



## Danson Primary School Newsletter

### Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

I would like to wish you all a good Easter Break. My first few weeks as Interim Headteacher have been exceptionally busy, however very rewarding. Working with such dedicated staff and enthusiastic pupils has been an absolute pleasure.

I'm pleased to share the news that Miss Casey has welcomed a baby girl into her family. Miss Casey and her daughter are doing well and enjoying spending time together and getting to know each other. I'm sure she'll be popping into school in the near future.

My dog Achilles has become a mini celebrity and very well received by children and adults alike. He will be starting his therapy training next term and I will keep you and your children informed as to how that is going and what will be involved in his programme.

### Spring Sings Year 3 and 4

This term saw the doors of Danson open and visitors fill up the hall to be totally blown away by the performances from both Year 3 and 4 during their Spring Sings. We were engaged with beautiful art work, poetry recitals and singing that would rival the best show on Broadway! Every performance was fantastic and the children made us all very proud. Well done to all the children who performed in the Year 3 and 4 Spring Sings and thank you to all the staff involved for putting together such a wonderful experience for us all to share. We look forward to the Year 5 performances in the first week back after the holiday.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

It was great that so many parents joined in with the virtual parent/ teacher meetings over the past couple of weeks. These meetings were a really good opportunity for you to hear about your child's learning journey, what their successes have been and what they are working on for their targets. Your child's targets have been placed into their reading records so that you can continue to support and share in your child's learning journey.

### Open Afternoons

During the afternoons of Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, the doors of Danson were once again opened for the usual (pre-covid) business of our Open Afternoons. It was so lovely to see so many parents, carers and grandparents come into school and share in the learning of their children. The children were so excited to be able to share their learning environments, books, displays and learning with their special grown ups and from the responses from the grown-ups, it seems the afternoons were thoroughly enjoyed by all and gave an opportunity to see progress and work that had been discussed during the parent/teacher meetings. The food samples in the hall seemed to also go down really well! If your child would like to change to school dinners, please let the Office know.

I look forward to next term continuing to get to know the Danson family community.

Best wishes

Mrs Allen

### **Danson's World Book Day Reflection**

Over the last few weeks, we have been celebrating World Book Day at Danson by bringing in our favourite books, taking part in a sponsored reading challenge, enjoying author visits and entering competitions!

#### **Author Visits**

Hannah Shaw visited Danson on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March along with her cardboard cut-out of Unipiggle, hats and other props and even a magic trick! She wowed Reception and Key Stage One with her amazing illustrations of Unipiggle and the hungry badger from the book 'The Disgusting Sandwich'. All of the children listened to her read part of 'Unipiggle: Unicorn Muddle' and some children were chosen to act out scenes as the funny characters in the story. Finally, children took part in a draw-along where Hannah showed everyone how to give Unipiggle different expressions to show how he was feeling. A child in Year 1 said after the visit, "I went to the shops and bought Unipiggle! I really want to read it!". Thank you so much to Hannah Shaw for inspiring our Reception, Year 1 and 2 children.



On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, P.G.Bell visited Danson. He explained to Key Stage Two how he began his writing career with storytelling out loud and read extracts from his first book, 'The Train to Impossible Places'. P.G.Bell went on to discuss how to create characters when writing, focusing on the trolls in his book and comparing them to other well-known book characters. As P.G.Bell discussed his idea of a train that could go anywhere and do anything, children were invited to share their own ideas for a magical train. Where would it go? What would the crew be like? What would it do? The Key Stage Two pupils let their imaginations run away and explored their creative ideas together. A child in Year 5 said, "It's inspired me to think about my own ideas and write them down, maybe even create my own stories and comics." Thank you so much to P.G.Bell for a fantastic visit.

### **World Book Day Costume Winners**

The World Book Day costumes blew us away this year! Well done to everyone who dressed up for the occasion. Here are the winners of the 'Best dressed' certificates:

**Nursery** – Nelly W and Ava H

**Reception** – Oscar W, Chloe M and Phoebe M

**Year 1** – Elif B, Alexia C and George S

**Year 2** – Thomas W, Amelia T and Aurelia G

**Year 3** – Sarisha C, Evelyn F and Fraser D

**Year 4** – Harley P, Katie-Anne C and William B

**Year 5** – Eryn S, Lily M and David V

**Year 6** – Zayyan H, Lilly-Mae W and Penelope H



### **Ready, Steady, Read Winners**

Pupils across the school took part in the Usborne 'Ready, Steady, Read' sponsored reading event during World Book Week. Upon receiving the forms and sponsor money, we were incredibly impressed to see the number of extra minutes that pupils were dedicating to their reading during the week. Some pupils managed to read for two or more extra hours – superb! Well done to everyone who took part in the challenge. Here are the names of the children who achieved the greatest number of minutes in each year group:

