

Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

Wow!! Another half term completed and it has flown by!! It has been an absolute pleasure watching the children flourish in their learning this term. I've been particularly impressed with our Key Stage 2 children who are definitely entrepreneurs and leaders for the future as they bring their proposals for clubs that they wish to run during lunchtimes. My office during Wednesday lunchtime has definitely become a combination of Dragon's Den mixed with the Apprentice!! 😊 😊

Year 4 Blackman Assembly

Blackman Class were visited by the ghost of Tutenkhamun who was running loose in Danson Primary School. Thankfully, the Ghostbusters were hot on his tail as he explored the children's lesson. Starting with Science, the children shared their knowledge and understanding of sound before explaining the challenges they came across in their DT lessons. The class also shared their English learning, linked a book called 'The Heart Scarab' sharing some of their persuasive letters and setting descriptions. Blackman Class included all the amazing facts they have learnt this year in their maths and history lessons and demonstrated their knowledge in these areas in some fantastic songs. The children finished their assembly with the song 'Bring it All Back' which highlights one of our Danson values; resilience. It was a fantastic performance from all. Well done Blackman Class and Mr Bowers!



Year 3 Brunel Assembly

Brunel Class took everyone on a bus journey around the United Kingdom, showcasing their learning along the way. First, they demonstrated their money skills by working out the change needed when paying for the bus journey. Next stop, we learnt about Stonehenge and the Stone Age and they even managed to include some science work on magnetism. On their bus trip, Brunel demonstrated their geographical knowledge and told us many facts about the human features around the UK, including the Eden Project and the Angel of the North. Along their packed journey, they managed to share their RE, PSHE, French and English learning, which included the reading of some fabulous diary entries based on the text, 'This Morning I Met a Whale'. Brunel finished their assembly with a great performance of 'You've got a Friend in Me'. What a jam-packed ride! Well done Brunel Class and Mr Welsh!



Year 3 Barfield Assembly

Barfield Class took everyone on a magical mystery tour around the UK to showcase their amazing geography knowledge from the autumn term. During the epic journey they used their PSHE skills to resolve a conflict on the bus, shared their understanding of how magnetism works and even shared their understanding of friction when the wheels of the bus were slipping in the cold northern climate! In twenty minutes they took us to the mosque, to see the Angel of the North, Edinburgh Castle and even the Eden Project. Throughout the assembly they wowed the audience with their performance and knowledge of all that they have been learning. Well done Barfield Class, Mrs Rumbold and Mrs Hogan!



Mental Health and Wellbeing Week

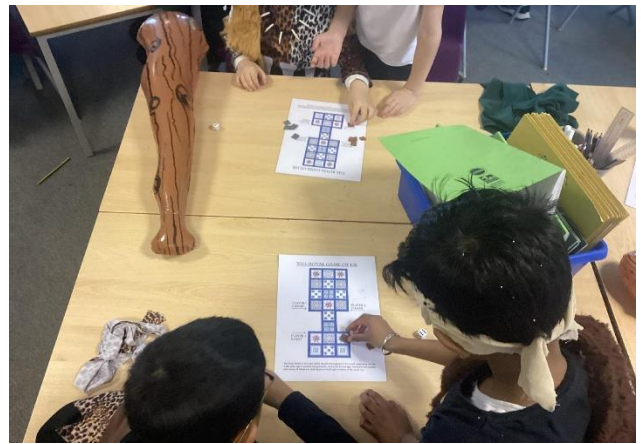
We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week with the theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself", encouraging children to explore self-awareness and personal growth. We began with a whole-school assembly, where we introduced the theme and discussed the importance of understanding ourselves to develop and thrive. Throughout the week, children took part in activities designed to help them recognise their emotions, strengths, and aspirations. It was a fantastic week filled with positivity, learning, and inspiration!



Enrichment at Danson

Year 3-Portals to the Past Workshop

Year 3 dressed up in their finest leopard print outfits on Friday 31st January and were transported back in time to the Stone Age with an action-packed workshop. They met Flint who guided them through the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. The children took part in an exciting woolly mammoth hunt, completed a quiz discovering new facts, played an ancient board game and held artifacts from long ago. It is fair to say they had a yabba dabba doo time!



Parent Workshops

Thank you to those parents who signed up and attended the recent parent coffee morning with our experts from Purple Parenting. The topic of the session was 'Understanding Behaviour' and we received lots of positive feedback.

Please keep an eye out for our next coffee morning in March!

