



Danson Primary School Online Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

We have continued to have some fantastic weeks of learning in both our virtual school and classrooms. We have been delighted to welcome back our Nursery, Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 over the past few weeks. We are saddened that the school cannot reopen for all pupils, however due to the government guidelines we are now working at capacity in terms of space and staffing. It has been such a joy again over the past few weeks to link in and see how the children are getting on in their google classrooms. I have loved reading through the 'Learning together at home document' that has been created by all the teachers and shares the learning that the children have been doing. I hope you all enjoy reading it as much as I have. Please see attached some of the shared learning that has been happening.

Year 6 Transition

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have been working hard in school and online to complete their transition units in readiness for them starting secondary school. We have also received from the secondary school the transition work they are also doing which has been fantastic.

Although we are not all together in school that doesn't stop us trying to continue in the spirit of our yearly planner. We know the summer term means that there is a buzz of activity on the field with all our children getting prepared and ready for their Sports Day. Pandemic or not we aren't going to let that stop us coming together to share in Danson's first ever **VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY!!** Please see below a message from Mr Corley.

Stuck inside? Bored of the laptop or computer?



Don't despair!
Introducing:



Danson's Virtual Sports Week!

Monday 6th July will be the launch of our Virtual Sports Week which will be filled with fun activities and different challenges the whole family can take part in.

You will get to take part in Virtual Sports Day events which will include running, jumping, and throwing as well as the classics like the egg & spoon race and the new welly boot toss. All your scores will then be submitted via Google Docs on your Google Classroom, where we will be able to find the winning class. You will also be able to upload photos and videos, so everyone can see the whole family being active and having fun.

We will also have some class challenges showcasing all the excellent school values Danson is known for teamwork, determination and resilience. I can't wait to share the information with you on Google Classrooms on 3rd July in readiness for Monday. Let's get ready to have fun and get active!!





Way back in February, we announced in assembly that Danson Primary was hoping for our pupils to get creative and enter stories for the National BBC Radio 500 Words Writing Competition. We had 46 entries across the school, and we were thrilled to hear over the Easter holidays that one of our pupils, Millie Wilson in Darwin (Year 6), had made it through to the next round with her brilliant story, The Orang-Utan Experience. With over 135,000 entries and only 5000 stories making it through, this was a tremendous achievement! Though it was not in the 50 shortlisted for the finals, we at Danson are extremely proud of Millie and celebrate her success with a special Danson Prize of a beautiful gift pen set, which she will have presented to her by Miss Casey. We hope it will spur her on to write more amazing stories as she moves on to secondary school, and that she will continue to find success in her writing endeavours in the future! Please see attached to the newsletter Millie's story.

Mrs Hui



500 words: Black Lives Matter

Children at Danson have a long history of entering the 500 words story competition and as you can see from the fantastic story attached by Millie Wilson (Y6), we have had much success over the years. This June we were excited to see 500 words launch another competition, this time on the international subject of Black Lives Matter. The purpose of the 500 Words is *'to get children reading and writing about any subject. We (500 Words) are asking children to engage with our changing world. Our competition is about togetherness, learning, empathy and building on the global conversation around Black Lives Matter. Stories allow the writer to express their personal experiences and learn something from the process.'*

At Danson we are committed to the education and implementation of our British Values, especially those of tolerance and mutual respect which are taught through PSHE and also threaded through every subject in our curriculum. We are very proud of our children who listen, learn, discuss and debate global conversations while displaying the Danson values of empathy, respect and kindness. We are united with all of our Danson family and cannot wait to read the creative stories that our children can create. Please follow the link if you wish to enter <https://500words.me/for-kids/>.

Mrs Hui, Miss Hickmott and Miss Sangani.

School Reports

At the moment all the teachers are completing the end of year reports which will have a slightly different look this year due to the early school closure. We look forward to sending them out to you via Arbor on 13th July along with your child's new class name and Class Teacher.

2020/2021 Term dates

Tomorrow you will receive the term dates for the next academic year. These will have the INSET days and bank holidays. Upon return in September, when we will hopefully have more information and guidance at Government level for additional information to be added to the termly planner.

Reception Starters 2020/2021

New Reception children will have their own return schedule and this will be sent out before the end of term.

Returning to school in September

Upon return during the first week in September we intend to give each class the opportunity to be with their current class teacher to welcome them back for their first two days back into school. We hope that this will give our children the opportunity to have a welcome chat in their familiar surroundings and help to support their transition back into school. We will send out further information during the last week of term.

I hope you have a fantastic week and look forward to catching up with you in the next couple of weeks and sharing how our everyone got on during our Virtual Sports Week. Take care and stay safe.

L Casey