



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Newsletter

Website: www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk

26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Awards

Congratulations to:

Ela S – Emerald Theo F – Ruby Amber M - Gold

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

Weekly News

Paul Sutton, Chair of Governors, has asked me to inform parents that last week the governors successfully appointed a new Headteacher for September. As soon as all the formalities and checks have been completed, we will be able to release their name and we hope to do this shortly.

We start the term with some fantastic sporting news: last Friday the boys beat St Anne's in our home match 11-0. They played so well as a team and made the most of the opportunities to take possession of the ball and score goals.



At the same time, we had great success winning the Maldon Tag Rugby Tournament. Below are detailed reports. We would like to thank the coaches who helped at the tournament and also Mrs Ireland, Mrs Williams and Mrs Power who accompanied us and the parents who offered us support and encouragement.

We also played our first High 5 Netball games this week and Mrs Ireland has provided a report on this as well.

Well done to all the teams for a great effort and keep up the good work!

Maldon Tag Rugby Tournament Report Year 5 & 6 Teams

On Friday 19th April 2024, Danbury Park put forward four different teams for two different tag rugby tournaments. The tournaments were held at the Maldon Rugby Club, with at least eight teams playing at a time, since there were four pitches!

The first two teams were years 3 and 4 and they competed in the yr3 and 4 tournament in the morning; the A team came 4th and the B team came 6th, both the teams played very well!

When the Y3's and 4's got back to school, the Y5's and 6's went to another tournament with high hopes that at least one team would come back with an amazing score!

When they arrived, the A and B teams split up. The B team went and started playing matches-after a warm up- while the A team perfected their passes before playing St Francis and beating them 6-0! After that, two other teams played (giving Danbury A Team a chance to rest).

After their rest, The A team played Maldon Court, which was an extremely hard game, since Maldon Court had beaten them for the past two years! However, Danbury pulled it out of the bag and beat them 4-2! Although it was an intense match, Danbury handled the pressure very well; this was a vital game as this knocked Maldon Court out of the tournament. Straight after playing Maldon Court, the A team had to play All Saints, which was a comfortable win and ended 7-0!



Then our team found out that they were into the semi-finals and would win if they won all three remaining matches. However, three worthy teams stood in front of us and the trophy: Moulsham A, Moulsham B and finally Great Totham A's.



Unfortunately, The B's, on the other hand, hadn't been doing so well and did not make it to the final four. But we had our own matches to think about and we knew we could win this competition. To start this next stage off we had to face Moulsham B team, which turned out to just be Moulsham year 5's. This was a close match but we gained the lead early and managed to keep our score higher until the final whistle.

We felt confident going into our next match: Totham A. It was a very similar match to the last one and we again won 4-3. Unless we lost the next match, we knew we would win the tournament as we would be the only unbeaten team. This match certainly did not feel eight minutes long as the scores were tight throughout the whole match providing a very dramatic duel. Although we, unluckily, did not win this match (the score was 4-4), we knew we had won the tournament and everybody became filled with excitement, ready for the trophy presentation.

Stuart, the main coach at Maldon, slowly read out the scores. Building up to the final school, "In first place, Danbury Park A!". The whole team celebrated with the trophy proudly knowing we did amazingly. At the end of the day, everyone felt very proud and definitely enjoyed the experience.

By Poppy and Luke (class Avocet)



Year 3/4 Team A

On Friday 19th April we left to participate in the Maldon Rugby Tournament. During the journey, we felt excited if a bit nervous. As we travelled, we looked at the large black clouds that were gathering overhead. Would we stay dry? Unfortunately, we did not but it did not dampen our spirits.

On arrival, we were joined by our coaches and they told us we were playing first.

On Friday 19th April we went to Maldon Rugby Club to play in the Tag-Rugby tournament, playing head-to-head against other local schools. When we arrived, we were given our training coaches for the day. The coach taught us some tactics such as where to move with the ball when we have it, and also some teamwork skills. We played 7 matches. Of those we won 4, drew 2 and lost 1. Overall, we came 4th. We had a brilliant time and really enjoyed the experience, despite the pouring rain!

By Florence L and Freddie T



Team A members: Eddie, Oliver N, Oliver W, Charlie, Freddie, Hugo F, Russell, Florence, Amelie and Amber.

