



Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I cannot believe we are now going into our first half term of this school year. Your children have worked so hard and settled really well into their new classes. The children in Nursery and Reception are so grown up and thriving in school with all the care and support they are being given.

We are thrilled that we are now able to offer face to face Parents' Evenings again. So many of you also expressed how pleased you were that we have been able to reinstate these meetings. The atmosphere on Tuesday evening was really positive and teachers appreciated the opportunity to share your child's progress with you.

I enjoyed meeting so many of you as you came and went, swapping dog stories and photos was a bonus, as well as talking about how well your children are doing of course.

Achilles also had a great time with all the fuss that was made of him as he stood guard in the reception area, he took his role very seriously and refused to move until he had seen the last families out safely. I can't thank you enough for the support you have given in welcoming him into our school family. The children are so caring towards him and love coming to visit him in my office and having him visit their classes.

I am sure you would agree that your Year 6 hosts who welcomed you and showed you to your classrooms did a grand job and were true ambassadors for the school.

Another highlight we have had this half term is our PGL trip. When I went to see the children off for the trip, I was fascinated by the size of some of their bags and remembered when my children were young and going off on their first residential. I think I packed everything but the kitchen sink for them, and to my surprise they came back with most of the contents intact and not used.

All children and adults came back exhausted but full of the experience and adventures they had. I have asked Mr Tupper if I could join them next year albeit carrying out the physical challenges at a much slower pace. I am still waiting for Mr Tupper to get back to me on that one!

Thank you, Year 5 parents for coming to your child's class assembly, I know you were amazed at how much they have learnt this half term. The children were so proud of their performance and even those that felt a little nervous about standing up in front of so many of you overcame their stage fright and were so proud of themselves afterwards for doing such a good job.

I hope you all have a good half term and we look forward to welcoming you back soon.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Allen

Year 6 Enrichment Activities

Earlier this term, Year 6 pupils had the option to attend our annual residential school journey trip. Pupils visited a PGL centre in Marchants Hill for their residential experience where they stayed over at the facility for two nights and experienced lots of fun activities during the day. The tasks that children enjoyed helped them to build on their resilience skills and teamwork. Some of these included: abseiling, rafter building, rock climbing, rifle shooting and archery. The children had a brilliant time whilst at PGL and were definitely very tired when they got back home.



Pupils who did not go on the school trip had lots of enrichment activities at school. We visited Danson Park to build our teamwork skills by playing a rounders match (girls were victorious over the boys)! We also explored the playground equipment and how best to work together. The week included art lessons where we created: illustrations by applying our sketching skills; rainforest art linked to our South America topic; and paintings based on our English text 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. You can see it displayed in our Year 6 corridor upstairs!



Year 1 Local Walk

This term, Year 1 went on a walk around Welling. We spotted different types of houses, including bungalows, detached, semi-detached and terraced houses. We also found different features of the area, for example, shops, the park and the cannon landmark. The children were very sensible and all thoroughly enjoyed the walk! When we got back to school, we used our knowledge of our local area to create simple maps.



Harvest Festival



As part of our harvest celebrations at Danson, we were collecting for the Bexley Food Bank. The School Council have been busy this week bringing the donations to the hall and organising them. Due to your generosity, we have had an amazing amount of donations that we have been able to pass on. Thank you for your support in these challenging times, Bexley Food Bank were extremely grateful.



Skipping Challenge

Before we broke up for the summer, the children took part in a skipping challenge to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. As well as having lots of fun and improving their fitness, the children also learnt about why it is important to have a healthy heart and how to keep our hearts healthy. I am pleased to announce that in total we raised a fantastic £2162.78. The British Heart Foundation were extremely grateful for the money raised and explained that it will go towards helping save lives and pioneer research programmes into heart disease, stroke, vascular dementia and the risk factors that can cause them, like diabetes. Thank you for supporting us in raising money for this worthwhile charity.





Sports Update

Girls Football

We hosted the ESFA qualifier against Barnehurst, East Wickham and Northumberland Heath.

The girls were clearly inspired by the Euros and played some impressive football, winning all three games. They went on to the final stages with the eight best schools in Bexley, finishing sixth overall.

Boys football

The boys have played in two competitions. They started against East-Wickham in the ESFA qualifier and then the Kevin Mccarthy cup.

We were extremely impressed with how they worked together and came back from 3-1 down to draw 4-4. Unfortunately, East-Wickham equalised in the last minute and went on to win on penalties.

However, after this defeat, the boys pulled themselves together and then went on to their second cup game and won 6-0 against Christ Church. This takes us onto the third round of the cup.

Boys football B team

The boys B league season started this term and they enjoyed playing their first ever football match for the school - what a great experience.

Netball

Our mixed netball team started their games, starting with Harris Garrard. As the game went on, the team put some good patterns of play together and played some great netball in the final quarter.

Tag rugby

Following on from the success of the girls' tournaments last year, we entered a mixed tag-rugby league. Their first game was against Days Lane and the team played well together, learning some new skills in the process, but unfortunately, they lost 19-15.

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.

 Key Messages 	
Morning Drop-Off We are seeing an increasing number of children waiting for the school gates to open at the start of the day. Whilst we are pleased that they are eager to get to class, could we please request that you ensure your child safely crosses the school threshold and onto the school site.	
Safeguarding-E-Safety 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. 	School Uniform Trousers are grey Skirts and pinafores are green. Oversized bows in hair are not permitted. <u>Trainers are not permitted to be worn as a school shoe.</u>
 Sickness If your child has had sickness and diarrhoea they can not return to school until 48 hours after the last event.	Scooters Please ensure your child walks their scooters when on school site.
Safeguarding-Medical Information/Medicines 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. 	Injury/Breakage 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.
Monday 31st October 2022 – CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	