



Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been an eventful few weeks at Danson following our return from our half term break.

We started in full swing with our Book Week events.



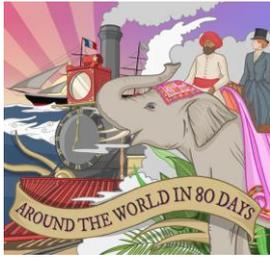
Danson's Book Week

Read Around the World!



This year, Book Week at Danson was all about reading around the world and broadening our horizons! Each year group chose a country or continent to explore including: Africa in EYFS, Australia in Year 1, China in Year 2 and 3, South America in Year 4, Egypt in Year 5 and Italy in Year 6. The week consisted of drama, writing and story telling activities... and of course lots and lots of reading! Year 4 took part in an interactive poetry workshop and expressed their creativity in their performances. A highlight of the week was when year groups buddied up and performed some traditional oral tales to each other. The children loved watching and giving feedback to other classes across the school. Some year groups also created artwork inspired by their chosen country or culture for example origami or collages of the River Nile. What an exciting week!





Around the World in Eighty Days Production

Last Friday, pupils enjoyed watching an interactive musical production of “Around the World in Eighty Days” which was performed by West End in Schools Theatre Education Company. It was a fantastic experience with dance moves and chants to learn including the inspiring ‘Nothing is Impossible’, linking to our Danson values of resilience, courage and collaboration. Everyone (including the teachers) loved joining in! Thank you to West End in Schools and thank you to parents/carers for your contributions towards this.



Dress Up Day

It was wonderful to see so many amazing outfits last Friday, with book characters from Dumbledore to The Cat in the Hat, and traditional outfits from countries all over the world. Some children were chosen as ‘best dressed’ in their classes and received a small prize. Well done to everyone who took part.

Nursery – Zack

Reception – Zina, Ellie and Austin

Year 1 – Rose, Fletcher, and Sasha

Year 2 – Anya, Lucas and William

Year 3 – Nanci, Amelie and Scarlet

Year 4 – Ellie, Brooke and Sapphire

Year 5 – Layla, Madina, Ellie and Daniel

Year 6 – Paris, Amit and Rose





500 Words Story Writing Competition

We had approximately 50 entries to the story writing competition, so a huge well done to everyone who entered for your effort and creativity! The entries have been submitted to the BBC2 main competition; we now await the results!

The English Team enjoyed reading all entries, shortlisting and deciding on the Danson winners.

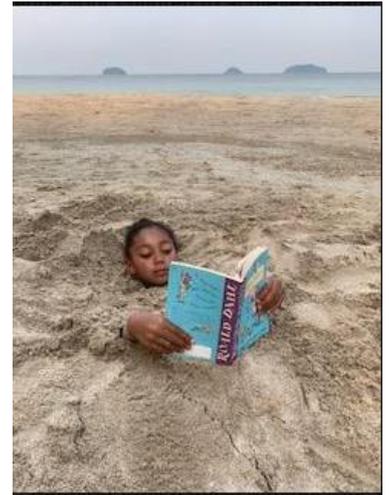
Every person who entered will receive a certificate, however the winners also receive a book as a prize.

KS1 – Katie Coates
LKS2 – George Hopkins
UKS2- Olivia Lloyd
Congratulations to the winners!

Extreme Reading Photograph Competition

This was a popular competition – who knew you could read in so many weird and wonderful places? Well done if you took part and keep reading around the world!

Congratulations to Eloise who received a £10 book voucher!



#Dansonlovesreading Poster Competition

It was clear to see a love of reading represented in all of the posters that were submitted in this competition. We will be laminating the very best ones and they will appear around the school. Well done to everyone who took the time and effort to create a lovely poster!

Danson Primary's Film Nights

The school hall was commandeered this week for the very worthwhile cause of raising money for more books in school through our first ever film nights. Years 3 and 4 watched a screening of 'How to Train Your Dragon' on Tuesday evening, enjoying the opportunity to watch a cracking animation based on Cressida Cowell's famous series by the same name. On Wednesday evening, we gave Cineworld a run for their money with not one but two showings! With a tight turnaround time of 30 minutes to get Years 1 and 2 out after a fabulously enjoyable 'Paddington' adventure and the glammed up Years 5 and 6 in for their thrillingly 'late' showing of 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief', staff all mucked in to ensure every child had a fun, safe and memorable evening with their friends and classmates. Popcorn and drinks were on sale at pocket-money prices and the music scores were reverberating authentically across the curtained hall where the viewers sat in cinema rows ... we had deftly transformed into Screen Danson! So how did it go?

"Are we going to do this again? Before we leave? Because it was soooo good! It was really great fun!!" ~ Year 6 pupil.

"When is the next one?" ~ Year 4 pupil.

"It was the BEST DAY OF SCHOOL EVER!!!" ~ KS1 pupil.



