



Danbury Park Community Primary School

Be wise, be happy, belong!

Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

Congratulations to

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

Weekly News

This week the 2023 Year 6 Leavers' gift of a new football strip arrived in school:



along with orange shirts and black shorts for our goal keepers. We are very grateful for the fundraising efforts of the children and the thought that they put into the gift. We look forward to the league matches which will start towards the end of the spring term.

More good news this week as well as Mrs Long informed me that the school has received an award in recognition of our commitment to music. This was certainly evident in the Autumn Celebration that the children in EYFS and KS1 performed to parents and families this week. We would like to thank Mrs Long for accompanying us on the piano as this makes singing so much more enjoyable. This year we presented a new collection of seasonal songs. The children performed their rhymes, poems and songs well and with enthusiasm and the older children reminded us that the collection of food was gratefully received by the Chelmsford Food Bank and will go to help many families.



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MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL

2023 - 2024

Class Dove's Visit to West Stow

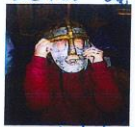
On Monday 2nd October Class D went to West Stow's village. It took an hour and a half, enough, we arrived West because we were. When we got out, we saw the toilets and decided to use them. We walked on past benches and met a lady, she welcomed us warmly and told us to put our bags in a smooth, wooden container. We did as told and put our sillage, heavy back packs in the tub. We walked into the museum. The first thing we did was write facts from a sheet of paper about an artefact in a bag. These artefacts includes a toilet set, a Roman roof tile, a door key, a piece of pottery, a shield boss and a comb. (did you know one of the objects were used for picking hair, picking up your nose and for applying medicine!) The can door key had a hole so you could stick a stick with a wobbly end to move the lock and move the stick to enter. Next, we entered the artefacts in glass case. We learnt facts such as the Anglo-Saxons farmed more than they fought and old and old = old, the Anglo-Saxons had cambers, 30% of the burials buried weapons found are spears. We got to try on a replica of king beald's helmet (who was so important he had to get buried on a ship!). There was also the clean and healthy action where someone got hit on the head.



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By Freddie

their head pierced to cure it as (he survived for a bit and it cured (wired)). There was also an old, rusty sword that looked like a piece of old, muddy muddy rock. Then we watched a long, interesting episode which was similar to an episode we watched at school!

After that, we looked at the houses and saw how they were built. Every single house was different! One house was yellow! The yellow house was made from dried mud and the north shop (M). In the north shop there was a soft seat made from animal skins and a fire-stove. There was also a house with a lock on it. Mrs Ireland We asked Mrs Ireland to lock us in but it was to lock people out (not in). Mrs Ireland had to teach us to get out! There was skin hanging from the ceiling too! The final house we saw was the Sunken

house which had a ditch for a floor and only had a roof! When we were about to go to our fourth house, stephony knew the horn which which which meant we went to ask questions. In the questions I learnt includes bones of a stag were a symbol of power and the Anglo-Saxons occasionally sometimes rode on horses but mostly walked or travelled by boat. Finally, we went back to the coach and went back to school and home, having learnt lots that day.

You certainly did. Well done.

West Stow
Monday 2nd October

Yesterday Class Dove Stow Anglo-Saxon We went because On the coach it was When we were there bags in a big broken box. Then we found



and I went to West village in Suffolk. it is our topic. one hour and a half. We put our books Stephanie the Boss.



Then we went in to the museum. There was a big brown chest which had some bags. In them were artefacts and a card which told us about it. One of the artefacts was a Roman roof tile which in the Anglo-Saxon times was used as a hearth. We saw more very interesting things to do with the Anglo-Saxon. We had to regroup and go to a different section of the museum. In the second section there were swords, door keys and even a an Anglo-Saxon helmet. When we had finished we then had lunch on wooden tables.