Year 3 and 4 B Team

When we arrived at Maldon we were introduced to our coaches, Will and Rob. They were both fantastic. They gave us some excellent coaching advice which we were able to apply during our games. During the morning we played a total of five games. We won three, drew one and lost one. This meant we narrowly missed the semi-finals. During the games, a total of 11 tries were scored. Our scorers were Daniel, Jensen, Dominic, Rupert and Henry. Harriet did not score a try but was a great assistance during the scoring of two.



At the end, we all gathered to hear the results. We felt excited about hearing how we had done. Stuart, the organiser, called out our team's name. Danbury A had come 4th overall. Danbury B had achieved 6th overall.

We all agreed it was a great morning.

Thank you to all the parents who helped transport us and stay and support us.

Team B players: Dominic, Rupert, Jensen, Daniel, Nathan, Lily, Harriet, Rosie, Sidney and Henry

By Amelie and Eddie

High 5 Netball Tournament - Great Baddow High School Tuesday 16th April

On Tuesday 16th April, Katie P, Phoebe N, Maria T, Ruby C, Ivy P, Indigo K and Amber M attended their first High 5 netball tournament at Great Baddow High School. As this was the first opportunity to share their skills, there was great excitement and anticipation.

Upon arrival, the teams were welcomed and the rules explained, then they began. Three games were played in the first round. Our first game was against Broomfield's A team. The final score was 3-0 to Broomfield. Our second game was against Cathedral school. Although Danbury fought hard, they lost this match too. The final match of Round 1 was against Mildmay, a very strong and experienced team. Unfortunately, this match was also lost.

During the three games, the girls learnt quickly and were able to use their new knowledge during their final game against Broomfield's B team. During this game, the girls demonstrated a greater understanding of positioning, passing and defending. The girls fought well, having many opportunities to score, however, the game finished with a 0-0 draw.



At the end of the event, the girls achieved 7th place overall.

It was a pleasure to accompany the girls, especially as they all showed great determination and perseverance. Hopefully, their new knowledge will be used to great effect at the next tournament.

The girls would like to thank the parents who transported them and for cheering them on.

Reported by

Mrs Ireland



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Message from Wraparound Childcare Project Team, Early Years and Childcare, Education Operations, Essex County Council

Dear Parents/ Carers

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your participation in the recent parent survey, regarding wraparound childcare available in your area. Your valuable insights are essential to our understanding of parents' requirements across the county, to enable us to plan where additional wraparound childcare places will be needed.

Essex County Council has a statutory duty under the Childcare Act 2006 to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that there is sufficient and accessible high-quality early years and childcare provision to meet local demand. This includes provision of childcare places for children aged between 0-5 years as well as wrap around provision for school aged children (5-11 or up to 19 with additional needs).

The Department for Education (DFE) have released funding to Local Authorities to support the childcare expansion reforms. Some of this funding will be used to create new wraparound places in areas where there is currently insufficient provision. The places may be within schools, or alternatively provided by childcare providers or childminders. It is intended that these new places will be rolled out from September 2024 through to March 2026. Wraparound provision is a service that parents pay for and is not free of charge. The funding available from the government is to help support with the opening of provisions but not to subsidise the cost of the care, and provision is expected to be sustainable by March 2026.

Thank you once again for taking the time to complete the survey. If you missed the initial opportunity, the survey is still open (link below) and we welcome your continued feedback on the level of need in your area. Your input is essential in shaping the future of wraparound childcare services in our community.

Link to parents' survey- <https://forms.office.com/e/xHRVcgTE4J>

Kind regards

Nicole Conlon
Caroline Brown
Susie Threadgold

Mathletics Challenge

The Mathletics Challenge is underway and the children have been clocking up the minutes each week to earn a reward for the winning class over the term.

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

Class Budgerigar

and the pupil was:

Ollie C in Class Budgerigar

Well done and keep up the good work!

Safeguarding

Skips Safety Net Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



When you give a child access to the Internet, you give them access to the adult world.

The Internet treats everyone as adults and there are many things, they are not yet ready to know, which is why it is vital that some form of safety settings are in place. Doing something is better than doing nothing.

What happens online has an effect to what happens offline and what happens offline has an effect to what happens online.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

SKIPS Educational works in partnerships with multi-agency safeguarding partners and supporting organisations across the UK in a collective effort to keep children safe online. The organisation has provided schools with some useful information for parents including the poster opposite.

By actively engaging parents and carers in discussions about cyberbullying, it crucially reinforces positive behaviours both in and out of school amongst children and helps prevent them being dragged into situation either intentionally or inadvertently.

