



Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

A couple of weeks ago, we saw Danson hosting its very first virtual sports Day. The children were fantastic at showcasing their skills on google classroom and it was lovely to see so many parents and siblings getting involved in the daily activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Corley and Mr Coyler for organising such wonderful events. It has been lovely to receive such lovely feedback from the children, staff and parents and to see everyone being active whether at home, in the park or at school. Please see below our Virtual Sports Day report.

As part of their online remote learning, some of our Year Six pupils took part in the United Kingdom's Junior Maths Challenge – an annual test aimed to stretch and challenge the mathematical ability of children in Year Eight or below. We have now received the results from the challenge and we are pleased to announce that some pupils have been awarded a certificate of achievement for their impressive high scores! Gold award winners - Sadhana Arun and Elin Mecaj. Silver award winners - Adrijus Mikalauskas, Sakina Ruzieva and Varsha Senthamizh Selvan. Bronze award winners - Zakariya Akhtar, Josiah Amadi, Samhita Bonagiri, Sophie Huang, Hana Ostrowski, Zahra Selfi, Mauriya Senthilnathan and James Vrionides. Congratulations to Elin Mecaj as she was the top scorer at Danson with a remarkable score of 119. Please see the report below which gives more details on how the children got on. Well done everyone!

Last Thursday we were able to have a scaled down but very special Year 6 Leavers Assembly. Although we couldn't come to celebrate as a year group it was lovely to be able to have the children celebrate in classes with their teachers. It was lovely to have Paawan Khanna our Head Boy and Millie Laming our Head Girl say a few words and to share their memories of being at Danson. Thank you to Mrs Hui, Miss Jones, Mr Liotta, Ms Sangani and Mr Corley for creating and overseeing this very special event and to Miss Sims, Miss Hickmott and Mr Bavalia for organising the photography. Thank you to our Governors Mr Egelton and Mrs Mash for also attending our Leavers' Assembly.

Year 6, we hope you have a lovely summer and good luck in your new schools, don't forget to come back and visit us.

On Friday morning the children and staff shared their final show and tell on Google Classrooms for the last time this academic year. It is amazing to see how the children can now share their learning and the pride they take in the activities they have done. Children, you have been an absolute credit to your parents and to your school family. I am so proud of your efforts and achievements of you all during this unprecedented time with the most important being to help your parents around the house. Please see attached a farewell message from your child's class teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Reid and Miss Ruse all the very best as they embark on their next adventure in education and to Mrs Malone who is going off on Maternity leave. I would like to share a special word of thank to Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Tomlin who are retiring from Danson following their 23 and 17 years service. Thank you for being part of the Danson family and supporting hundreds of Danson pupils in their education. You will be missed! During the last few weeks we have virtually welcomed Miss Smith, Miss Deadman, Miss O'Donnell, Miss Herdecka, Miss Cox and Miss Carmichael to Danson. They have enjoyed getting to know the school and can't wait to properly meet their classes in September. Miss Herdecka has also joined the SEN team and has been working with Mrs Davis in readiness for September as Mrs Davis extends her training by working with neuroscientists.

On behalf of the myself, staff and Governing Body at Danson thank you again for your continued support and understanding during this unprecedented time. We have again been overwhelmed with the positive comments and feedback throughout the year and especially during lockdown. Thank you for your kindness and taking the time to let us know, it has meant so much to us all.

We are all in this together as a Danson family and will continue to work in partnership together for our next phase in September. We hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

L Casey



Collection Arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please refer to the staggered start sheet.



First day back to school
Thursday 4th September 2020 (Years 1-6)



Virtual Sports Week at Danson Primary School

Thank you to everyone who made Virtual Sports Week a huge success. It was great to see so many children and families being active and having fun. Well done to all the teachers and staff who also joined in the activities promoting a healthy lifestyle. We loved seeing the photos and videos you uploaded. It was amazing watching you taking part, showing the Danson values whilst being online.

Everyday I loved setting different challenges for the whole family to take part in. We had catching, bottle flips, skipping, bat and ball and finally, dizzy penalties. It was fantastic to see Mums, Dads, Nans and Grandads taking part and capturing the community spirit sport can offer.

We had daily uploads from Nursery to Year 6 with the whole school coming together to take on each daily challenge. It was great seeing children showing resilience on the challenges they found tough and being resourceful using everyday household items like a frying pan to take part. We thoroughly enjoyed Mr Coyler's and my attempt at the dizzy penalty, we definitely need more practice!

Sports day was another big part of Virtual Sports Week with over 200 forms submitted.



Congratulations to :1st place - Green house!!!!

2nd place - Red house

3rd place - Blue house

4th place - Yellow house

Individual classes congratulations to :1st place - Nightingale!!!!

2nd place - Blackman

3rd place - Pepys

4th place – Shackleton

Children across the whole school enjoyed events such as sprinting, standing long jump, and speed bounce. My new favourite addition to the sports week was definitely the welly toss throw!



Sporting Stars of the Week

A family who embraced Sports Week. Lucas and Fraser Duhan who uploaded everyday completing all the challenges and Sports Day events. Also having Mum, Dad, Nanny Sue and Grandad Lee take part having great fun as a whole family. Well done to everyone involved, you are the stars of sports week

I would also like to say a huge well done to all our Key Worker children who took part in the activities whilst at school.



Finally, I'm proud to announce due to all of your hard work Danson Primary School have been awarded a School Games Virtual badge, showing everyone how as a school we have been keeping active whilst being online.

