



## Danson Primary School Newsletter

### Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

From the very first days of the year, the children have impressed me with their enthusiasm, focus, and positive attitude toward learning. They have settled beautifully into routines, embraced new challenges, and shown a real excitement for being back in the classroom. It's been a joyful and energetic start to the year, and we're incredibly proud of how confidently and happily our students have launched into 2026! Well done everyone!

### Year 4 Rowling Assembly

On Wednesday 14th January, Rowling Class delivered a fantastic performance, confidently showcasing their learning they've done so far this year. The show followed the class teaching and impressing Tutankhamun and Cleopatra with their learning from across the curriculum. In Science, they explained all about sound, demonstrating how vibrations travel and how pitch and volume can change. In English, they impressed us with their persuasive letter writing linked to *The Heart Scarab*, using powerful vocabulary and persuasive language to put forward their viewpoints. The children also showcased their creativity from Design and Technology, where they designed and carefully sewed their own Egyptian collars, inspired by their history topic. In Maths, they demonstrated their growing confidence in multiplication and division, including using the column method to solve calculations accurately. The assembly was brought to life with plenty of humour and lively music, which had the audience smiling throughout. Well done, Rowling Class, for such an informative, entertaining and engaging assembly!



### Year 4 Blackman Assembly

On Wednesday 28th January, Blackman Class were excited to share some of their fantastic learning from across the curriculum. In Science, they had explored sound, discovering how vibrations travel through different materials and how volume and pitch can change. In English, Blackman wrote persuasive letters inspired by The Heart Scarab carefully choosing powerful language to convince their reader. In DT, they had great fun baking delicious cookies, learning how to measure ingredients accurately and work safely in the kitchen. In Maths, they had been practising multiplication and investigating the commutative law. It was a great insight into Year 4's learning so far this year, well done!



### Year 4 Dahl Assembly

On Thursday 22nd January, Dahl Class took to the stage with a spectacular performance that showcased everything they've been learning this year. The show followed an imaginative news story where a mummy returned from ancient Egypt to uncover the wonderful subjects the children have explored. From baking delicious biscuits in DT to creating stunning pieces of artwork, the mummy was truly amazed — and even learned a few new skills along the way! The performance featured lively songs, expressive acting, and plenty of humour, keeping the audience captivated from start to finish. Every student shone brightly, demonstrating their creativity, confidence, and teamwork. Their enthusiasm and dedication were clear to see, and they should all feel incredibly proud of their achievements. Well done, Dahl Class and Miss Morris what a fantastic news report!



### Year 3 Brunel Assembly

What a successful mission! On Thursday 5th of February, Brunel class performed their assembly with confidence, MI5 like accuracy and smiling faces. The display was a clear reflection of the children's progress and achievements this term. The 'agents' performed with enthusiasm and pride combining singing, well-rehearsed dance moves and photographs that illustrated their learning journey beautifully. The quality of written work in their books was impeccable and the four times table song was professionally executed to a modern pop classic that had everyone tapping their feet. The audience of loving parents and carers were astonished and extremely impressed with your scientific abilities, ensuring a fair test during the jumping investigation. The Stone Age 'mission' demonstrated a growing depth of historical knowledge and an ability to communicate key facts succinctly. The tribal takeover of stomping feet during your singing had us all trembling; that fierce attitude would have certainly assured your survival in the Palaeolithic period! Overall, the assembly was a strong celebration of the children's determination, teamwork and developing knowledge. Congratulations Brunel and Miss Landick on your fantastic assembly!



### Year 3 Barfield Assembly

On Wednesday 11th February, Barfield Class shared some breaking news about Year 3 learning in their fantastic class assembly. They took us on a journey through time, space, and classrooms. First, we travelled 10,000 years back to the Stone Age. The children explained how they used evidence to understand the past and performed *We Will Rock You* with a Stone Age twist. Next, the English Desk shared some detailed non-chronological reports about some terrifying Stone Age animals. In the Maths Lab, they showed how they have been learning about length and perimeter and performed a reimagined pop song to show off their 3 times tables. Science followed with a class investigation and live updates from inside the human skeleton. Finally, the Creative Department revealed their amazing cave paintings and the cushions they designed in DT. The assembly ended with a motivational song to inspire everyone for the day. Well done to Mrs Zile and Barfield Class for their brilliant assembly and all their hard work in Year 3!



### Enrichment in our Curriculum

We have only been back six weeks but our immersion into our curriculum is in full flow! Year groups throughout the school have been enjoying workshops and trips linked to their learning. Please see below more details on these amazing enriching experiences.

#### **Fire Drill**

The children were excellent during our first fire drill practice of the Spring Term. They all walked sensibly in single file to their evacuation point. Well done everyone!!