**Reception** – Freya Y

**Year 1** – Mishika R

**Year 2** – Siddharth P

**Year 3** – Arya A

**Year 4** – Anaya K

**Year 5** – Tahmid R

**Year 6** – Rocco B

Here are the names of the children who raised the most money:

**EYFS – Scarlett W**

**Key Stage One – Isobel S**

**Lower Key Stage Two – Jacob M**

**Upper Key Stage Two – Aarush D**

Altogether, we raised a huge **£1236**, meaning that we can order an extra 60% of free books from Usborne! Fantastic work everyone! We will be able to order around £2000 worth of books – that's approximately 300 new books for our school library and classroom book corners! Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

### **World Book Day Competition Winners**

What an amazing array of entries we had this year! There were models, paintings and prints on canvas, posters, poems, stories and more. We are so proud of everyone who entered for putting the time and effort in to show your love of reading. Here are the winners:

#### **Reading Quote**

**EYFS and Key Stage One – Ivy S**

**Lower Key Stage Two – Sonia N**

**Upper Key Stage Two – Noah S**



### **You Are A Reader**

**EYFS and Key Stage One – Eleanor C and Penelope C**

**Lower Key Stage Two – William D and Alex W**

**Upper Key Stage Two – Luca B**





World Book Day may be over, but our love of reading at Danson continues as we explore a range of texts through our topics and story time. We hope you are enjoying reading stories with your children at home just as much as we are enjoying our reading at school.



Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Hickmott-Maurice

English Lead



Today at Danson, music was ringing down the corridors and in the hall as Rock Steady came in and did three assemblies to the whole school. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were fully involved with the assembly. A lucky few got to play the instruments while the rest sang their hearts out to “We will rock you.”

First up was Year 5 and 6 and they performed exceptionally well.



Next up was our youngest rockers for their assembly. They were just as enthusiastic as year 5 and 6 and performed heroically in front of their peers.





The final assembly of the morning was for Year 3 and 4 and they finished the day just as brilliantly as we had started. Well done to all the stars of all the bands for performing in front of everybody. You did so well!



It was so lovely to welcome outside companies back into Danson and we thank Tim and all of Rock Steady for coming in today.

You would have received an email about signing up for band lessons starting after the Easter holidays.

## Social Media

**The school has no links to any social media sites and has no control over content or comments. If you have a query relating to your child's class, education or events happening within the school, please speak to the school directly.**








**'Please think before you post'**

## Use of mobile devices/cameras

Mobile phones and tablets should not be used to take photos or videos when inside the school grounds without the prior consent of the Head Teacher to ensure the Safeguarding and Child Protection of our pupils. Use of such equipment contravenes Section 6 '**equipment and digital content section**' of the LGFL E-Safety Policy.

*'The recording, taking and sharing of images, video and audio on any mobile phone is to be avoided except where it has been explicitly agreed otherwise by the Head Teacher.'*

Failure to adhere to this may jeopardize attending any future school events or access to school site. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

 <b>Key Messages</b> 	
<p><b><u>Safeguarding-E-Safety</u></b></p> <p>Please note that there are age restrictions on social media sites. Whatsapp age restriction is 16 years old. Snap chat age restriction is 13 years old. Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account. Please be aware of what your children are accessing and who they are contacting via social media/games platforms.</p> 	<p><b><u>School Uniform</u></b></p> <p>Trousers are grey Skirts and pinafores are green. Oversized bows in hair are not permitted.</p> <p><b><u>Trainers are not permitted to be worn as a school shoe.</u></b></p>
 <p><b><u>Sickness</u></b></p> <p>If your child has had sickness and diarrhoea they can not return to school until 48 hours after the last event.</p>	<p><b><u>Scooters</u></b></p> <p>Please ensure your child walks their scooters when on school site.</p>
<p><b><u>Safeguarding-Medical Information/Medicines</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> 	<p><b><u>Injury/Breakage</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>





## **Dates For Your Diary**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> 9.15am - Year 5 Henry Spring Sing**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> 9.15am - Year 5 Victoria Spring Sing**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.15am - Year 5 Elizabeth Spring Sing**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for Polling Day**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am Reception Elm Celebration Assembly**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am Reception Ash Celebration Assembly**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am Reception Oak Celebration Assembly**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 9.15am Year 1 Owl Celebration Assembly**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9.15am Year 1 Sparrow Celebration Assembly**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9.15am Year 1 Robin Celebration Assembly**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2.30pm Year 2 Pepys Celebration Assembly**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2.30pm Year 2 Shackleton Celebration Assembly**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2.30pm Year 2 Nightingale Celebration Assembly**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am - Lower Key Stage 2 Sports Day**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm - Upper Key Stage 2 Sports Day**

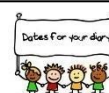
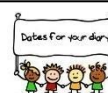
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am - Reception Sports Day**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm - Key Stage 1 Sports Day**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am and 1.30pm - Nursery Sports Day**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July AM and PM Nursery Graduation**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July Time to be confirmed - Year 6 Leavers Celebration**



**Children return to school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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