After lunch we saw the village and there was a house made out of clay and another one was a farmers house. Some of the houses had pits under the floor which when they built them covered up so you would not fall down them. A good day. Well done Eddie



By Eddie

Class Budgerigar's Visit to Audley End House

On the 5th of October, Class Budgerigar went to Audley End House to learn more about The Victorians. We first had a tour around the house. Most people liked the nursery, because of the rocking horse. Many did not like the taxidermy room- it was full of stuffed dead creatures. There were lots of other rooms such as: a library, lots of bedrooms, tea room, dining room and the Chapel. We had to find specific items on our worksheet and my favourite item was the pineapple in the dining room: it apparently meant you were rich and wealthy. Rihanna liked the great bustard bird in the taxidermy room, because of its huge size.



After lunch, we experienced life as a Victorian servant. We were split into two groups and the first group had an interactive talk first and the second group had a tour around the grounds then we swapped. During the talk, we were given Victorian names and Rihanna was "Elsie" and Phoebe was called "Agnes". We looked around the service wing and we felt the



weight of the copper pots.

In the laundry room, we folded big, white sheets and had to be careful not to drop them on the floor. In our next talk, we learnt more about what life was like for a servant at Audley End House and we had to scrub the floor, do the dusting and watch the boys set the table. We think it must have been a very hard life, but the meals sounded very good and the servants at least had a roof over their heads, clean clothes and earned some money for their families.



Overall, Class Budgerigar had a great day at Audley End House.

By Rihanna and Phoebe M
Class Budgerigar



The children were then able to run a 'race' where each pair's boat was timed travelling across the tray, using a driving force of air from the fan.

Competitors	Name of Boat	Time in seconds
Chloe & Fin	Boatie	5:34
Daniel & Amber	Rocky Seas	5:75
Amelia & Florence	AF	5:96
Lorenzo & Lily	The Amazing L's	6:91
Isla & George	GI	8:85
Sidney & Charlie	The Lost Ferry	9:90
Lydia & Olivia	Kitty Sails	DNF
Ahalya & Aoife	The Super A	DNF



We discussed why some boats were quicker than others.

Mathletics Challenge



The class that made the most use of Mathletics last week was:

Eider who amassed a total of 12 hours 57minutes beating Class Cuckoo by 9 minutes!

And the pupil who made the most use of the programme was:

Philip in Class Cuckoo

Well done and keep up the good work!

Essex County Council SEND Roadshow

Essex County Council, alongside Essex Family Forum and The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Services will be hosting free, Roadshows in October and November. These events will feature representatives from health, education, social care, and other local charities and support groups.

Date: 18 October 2023

Time: 9.00am to 12.30pm

Location: Witham town hall, Witham

Date: 1 November 2023

Time: 9.00am to 12.30pm

Location: Budworth Hall, Ongar

Date: 2 November 2023

Time: 9.00am to 12.30pm

Location: Ingatestone Community Centre, Ingatestone

This is a chance for parents/carers/families to come along and ask any questions about special educational needs and disabilities.

For more information and details on the event please visit the [Essex County Council SEND website](#).

Walk to School Month

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH 2023

#MOVEWITHUS

OCTOBER 1ST - OCTOBER 31ST

5 REASONS TO WALK TO SCHOOL THIS MONTH

1

Walking is good for your body - daily exercise helps you feel good and healthy

2

Walking makes our minds stronger -
Walking helps improve our mental health

3

walking can make you feel happy and is a great way to start your day

4

Walking is good for the environment - walking is the healthiest way to travel

5

Walking is good as a group - walking is a great way to talk with friends



Attendance

Part of our safeguarding duties and procedures is ensuring that when children are absent from school, we know where they are and that they are safe. Please remember to inform school by **9.20am each day** if your child is absent from school and to follow this up with a written letter of explanation on their return. If we do not know where your child is, we are required to use the emergency contact numbers you have given to school. So, it is vitally important that if you change your phone numbers, or your family and friends do, that you inform us.