## Being part of our local and wider community

On the 3rd February, Year 5 and 6 were visited by PC Godwin, who is also a parent governor of the school. He led age-appropriate talks on crime and consequences to ensure that our children understand the importance of how to be a responsible citizen and ensure that they are aware of what constitutes a crime and the potential consequences of committing one.

He raised awareness of the children protecting themselves from becoming victims of crime and what to do if they found themselves in a situation where they might need to seek further support. All of the children were very attentive and asked lots of thoughtful questions. At the end of the talk, some of the children were lucky enough to be able to try on some of the different parts of a police officer's uniform too!

We are very grateful to PC Godwin for giving up his time to come and share his experience and talk to the children about an important aspect of citizenship.



# Enrichment at Danson

## Year 3-Design Technology specialists in cooking

For our DT project this half term, we designed and made tarts using seasonal ingredients. We began by learning about climates around the world and found that the UK has a temperate climate. This means we have four seasons and some fruit and vegetables can only be grown at certain times of year. Using this knowledge, we practised our chopping and peeling skills with foods grown in the UK in February and March, such as leeks, mushrooms, carrots and radishes, and tasted them to explore their flavours.

We then designed our seasonal tarts, choosing either a sweet or savoury option. We thought carefully about appearance, colours, flavours and textures that would work well together. After designing, we made our tarts and tried to follow our plans closely. Finally, we taste tested them and evaluated their appearance, taste and texture. We really enjoyed them!



## Year 4-Egyptian Workshop

To conclude our topic on the Ancient Egyptians, we took part in a creative, hands-on workshop that brought our Autumn learning to life. Pupils enjoyed a range of exciting practical activities, including making canopic jars, perfume make, writing in hieroglyphics, and even practising the ancient process of mummification!

Throughout the day, everyone stepped into character as members of Egyptian society — from pharaohs and nobles to medjay (police) and slaves — fully immersing themselves in the world of Ancient Egypt. In the afternoon, groups prepared lively performances to entertain the pharaoh at a grand festival, before enjoying a delicious banquet of bread, cheese and grapes.

It was a fantastic day of creativity, collaboration, and discovery, helping us to consolidate and celebrate all our historical learning in a truly memorable way.



## **Year 6 Ancient Greeks Experience**

On Thursday 8th January, Year 6 took part in an exciting immersive workshop to launch our new topic on the Ancient Greeks. Throughout the day, we explored this remarkable civilisation in depth. We discovered how the city-states often fought amongst themselves, yet united to defend against the Persians. The children participated in battle re-enactments, explored well-known Greek myths, played the traditional game of Petteia, tackled Archimedes' puzzle, the Stomachion, and even experienced their own version of the Ancient Greek Olympics. The workshop was a fantastic introduction to the topic, helping to build valuable background knowledge. It has sparked great enthusiasm, and the children are now eager to learn more about the impact of the Ancient Greeks on modern life and the lasting legacy they have left behind.



## **Year 3 Stone Age Event**

On Wednesday, 7th January, Year 3 took part in an exciting, hands-on Stone Age workshop! The children travelled back in time to explore the three Stone Age periods — Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic — and learned how life changed across each era.

They discovered how early humans hunted for survival, including the clever strategies used to capture a woolly mammoth and learned about the different human species that lived during this time. The children also took part in activities to find out what it took to become a successful hunter-gatherer, thinking carefully about skills such as teamwork, problem solving and resourcefulness.

During the workshop, the children also had the opportunity to examine fossils, Stone Age weapons and examples of clothing made from natural materials, helping them to better understand how people lived during these times.

It was a fantastic experience that truly brought our history learning to life!



## **Year 1 Welling Library Visit**

Sparrow and Robin class went to Welling library, to explore the magical world of books.

The children enjoyed the quiet atmosphere of the library, searching for books to read and books that we could borrow to take back to class to read in our storytime.

The children enjoyed looking through lots of different books, reading them together as well as having stories read to them by an adult.

Many different genres of books were chosen by the children, from magical stories to information books about space and animals which enabled the children to expand their imagination as well as learning more about a particular interest they have outside of school.

Both classes had a wonderful afternoon(s) fostering the love of reading.



## **Year 5 Tower of London Visit**

During the week beginning 2nd February, Year 5 visited the Tower of London for our Crime and Punishment topic. The children had a truly memorable day exploring the historic fortress, discovering its fascinating past and hearing the dramatic story of John Gerrard and his daring escape from the Tower — they even saw the prison cell where he was held. They also thoroughly enjoyed walking the grounds and seeing the crown jewels and the supposed execution spot of Anne Boleyn which brought history vividly to life and sparked lots of thoughtful discussion. The trip was an incredible experience and the children loved every second of it.