Highest attendance this term

Congratulations to **Shackleton** for having the best attendance of **97.5%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Dahl** for having the best attendance of **98.4%** in Key Stage 2.

Best punctuality this term

Congratulations to **Elm** for having the best punctuality of **99.9%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Blackman** for having the best punctuality of **99.6%** in Key Stage 2.

Sports Update

Girls' Football

The girls' football team has competed in both league and cup fixtures in recent weeks. In the league, they showed great spirit and determination in their matches but unfortunately were defeated, despite putting in a strong effort throughout. In the cup against Merton Court, the girls delivered an amazing performance, finishing as comfortable 7-3 winners. They will now face Belmont in the next round. Congratulations girls for being fantastic sporting ambassadors for Danson!! We are so proud of you!!

Squad

Lilly, Freya, Olivia, Sonia, Isobel, Eadie, Meadow, Imaani, Evelyn, Leah, Kalkidan, Hollie, Evie.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Fraser for achieving his black stripe belt in December 2024. Fraser's taekwondo journey began in July 2017, when he was 3 years old. He took part in his first grading at age 5 and received his first belt, white with purple stripe. In order to get this belt, Fraser had to demonstrate blocking sequences, different kicks and be able to recite the tenets of taekwondo, which are Etiquette, Modesty, Perseverance, Self-Control and Indomitable Spirit. These are the rules that all members follow when training. We wish him all the very best as he continues working towards getting his Black Belt this summer. We are so proud of you!





Safer Internet Day 2025



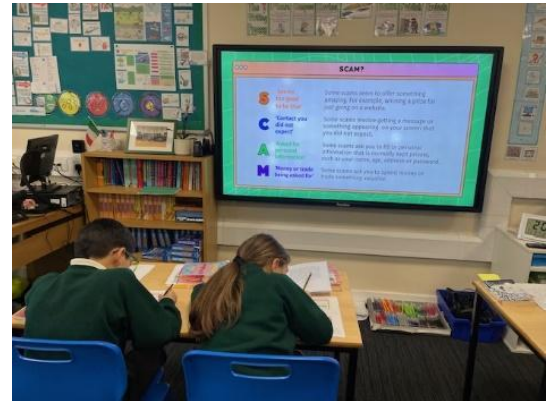
We celebrated Safer Internet Day on 11th February 2025 along with many schools and other organisations across the globe. This year's theme was **'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'**

Tony and Lincoln, sixth formers from Bexley Grammar came in and delivered assemblies to KS2. Reception and KS1 joined the online Cyber Security assembly from Tech She Can. Everyone took part in activities relating to the theme. EYFS and KS1 focused on people and content online that might be trying to 'trick' us and who our trusted adults are so we know who to talk to if something bothers us online. KS2 focused on spotting what is and is not a scam.

There are many resources from the [Safer internet centre](https://saferinternet.org.uk) to support you in protecting your family online, please take a look at their Tips for Parents and Carers: Keeping you and your loved ones safe online here <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

There are also many useful resources on [Everyday Digital](https://www.everydaydigital.org/) which has been developed by Parent Zone to help families develop great media literacy skills.

Mrs Monksfield – Computing Lead



Pupil Voice:

What have we learnt from our Internet Safety Day lessons?

"Don't click on the link just in case",
Henry Class

"Never give personal information such as passwords and addresses", Oak Class

"Not everything we see online is true",
Nightingale Class

"Don't trust messages from people you don't know", Dahl Class

"If a site doesn't look right, block it or ask an adult to block it", Barfield Class



Danson Gets Moving!!!

Children throughout the school had the best time on Friday 7th February getting their sports groove on and tackling our obstacle course. There was such a buzz of enjoyment and laughter while the children got to learn and discuss the importance of doing activities like this to support their physical and mental health. It was lovely seeing the children giving it their all while raising money for our important school projects.

THANK YOU for all our donations!!!





We are incredibly blessed to have such generosity and support from our entire school community. We are delighted to announce that our total currently stands at **£5580** and we are still having forms coming in today. Congratulations to all the children who completed their obstacle course and gave it their all, you are all **STARS!!!**

It has been a phenomenal term and an absolute pleasure to be a part of our children's learning journeys.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February.

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Danson Book Week

24th – 28th February

Kapoor Class Assembly

6th March at 9:15am

Book Week Dress Up Day

7th March

Shackleton Class Assembly

12th March at 9:15am



Nightingale Class Assembly

20th March at 9:15am



Parent Workshop

Understanding Neurodiversity

21st March-Nursery Building

9-10:30am

Parent Teacher Meetings

25th and 26th March

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.