There is also lots of information on the 2 Johns' website:

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

Let's work together to keep the children safe!

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.

In the Autumn Term we received answerphone messages and e-mails informing us that children are ill. A pattern is emerging and this often seems to happen on the day(s) before an unauthorised holiday. If we have reason to suspect that you have taken your child(ren) out of school on a holiday or excursion, the absence will be unauthorised and we will write to you. If you can prove that you travelled on the days in your original application for leave of absence or explain why school could not contact you on your home phone line or why we got the international dialing tone, then we will reconsider the classification of the absence. Please be advised that this may still lead to a fixed penalty notice or prosecution as explained above.

Danbury Park School Vacancies

Get Active Co-ordinator

We are looking for an enthusiastic and caring person to join our friendly, supportive midday team working 12.00pm to 1.30pm term-time only as soon as possible. We have an all-weather track around our field and the older children enjoy the challenge of trying to walk a mile every day.

We are looking for the right person to help organise the Daily Mile and encourage the children to take part. This involves being creative and setting inter-class competitions as well as adding extra challenges. We can be flexible as to days. For more information, please contact the school office.

Midday Assistant

We are looking for a midday assistant to join our team working at lunchtimes on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. For more information, please contact the school office.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects the staff to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check, medical clearance and satisfactory references.

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.

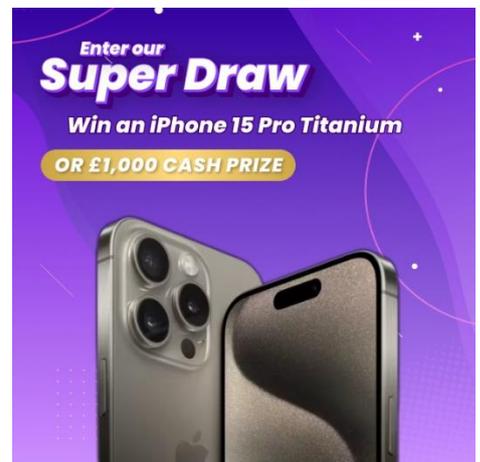
Over the past four years we have raised £4 000 which we have spent on special projects like the EYFS outdoor classroom and the KS2 garden, which we could not otherwise afford. Every little contribution helps!

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.



Notification and Reminders

New Phone System – the new VOIP phones are now up and running using our number of 01245 224994 but please listen carefully to the options for reporting an absence or wanting to speak with the office. Please be aware that when we dial out, this may come up as a different number but will start 01245 981xxx.

PE – We still hold outdoor PE lessons even in the winter months and when it is colder. Our school uniform does specify that the children need a track suit and that this should be navy blue. It does not have to have the school logo so parents can obtain affordable versions from the local supermarkets. The DPSA also have their pre-loved option. We have noticed many children wearing their school maroon sweatshirts for PE and this is not good when the children start to build up a sweat or get damp in light drizzle and then their clothes smell. It would also be useful if children had a pair of socks for PE in their bags. We are aware that many children have coughs at the moment but we would still encourage them to participate in PE lessons and we will keep a careful watch over them. We all need to be as active as possible to stay fit and healthy!

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.

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

Letters sent out this week:

- 📧 Class J & H Visit to Barleylands
- 📧 Class F& G Visit to Braintree Museum



Owl's Barn School Meals

Week beginning 29th April 2024

Week 3

Fresh bread and milk available daily

Monday	Homemade Tomato Pasta Bake r (V)Cheddar Whirl	Garlic Bread Cucumber Sweetcorn	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam and Coconut Sponge Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Chicken Fajita Wrap or (V)Quorn Fajita Wrap	Sweet Potato Wedges Peas Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Tutti Fruity Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Local Butchers Pork Sausage or (V) Vegan Sausage	Creamy Mash Potato Baked Beans Peas, Green Salad	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Homemade Minced Bolognese or (V) Vegan Minced Bolognese	White/Wholegrain Pasta Mixed Vegetable Green Salad	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling Cheese Baked Beans Tuna Mayo	Jelly and Fruit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Omega 3 Fish Fingers or (V) Cheese and Tomato Quiche	Chips Peas Cucumber	Key Stage 2 only Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cherry Muffin Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

SCHOOL DINNERS COSTS FOR SUMMER TERM 2024

1st Half Term: 15th April – 24th May 2024 = 29 days at £2.70 = £78.30

2nd Half Term: 4th June – 23rd July 2024 = 36 days at £2.70 = £97.20

Total for Summer Term = £175.50

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

Dates for the Diary
Week beginning 29th April 2024

Mon 29th

Tues 30th

Weds 1st May

2.55pm

Let's Present

Thurs 2nd

3.30pm Start

Netball Match v St Annes' (away)

