

Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

We have had a jammed pack couple of weeks following our half term break.

As promised in my newsletter before half term please see below our newly elected Councillors and House Captains of Danson Primary School. I would also like to give a very special mention to our new Head Girl, Esther Lawani, new Head Boy, George Cook and our Deputy Head Girls and Boys; Darcie Richardson, Titi Qiu, Israel Nelson Sinclair and Ryan Jacob. I am very much looking forward to working with them this year.

On Monday 9th November, Year 3 and 4 were given the fantastic opportunity to virtually meet the author Marie Basting via Google Meet in their classrooms. Marie is the author of the excellent book Princess BMX which challenges stereotypes and encourages children to be more BMX. Please see below more information on this fantastic event. Thank you to Miss Hickmott from our English Team for organising this wonderful learning opportunity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for supporting the additional measures at drop off and collection times this week. We really do appreciate you wearing face masks, only having one parent on site to collect and being socially distant to help keep us all safe.

Along with the newsletter this week you will see some exciting competition news on celebrating books at Danson! We want all children to unleash their creativity and to share with others their favourite book and why it is amazing!! Thank you to Mrs Hui who is part of our English Team for organising this fantastic competition.

How can you show other children how amazing your favourite book is?
Can you **catch** their attention and make them want to read it too?

Unleash your creativity!

Your competition entry could be:

- a model/sculpture;
- a poster;
- a story re-write;
- an advert (video);
- an electronic quiz;
- bakes or recipes;
- songs/raps/poems;
- a book review;
- a mini stage set;
- a drawing/painting;
- a comic strip;
- an animation;
- a dance ...



Let your imagination go wild
with bookish ideas!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Davis for the seven years she has been at Danson as a Nursery and Reception Teacher and then as SENCO. We wish her well in her future endeavours. Miss Herdecka who has worked alongside Mrs Davis will continue her work as SENCO for our Danson family.

I would also like to wish Miss Henderson, who has been a MDM supervisor (9 years) and part of the premises team (eight years) our very best wishes and a speedy recovery



I was so proud of the children throughout the school who displayed the upmost respect during our two minute's silence this week in for Remembrance Sunday. Well done everyone!



Today we saw all our Danson pupils and staff supporting Children in Need by donating £1 to enable them to wear their own clothes. We saw plenty of spots and Pudsey ears. During the course of the day we saw children taking part in different tasks all linked to mental wellbeing. Thanks to all those who have donated and remember it isn't too late to make your donation via Arbor.





To support all pupils in PE I am delighted to announce that we are purchasing new PE sports top for all pupils. We know that times are tough and wanted to help and support all our families in having a winter PE kit. More information will follow next week.

Next week the children will be celebrating Anti-Bullying/Kindness week and I look forward to sharing with you some of the learning that they will have done. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Stephens our PHSE lead for organising these fantastic whole school events.

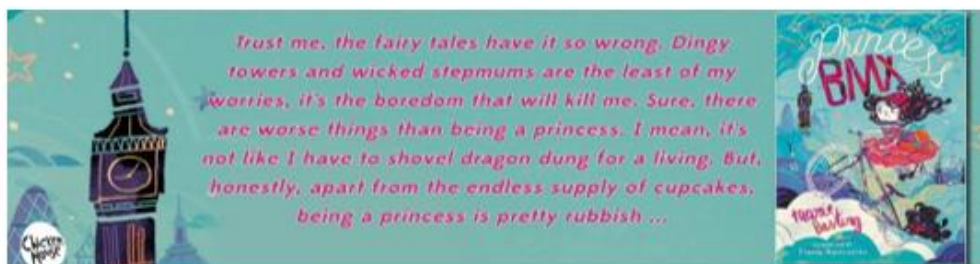
To those who are celebrating we wish you happy Diwali and a prosperous New Year!



As always take care and stay safe.

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Year 3 and 4 pupils asked some thought-provoking questions using Blooms Taxonomy higher-order thinking including: What is the link between the Princess in the story and you? Is the character based on you or a real person? Marie Basting gave Year 3 and 4 some insightful answers which covered information about her own childhood and struggles throughout her own journey to becoming a writer.

Well done to Year 3 and 4 for asking a great range of questions and thank you once again to Marie Basting for her time and aspirational messages about defying expectations and achieving your dreams. I think we should try to be more BMX every day!



Resilience – bouncing back when things don't work out straightaway and trying again and again until you get it right

**BEING
BMX**

Hard work – you know to be successful you must work hard

Team player – you seek support and also support and encourage others!