Year 1 Owl Assembly

On Thursday 5th March we were treated to Owl class sharing and celebrating their learning. The children were eager to share their Science learning on materials and showcased their scientific vocabulary. The children shared their fantasy writing about Beegu, a tiny yellow creature who was spotted in Danson Park. The children then demonstrated to the audience how they are learning to read analogue clocks and what each hand represents. We were treated beautifully singing 'You can count on me' and 'Hakuna matata' and the importance of kindness and friendship. The assembly finished off with a fabulous capture of different photos taken throughout the year of the children completing their learning. It was a fantastic assembly! Well done Year 1 Owl, Mrs King and Miss Miller.

Year 1 Robin Assembly

On Thursday 12th March Robin class AMAZED Ms Sangani with their fantastic class assembly! They showed off their learning in fantastic style starting with an exploration of their work on Julia Donaldson's stories. The children's writing was so interesting and detailed- it was a delight to hear! Robin class then went on to share their maths and science learning, which was incredible. They explored numbers and their relationship as well as showing the part part whole methods. In science they demonstrated their work on light by using a model of the globe and a torch. Robin class then treated us all to a fantastic version of 'Lean on me' whilst a reflective slideshow of their best photos played! It brought a tear to everyone's eye! A fantastic assembly Robin Class! Well done to the class and Miss McClelland and Mrs Pusey!

Working in partnership with our local Community **Bexley Deaf Centre**

We were delighted to announce that the school have raised the absolutely fantastic amount of £5135.00 from the sponsored silence event and own clothes day. We are so grateful for all your donations to such a worthy charity and we know this money will make such a huge difference. We look forward to having a celebratory celebration with members from the Deaf Centre in the next few weeks.

Maths 24 Bexley Competition

On Thursday, Esther, Joel and Tommy from Year 5 attended the Bexley Maths 24 competition. In teams of three, the children had to battle against other schools to make the number 24 in the quickest time when given four numbers. Our team came top of the borough, each receiving gold medals for their combined scores! All children performed really well and represented Danson excellently. We were even commended for our good sportsmanship and team attitude by adults from other schools! In addition, Esther came top in the individual competition, with a score of 206! Joel came second and earned himself a silver medal. All three children are through to the next round and will represent Danson in the team games against Greenwich in the summer term. We wish them the best of luck!





This year, Danson celebrated Safer Internet Day with the theme #FreeToBe... We thought about what being free online means to us. We discovered that some children like to play games online, some like to read books online and some like to research topics and learn new facts online! Every child in the school made a flag to be used as part of a bunting display in the computing suite.

The bunting celebrates our individual identities, freedom and uniqueness online! In lessons, we also discussed how to be safe online as people could use their freedom online to hurt other's feelings. We know that, if this happens to us, we must tell a trusted adult about any online issues, and that we can block and report unkind users online.

In Year 6, children looked at different scenarios of online behaviour, and the digital footprint it leaves behind. The children analysed how it could positively or negatively affect them later in life.

Year 5 created question cubes to ask each other six questions about how they are free and safe online. They responded to these questions in a video diary.

In Lower Key Stage Two, children read about different scenarios of online behaviour and decided whether the person was using their freedom sensibly or not.

In Year 2, children recognised different apps that they can use appropriately online and thought about how to be kind online.

Year 1 read a story about Digiduck and created online profiles for his famous farmyard friends and what they like to do online.

Early Years talked about what devices and games they can use and play with at school. Reception created penguin puppets after they read a story about Smartie the Penguin online.

For more information, please look at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020> where Danson has registered to be an official supporter for 2020.



Safeguarding

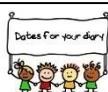
Coronavirus

We are continuing to follow guidance that has been provided by the Government/Public Health and the DfE. Should you require any advice please use the following links:

Read the latest information about the situation in the UK, along with guidance for what to do if you think you're at risk.

Go to [NHSUK/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) for information about the virus and how to protect yourself. Use the [111 online coronavirus service](#) to check if you need medical help.

The government has published its [coronavirus action plan](#) and expanded its [public information campaign](#).



Year 1 Sparrow Assembly

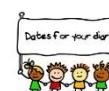
19.3.2020

Year 3 Brunel Assembly

26.3.2020

Year 5 Victoria Assembly

2.4.2020



School Uniform

Polite reminder: Children are not permitted to wear jewellery to School. Where ears have been pierced, only studs size 1-2mm round are allowed to be worn. Watches should only be digital or analogue, they should not be 'smart watches'.



Parking outside the school

Please do not block the entrances of our neighbouring residents.
Please ensure your vehicles are switched off to reduce carbon emissions.



Please ensure you show courtesy and kindness towards both Danson motorists and other road users.



Sickness

If your child has had sickness and diarrhoea they can not return to school until 48 hours after the last event.

Safeguarding-Medical Information/Medicines

Please ensure you inform the office of any changes to your child's medical information and complete all necessary paperwork/checks. Staff will not administer medicine unless this is done.



School Dinners/Packed Lunch

Polite reminder-Please note that changing options to packed lunch and school dinner choice are only permitted on a half termly basis.

Injury/Breakage

If your child has sustained a significant injury or bone breakage at home, they must be presented to the School Office with a parent/person designated by the parent to complete a Care Plan before they are reintegrated back into School. Failure to do this will result in your child not being able to attend School until this has been done.