Fri 3rd

2.00pm KO

2.45pm

**Boys' Football League Tournament at Boreham Primary School
Class Eider's assembly to parents**

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

Yours sincerely,

Carol Gooding,
Headteacher

Dates for Summer Term 2024

Date	Time	Event
May		
2 nd	3.30pm	High 5 Netball Match v St Anne's (away)
3 rd	2.00pm	Boys' Football League Tournament at Boreham Primary School
	2.45pm	Class Eider Assembly
7 th	12.45 – 2.45pm	CSSP Year 3&4 Mini-Wimbledon Tournament
8 th	9.15am	EYFS Welly Walk
	3.30pm	High 5 Netball Match v OLI (away)
9 th	7.00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting at school
10 th	2.45pm	Class Dove Assembly
	3.30pm	Girls' Football Match v St Pius (away)
Week beg 13 th		KS2 SATS – see separate timetable
16 th		Summer Census
	7.00pm	Curriculum Committee meeting (virtual)
17 th	5.30 – 6.30	DPSA Disco – EYFS & KS1
	7.00 – 8.15pm	DPSA KS2 Disco
20 th	3.30pm	High 5 Netball Match v Gt Leighs (away)
22 nd		Police dogs and car to visit Classes J & H
24 th	2.45pm	Class Cuckoo Assembly
27 th – 31 st May		Half-term break
June		
3 rd		INSET – School closed for staff training
		Year 4 Multiplication Assessments (2 week window)
4 th	9.30am – 11.45am	Year 2 Mini-games
5 th	Am	Class and Team photos
	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 1/6
6 th	7.00pm	Governors' Resources meeting at school with site walk at 6.30am
10 th		Year 1 Phonics Screening window opens (2 weeks)
	9.15 – 3.15pm	Classes J and H to visit Barleylands Farm
11 th	7.00pm	Meeting for parents of September entrants
12 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 2/6
13 th	7.00pm	Governors' Personnel Meeting (virtual)
14 th	2.45pm	Class B Assembly
	9.15am- 3.15pm	Classes G and F to visit Braintree Museum
Week beg 17 th		Year 6 School Journey to Stratford upon Avon
		Assessment Week for Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
17 th	All day	Year 5 to Danbury Outdoors
18 th	12.45pm	New entrants in for school lunch and to visit Classes J and H

19 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 3/6
21 st	2.45pm	Class G Assembly
24 th	9.15am	EYFS Welly Walk
		Year 5 Taster Day at Sandon School
26 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 4/6
		Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon
28 th	9.20am	New entrants to visit and class swap to meet the next teacher
	2.30pm	Year 2 Assembly to families
July		
3 rd	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 5/6
5 th	2.45pm	Class H Assembly
6 th		DPSA Circus Event on School Field
8 th	1.30pm	New entrants to visit and class swap to meet the next teacher
9 th	2.45pm	Class J Assembly
10 th	12.45 – 3.15pm	Year 3 Swimming 6/6
11 th		Pupil end of year reports to go out
	7.00pm	Full governing body meeting
12 th		Sports Day Picnic Open afternoon
	Eve	DPSA Year 6 Leavers' Disco
19 th	PM	DPS Got Talent
23 rd	9.10am 10.00am	Year 6 Leavers' Presentation of gifts in front of families and whole school Year 6 Leavers' Final Assembly to families
		Break up for the Summer Holiday

KS2 SATS

Week beginning 13th May 2024

Date & Time	Test	Location
Monday 13th		
9.15 – 10.00am	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 – short answer (45 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.05 – 10.25am	Paper 2 – spelling (approx. 15 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.30 – 10.45am BREAK		
Tuesday 14th		
9.15 – 10.15am	English Reading (1 hour)	Hall and Class A
10.25 – 10.40am BREAK		
Wednesday 15th		
9.15– 9.45am	Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic (30 minutes)	Hall and Class A
9.55 – 10.35am	Maths Paper 2 – Reasoning (40 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.40 – 11.00am BREAK		
Thursday 16th		
9.15 – 9.55am	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes)	Hall and Class A
10.25 – 10.40am BREAK		

N.B. Start and finish times are subject to change.

When tests are finished, runners will be sent to classes to confirm that playtime can commence.