Setting Meeting (virtual)
Fri 21st	
3.30pm KO	Girls' Football Match v Gt Leighs Primary School (home)

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Summer Term 2023

To come after the Easter break