I hope everyone has a fantastic summer, keeping active and having fun. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school soon.

Mr Corley



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

Junior Maths Challenge

As part of their online remote learning, some of our Year Six pupils took part in the United Kingdom's Junior Maths Challenge – an annual test aimed to stretch and challenge the mathematical ability of children in Year Eight or below.

We have now received the results from the challenge and we are pleased to announce that some pupils have been awarded a certificate of achievement for their impressive high scores! In the challenge, children had to answer 25 questions and each correctly answered question earned them 5 points.

Participants had to score over 102 to earn a gold award, 86 or more to earn a silver award and 70 or more to earn a bronze award. Well done to the following children who managed to earn a certificate which acknowledges their outstanding performance in the challenge:

Gold award winners - Sadhana Arun and Elin Mecaj

Silver award winners - Adrijus Mikalauskas, Sakina Ruzieva and Varsha Senthamizh Selvan

Bronze award winners - Zakariya Akhtar, Josiah Amadi, Samhita Bonagiri, Sophie Huang, Hana Ostrowski, Zahra Selfi, Mauriya Senthilnathan and James Vrionides.

A special mention to **Elin Mecaj**: she is the top scorer at Danson with a remarkable score of 119.

Well done to all of the Year Six children who participated in the challenge. They will all receive a participation certificate for their efforts in completing this tricky maths challenge.

Miss Jones

Year 6 Leavers' Celebration

On Thursday, our Year Six children came back into school for one final, important visit: a 2020 leavers' ceremony. After more than three and a half months of remote learning, a socially distant leavers' ceremony on the school's field reunited each of the Year Six classes.

During the events, children were presented with various awards. Children with 100% attendance received a special badge, those who took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge received their certificates and Mr Corley recognised the sporting achievements across the year group. Medals were presented to all of the children who have represented Danson in any sport; there were also awards for the sports man and woman of the year as well as for sporting achievements outside of school.

Once the awards were presented, children were excited to receive their leavers' hoodies and they all enjoyed an ice-cream. This provided them with the highly anticipated opportunity to speak with each other, in person, once again.

During each leavers' event, a drone was used to capture the children's final, precious memories on the field that they have enjoyed using so much during their time at Danson; these photos will be a lovely keepsake for children to remember their final day as pupils of Danson.

It's certainly been a very different end to the academic year for everybody, but we are so glad that we were able to bring each class back together once more for such brilliant leavers' ceremonies.

All of the Year Six children have been fantastic over the course of the school year and we are so proud of the mature young people they have blossomed into. They are a credit to their families and have been a credit to the school.

We wish all of you the best of luck as you begin the next chapter of your lives at secondary school, which we have no doubt you are more than ready for!

Mrs Hui, Miss Jones, Mr Liotta and Ms Sangani.

Year 6 100% Attendance		
Darwin	Franklin	Hawking
Millie Wilson Devon O'Carroll Gracie Legisi Jessica Carter	Benjamin Harden Tilly-Marie Powell Millie Laming Lewis Egelton Zahra Selfi Daniel Barrett	Freddie Hickson Benjamin George



Sports Awards

Award	Winner(s)
Sportsman of the Year	Freddy Moore
Sportswoman of the Year	Devon O'Carroll
Footballer of the Year	Benjamin Harden
Footballer of the Year	Macie Richardson
Outside achievement	Jack Forsdyke (Gymnastics)
Outside achievement	Rianna Mahoney (Triathlon)
Online Sports Award	Zahra Selfi
Team of the Year	Boys' Football Oliver Morris, Daniel Cela, Benjamin Harden, Jude Howell, Riley Bhandal, Freddy Moore and Phillip King





Key Information upon your child's return to school

(The Parent Handbook will be made available electronically on 5.9.2020)



Allergies

If your child is changing from packed lunch to school dinner please ensure you have made an appointment at the office to speak to Harrisons catering.

Packed lunches

Packed lunches should be filling, healthy and nutritious to enable your child to have the energy needed to continue their concentration into the afternoon. At Danson we endeavour to ensure that all children eat a healthy lunch. This means that fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate spread are not permitted in lunchboxes. A high number of our pupils have food allergies so we respectfully request that no nuts or peanut butter is contained within your child's lunch.

School Diner Money

£2.65 per day/£13.25 per week
(Includes bottle of water)

Breakfast Club

£5.00 per day/ £25.00 per week

After School Club

£10.00 per day/£50.00 per week
(When/if able to open)

Medicines at school

Medical forms must be completed before medicines can be given-*(Please contact the office to arrange access to site)*

Injury/Breakages

Your child must be brought into the school office by a parent/designated adult before they can go into class. Pupils will be sent home if this is not done.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child adheres to the school uniform and PE kit expectations set by the school.
(Cullottes are not permitted)

Hair

Children working at school use a variety of tools/equipment (e.g. artistic, technical, PE apparatus). Hair falling over work can be distracting and dangerous. If hair is sufficiently long this could occur, it should be tied back. This also discourages the spread of head lice.

Hair presentation should be sensible with no 'fashion image' cuts (e.g. fashion shavings, Mohican, razor cuts) and should be all the one length.

-Hair ribbons/bands should be in school colours (green/white/black). Large decorative bands and bobbles are not permitted.

Items not permitted on any occasion

-Jewellery except for Medialerts and small stud earrings which must be removed for PE by the child or parent/guardian.

-Nail Varnish/Acrylic Nails

-Aerosols of any kind

-Trainers (except for break-times)

Nurture-Believe-Inspire-Achieve