# Sports Update

The new year has kicked off with a fantastic range of sports and activities across the school! It's been wonderful to see so many students participating and enjoying themselves, and we've had an especially exciting start with the Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball after-school club drawing huge numbers — a brilliant success! It's also been lovely to see so many families walking, biking, and scootering into school — thank you for supporting active travel!

Please see below for our latest sports updates:

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## Boys Football - Year 6

We started the season with the Year 6 Boys' Team taking part in the BPSFA Finals, held at Danson. It was an amazing event, with many schools praising the fantastic grounds and excellent organisation. A special thank you to our PTA for providing drinks and sweets throughout the day — your support made a big difference!

On the pitch, the boys gave it their all. Although they didn't come away with the win this time, they showed fantastic team spirit and enthusiasm. A great effort all around!

The boys' league has now started, with the team facing some challenging matches against schools with district or academy players. However, they have always represented the school in the best way possible.

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## Girls Football

The girls' team also reached the BPSFA Finals, held at Goals Bexleyheath. They played brilliantly in the group stages and progressed to the semi-finals, where they put on their best performance yet — a 2-1 win against a strong Sherwood team, with some fantastic goals from Isobel.

In the final, they faced St Thomas More in a tight match that could have gone either way. STM managed to edge it with a goal, but our girls should be incredibly proud of their efforts. We now look ahead with excitement to the upcoming league and cup matches.

In the league, the girls are currently top of the table and unbeaten so far this season, winning every match.

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## Tri Golf - Year 4

Year 4 students had the chance to represent Danson at a Tri-Golf Festival, where they took part in a variety of skill-based challenges. The event was all about trying something new, and it was great to see so many children having fun, giving their best and showing the Danson Values throughout. Well done to all involved!

## Netball - Year 6

After a very popular trial that saw over 40 children attend, the Year 6 Netball Squad has now been selected. Congratulations to all those chosen! Matches will begin after the half-term break, and we look forward to seeing the team in action.

## Boys' Football - Year 5 & 6 B and C Teams

Danson hosted a B League match against Hurst, with our Year 5 players making up the entire team. Despite playing against older opponents, they battled hard and earned a 1-1 draw — well done to Tommy for calmly slotting home a penalty. The C Team also played their first-ever competitive match. It was a joy to watch — full of smiles, teamwork, and great support from the sidelines. Special congratulations to Edward, who scored two fantastic goals. Moments like these, where children get their first chance to represent the school, are always a personal highlight for me.

As we head into half term, I hope everyone stays active, safe, and joyful. We return with tag rugby becoming the focus after school and more competition starting as the light gets better.

All the best,

Mr Corley

## Sporting Achievements

Suhrob is a licensed member of the British Judo Association and has been training at Palavani Judo Club for nearly two years. During this time, he has consistently participated in recognised competitions and championships, including the BJA Northern Home Counties Competitions, the British National Schools Championships, and the London Area Development Championships. Most recently, last Saturday, he achieved a gold medal in the Under-16 category at the Kent Open competition. Since January 2025, Suhrob has earned a total of three gold, one silver, and four bronze medals across various officially organised judo events.



**We are *SO* proud of you!!**

## GIRLS' TAG RUGBY



## GIRLS' FOOTBALL

## YEAR 6 BOYS' FOOTBALL



## **YEAR 5 BOYS' FOOTBALL**



## **NETBALL TEAM**

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Every School Day Counts!

**Highest attendance this term**

Congratulations to **Robin** for having the best attendance of **96.9%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Blackman** for having the best attendance of **98%** in Key Stage 2.

**Best punctuality this term**

Congratulations to **Sparrow** for having the best punctuality of **99.8%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Franklin** and **Elizabeth** for having the best punctuality of **99.7%** in Key Stage 2.

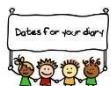
**Dates For Your Diary**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
Danson Book Week

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March @ 9:05am**  
Kapoor Class Assembly

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ 9:05am**  
Nightingale Class Assembly

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March @9:05am**  
Shackleton Class Assembly



**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March @9:05am**  
Pepys Class Assembly

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parents Evening

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
LAST DAY OF TERM



## Key Messages



### Online Safety

**We kindly ask parents and carers to be mindful of what you share on social media, especially when it involves other people's children. Posting without consent can cause unintended upset and may compromise privacy.**

**Let's work together to create a respectful and considerate online environment that protects the well-being of all our children.**

**Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**



### 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**



### Safeguarding-Contact Information

**If you have changed your address/phone number/email address please ensure that you have informed the School Office so that they can update their records.**