The government, local authority and school take attendance seriously and school is required to follow up on irregular attendance and prolonged absences and also for unauthorised absences, so please do not be offended when we ask for proof of doctors' and dentists' appointment or ask for details of holiday bookings or delayed flights or sickness on return after school holidays. The government is also asking parents to send their children into school with mild illnesses and we would, of course, contact you should their condition deteriorate.

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.

Secondary School Places for September 2024

The application period for Year 7 entry in September 2024 opens this week and parents of Year 6 children who live in Essex can apply for a secondary school place on the Essex Education Portal on their website. Parents have until **31st October** to submit an application.

Parents who live in other Local Authority areas such as Southend or Thurrock must apply to their own Local Authority, but they can name Essex schools on the application.

Parents of children with an EHCP should not apply (except for grammar schools); their transfers will be arranged by the SEND Ops Team.

For parents who cannot apply online or who prefer to apply on paper, ECC have a paper application form that can be printed from the ECC website: [Admissions booklets, policies and forms: Application forms | Essex County Council](#) or they can request from ECC that one to be posted to them.





Full information about applying is on the ECC website: [Secondary school places | Essex County Council](#)

Safeguarding

At Danbury Park School we take e-safety seriously. At the beginning of every school year, as part of our computing curriculum, our pupils are taught about E-safety. This is then re-visited every term to reinforce the message of personal safety. The elements of computing are embedded across all subjects in the curriculum and our pupils regularly use the internet as part of their learning. In school, we use a filtering system to prevent children accessing inappropriate sites.

Over the past years we have also organised parent information workshops to help families keep abreast of the new technology with the aim of helping keep the children safe at home.

Our top tips are:

-  Set up your computer in a shared area at home so that you can see the sites your children are accessing;
-  Set your security levels so that you can limit access to sites and time spent on electronic devices;
-  Talk to your child about what they are doing online;
-  Talk to your child about keeping their personal information private.

There are some excellent resources available and we would like to suggest the following sites which provide more detailed information:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/parentsguide/>
http://old.kidsmart.org.uk/downloads/cn_parentleafletV2.pdf







We would also recommend that parents sign up for the free services of the 2 Johns. For those new to the school the 2 Johns are ex-police officers with a wealth of experience who offer information and training to schools, children, staff and parents. They last visited us in the Summer term and held workshops for children, staff, governors and parents. In the meantime, please check out their pages and follow them on *facebook*, as they issue timely alerts about new trends:

<https://esafetytraining.org/>

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

Danbury Park Community Primary School Policies

We would like to remind parents that many of our school policies are readily available on the school website including:

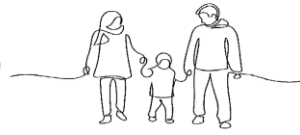
-  Child Protection,
-  Online Safety,
-  Child-on-Child Abuse,
-  Behaviour
-  Anti-bullying
-  The Governors' Statement of Behaviour Principles.

All these are regularly reviewed and updated.

Paper copies are available on request from the school office.

Child and Family Counselling Services

Parents are now able to access direct support for their child by referring them into the safe hands of our Child and Family Counselling Services (CFCS). We have a team of highly experienced Counsellors, Specialist Child and Adolescent Counsellors and Play Therapists available within the counselling team who work in our specially adapted therapy rooms.



We offer support to children, young people and parents through talking, play and art therapy.

CFCS provides therapy to children, young people and families. We support many different issues such as:

- Self-harm
- Identity
- Anxiety
- Bullying
- Bereavement
- Parental separation and family issues or conflict.

The pathway is overseen by our Head of Child and Family Counselling Services, who is supported by a team that are both passionate about and dedicated to the wellbeing of children and young people. The team has achieved very positive and reparative outcomes for children and families.

What can you expect?

After an initial contact, we will arrange an assessment to explore the issues your child may be experiencing and will then identify which model best supports the difficulty your child may be facing.

Who do you contact?

If you are worried about your child and would like to talk to us further, please either email Catherine cmunns@bccs.org.uk or call on 07792 732206 and we will be pleased to help.

