

Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

Wow! What an autumn term!! It has definitely not been the norm but we have made it to our Christmas break.

It has been lovely seeing all children come into school with their new PE tops, they all look so smart and ready for their sporting activities!!



Fundraising Events-Autumn Term

I am delighted to announce our fundraising totals this year. Our non-uniform day for Children in Need raised £442 for the Charity.

Our Christmas Jumper Day raised £325 added with £100 donation from the PTA gives us a grand total of £425 for the Bexley Food Bank Charity.

Our Christmas Raffle for Malawi has had an AMAZING response!! Thank you to Mr Offer for organising this event and to all the local business who donated prizes to this worthy cause. **We have raised a grand total of £795 for our Global Link School!! Please see below the school winners:**

- Sashwath Prabhu-Year 4-£150 Tesco hamper
- Albert Karasimov-Year R-Hot Chocolate Drinking Set
- Emily Coats-Year 6 -£50 voucher for Woah aesthetics
- Maria Mitcheva-Year 4-An assortment of handmade candles and essential oils from Aura Holistic Therapies
- Tommy Wood-Year 5-Beer tokens from the Broken Drum Microbrewery and Christmas Kilner drinking jars
- Harriet Fathers-Year 2 -A hamper of books from Acorn Estate Agents





These past few weeks it has been an absolute pleasure to see the children enjoy their festive activities albeit in a different way than usual. Last week the children had a fantastic time wearing their Christmas jumpers, watching online Pantomimes and having their Christmas dinner. They have also really enjoyed bringing in and receiving Christmas cards.



The children were so excited to enter the Mayor's Christmas Card competition this year and we were delighted to find out from Mayor Hunt that Finley Howell was one of the winners and has had his card sent out across Bexley and neighbouring boroughs. Congratulations Finley!!

I know that at this time of the year we would have had you in for our Festive activities and although that couldn't be the case this year, we thought it would be nice to send a little festive cheer to you via Google Classroom where each class have recorded something special for you. I hope you enjoy them. Thank you to all the teachers, Pupil Support Assistants who prepared the children so well and for again stepping up to the new challenges that we face with all things Covid!



To finish off our autumn term we had our whole school virtual end of year assembly where we came together to celebrate, the learning from the autumn term, and our favourite bits for the term this term. Please see attached our 'Learning Together at School' which shares some of the learning your children have been doing this half term.



We also said goodbye and good luck to Miss Deadman and Miss Monaghan who are moving on to pastures new, we wish them well as they embark on their next adventure in education. We also said farewell to Mrs Barton who after 32 years is retiring from teaching and to Miss Sangani my Assistant Head Teacher who is relocating. Thank you for being such amazing ambassadors for education at Danson, it has been an absolute pleasure to have you all as part of the Danson family, you will be greatly missed.

We have been delighted to welcome Miss Galera and Miss McIsaac to the Danson team. They were excited to meet their classes and are looking forward to being in class in January.



I want to commend our pupils for returning to school in September, adapting to all the changes needed to keep everyone safe and have continued with such enthusiasm and eagerness for learning. You are credit to your parents and to our Danson family. Well done everyone! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the teaching staff, Pupil Support Assistants, Midday Meal Supervisors, After School Club Staff, Cleaning and Premises Staff at Danson for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our pupils in Danson. You have been amazing at ensuring our children are educated, looked after and have a lovely clean environment to learn in.

I would also like to give a special mention to the SLT and the Office Staff for the late nights and weekends to ensure we were safe upon return to school at the start of each week. Thank you so much.



Track and Trace

The DfE have announced that schools are to continue assisting with tracing and tracking during part of the school holidays. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, please email c-19queries@danson.bexley.sch.uk. This email will be monitored daily until 11am on the December 23rd. **Please do not phone the school.**

If your child tests positive having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since leaving school, **please do not contact the school**. You must follow contact tracing instructions provided by the NHS Test and Trace.



Thank you!!

As we embark on our last day of term and of the school year of 2020, I would like to on behalf of the Governors and staff at Danson thank you again for your continued support and understanding during this continued unprecedented time.

It has been a tough term but we have worked together in partnership to do our very best for our little ones in continuing their learning journey whilst keeping each other safe. Your kind messages and emails have really made such a difference to myself and all the staff, it really does mean so much.

On behalf of all the staff at Danson, I would like to thank you again for your support and working in partnership with us. We hope you have wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021