School Councillors-2020-2021




Year Group	Class	Pupils	Year Group	Class	Pupils
Reception	Oak	Teddy Duncan Alice Attenborough	Year 4	Dahl	Evie Wilson Zaid Nabeel
	Ash	Uthara Prem Kuman Zach Preston		Rowling	Ava Vekeria Harry Lloyd
	Elm	Alexia Chown Krish Suresh		Blackman	Tabitha Price Mason Copley-Nihill
Year 1	Owl	Ellie Dorosh Reign Sarpong	Year 5	Elizabeth	Balpreet Sangar Ryan Poudel
	Sparrow	Nicholas Kablanovs Tia Moore		Henry	Archie Hughes Rocco Boulger
	Robin	Dora Feyistetam Lauren Martin		Victoria	Victoria Lawani Aarush Devapalli
Year 2	Nightingale	Jake Devine Imogen Darroch	Year 6	Darwin	Sophie Williamson Joseph Walls
	Pepys	Hollie Farrance Zach Dooley		Hawking	Bobby Merton Jessica Mann
	Shackleton	Emerson-Rose Amadi Frankie McCabe		Franklin	Aasim Salami Yi Xin Liu
Year 3	Brunel	Asees Kohli Luca Dunn	Nurture-Believe-Inspire-Achieve		
	Kapoor	Mickey Cornford Nancy Wawrzewski			
	Barfield	Noah Saunders Sonya Das			


Sports Councillors-2020-2021



Year Group	Class	Pupils	Year Group	Class	Pupils
Reception	Oak	Henry Collette	Year 4	Dahl	David Vaitkus
	Ash	Tommy Mahon		Rowling	Teddy O'Leary
	Elm	Arthur Grey		Blackman	Belle King-Pearson
Year 1	Owl	Betsy Smith	Year 5	Elizabeth	Malachi Parkes
	Sparrow	Mason Hare		Henry	Jinmi Feyisetan
	Robin	Mason Oyedele		Victoria	Logan Fleming
Year 2	Nightingale	Olivia Chamans	Year 6	Darwin	Joshua Liddell
	Pepys	Nathan King		Hawking	Esther Lawani
	Shackleton	Leah Bielska		Franklin	Leroy Anderson
Year 3	Brunel	William Brooks	Nurture-Believe-Inspire-Achieve		
	Kapoor	Elsie Gilliver			
	Barfield	Eloise Waugh			

Eco Councillors-2020-2021			
			
Year Group	Pupils	Year Group	Pupils
Year 1	Macee Chapman	Year 4	Alara Tektas
Year 2	Lilly Wood	Year 5	Lydia Vrubliauskaite
Year 3	Myra Sharma	Year 6	Oliver Neeson
Nurture-Believe-Inspire-Achieve			

Anti-Bullying/Kindness Ambassadors-2020-2021	
	
Year 5	Year 6
Esinam Wormenor Jack Barnett Luca Blake Lydia Olney Lola Bhandal Harry Hyde	Hristina D Finley Tyler Phoebe Amarh
Nurture-Believe-Inspire-Achieve	

House Captains 2020-2021		
Green House	Blue House	
Teddy Wood Sophie Williamson	Esther Lawani Lashawn Chima	
Yellow House	Red House	
Michael Hassan Sacha Cofino Smith	Mason Wawrzewski Phoebe Amarh	
<i>Nurture-Believe-Inspire-Achieve</i>		

Head Boy/Head Girl Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl Candidates 2020-2021		
Year Group 6		
Adolat Sharipova Chloe Kennard Darcie Richardson Ellie Lloyd Esther Lawani Gabriele Rudele Mokitha Kamalanathan Olivia Lloyd Phoebe Amarh Sophie Williamson Temilayo Mathews Titi Qiu Chloe Corbett	Aasim salami Adam Albu Arjun Kalsi Billy Livett Brian Tortiv Ato George Cook Israel Nelson Sinclair Jay Chu Joel Wheate-Martinez Tommy Lin Lashawn Chima Luca Catoni Michael Hassan Murat Koc Noah Tomlin Ryan Jacob	
<i>Nurture-Believe-Inspire-Achieve</i>		

**Pupil Leadership Group
2020-2021**



Head Boy	Head Girl
George Cook	Esther Lawani
Deputy Head Boy	Deputy Head Girl
Israel Nelson Sinclair Ryan Jacob	Darcie Richardson Titi Qiu
<p><i>Nurture-Believe-Inspire-Achieve</i></p> A graphic of several colorful stars (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) with long, curved tails, resembling a starburst or fireworks, positioned at the bottom center of the table.	