Take a moment to read about the experience a parent shared with us:

I had contacted a number of professional services to assist me in helping my daughter. At the suggestion of my daughter's school a referral was made to BCCS and it was then that I met one of their counsellors. After months of unanswered questions and "hitting brick walls" I finally had answers, structure and a profound understanding of how a small little girl's mind works.

For me, there has been nothing so worrying as watching your child struggle and the BCCS counsellor's help has enabled me to help her for which I will be forever grateful.



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headoffice@bccs.org.uk

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Brentwood Catholic Children's Society - Registered Charity Number: 1000661



Notification and Reminders

School Gateway – Thank you to all the parents who have now joined the new online payment system. Please ensure that you download the app as per the letter sent out at the end of last term. Payments for school dinners and trips need to be made via this app. 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.

Measles – The Primary Health Care Trust has asked us to remind parents about the measles vaccine, which is available through GP surgeries. They are anxious to vaccinate all children to prevent an outbreak of a potentially dangerous disease.

Ink Pens – We have now moved away from using fountain pens in the classroom and will going forward encourage the children to use Berol Writing Pens. These will be provided by the school.

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>

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

ParentMail Letters sent out this week:

-  Christmas Card Project – Online purchases available – deadline 10th November
-  Online Consent form for Flu Vaccination – deadline 1st November
-  Vancols School Photos – online order – deadline 23rd October



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 16th October 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 Potatoes Baked Beans Mixed Vegetable Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Oaty Cookie and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fresh Yoghurt
Wednesday	Homemade Chicken Korma with Naan Bread or (V) Sweet Potato and Lentil Korma With Naan Bread	White/Wholegrain Rice Carrots , Peas Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Peaches and Ice Cream Pot Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets or (V) Macaroni Cheese	Crispy Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Carrot Sticks Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Apple Crumble and Custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday		Non Pupil Day		

SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2023

1st Half Term: 6th September – 23rd October 2023 = 32 days at £2.70 = £86.40

2nd Half Term: 30th October – 20th December 2023 = 38 days at £2.70 = £102.60

Total for Autumn Term = £189.00

Please note that all school meals should be paid for in advance via School Gateway.

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 16th October 2023

Mon 16th

All day

Class Eider - Stone Age Activities

Tues 17th

3.40pm

Parent Consultation

Weds 18th

Am

2.55pm

Exotic Pets Visitors for classes Jay & Hummingbird

Let's Present in classes

Thurs 19th

3.40pm

Parent Consultation

Fri 20th

School Closed for Staff Training

Full term dates for the academic years
2023-24 and 2024-25 are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Danbury Park Community Primary School

Dates for Autumn Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
October		
17 th	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
18 th	Am	Exotic Pets visitors - Classes J and H
19 th	3.40 – 6.10pm	Parent Consultations – all classes
20 th		School closed for staff training
23rd – 27th		Half-term break
November		
2 nd	7.00pm	Governors' Resources Committee meeting with site walk at 6.30pm
3 rd		Flu Immunisation
	2.45pm	Class Budgerigar Assembly
8 th	9.30 & 10.30am	Prospective parent tours
10 th	2.45pm	Year 6 Remembrance Assembly to parents and school
14 th	1.45pm	Tour for prospective parents
15 th	Am	Pre-school activity morning
17 th		Children in Need
	2.45pm	Class Cuckoo Assembly
21 st	2.45pm	Class Eider Assembly
22 nd	9.30am	Tour for prospective parents
24 th	2.45pm	Class Dove Assembly
Week beg 27 th Nov		Whole School Assessment Week
December		
2 nd	12.00 – 2.00pm	DPSA Christmas Fayre -tbc
12 th	9.30am & 2.15pm tbc	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Play
13 th	9.30am & 1.45pm tbc	KS2 Christmas Play
14 th	12.00pm	Christmas Dinner
20 th	Pm	Christmas Parties
		End of Term