

Danson Primary School Newsletter

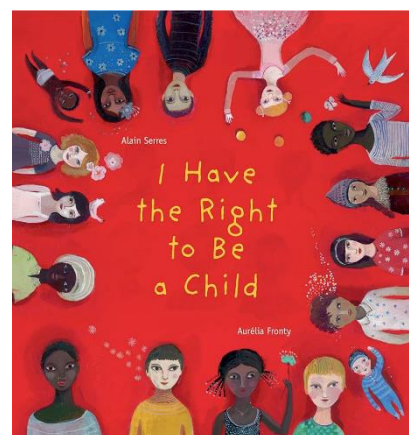
Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

I don't know about you but this first half term has absolutely flown!!

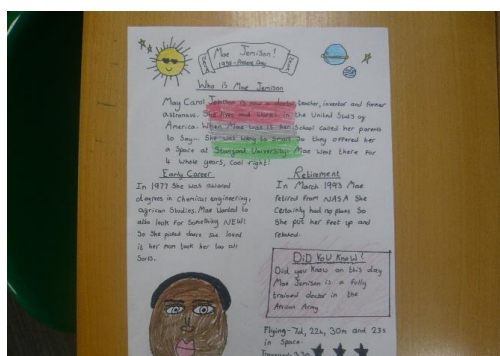
As promised from my first newsletter, I am delighted to announce our new Pupil Leadership Group and House Captains. Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Head Girl, Zachary Cobb-Dean and Sadie Preston and to our new Deputy Head Girl and Head Boy Waisin Chou and Logan White. Congratulations to our new House Captains for Hellvellyn- Asees Kohli and George Kennard, Slieve Donnard- George Windham and Lakisha Gurung, Ben Nevis- Bradley Cook and Sonya Das, and Snowdon- Cooper Richardson and Lorenzo Chima. Our new Pupil Leadership Group have been busy creating and delivering speeches during our Prospective Parents' Tours alongside working with the new House Captains in being outstanding tour guides during these sessions. The children have also been amazing during our Parents' Evenings this week in supporting parents and children get to their designated areas. Children you have been outstanding ambassadors for Danson and you are a credit to both your parents and to us at school. Well done everyone!!

It continues to be such a pleasure seeing the children at each of our daily assemblies. In our Value assembly on Mondays we have been taking time during October to reflect on our second value-**Equality**. We discussed what equality means and the difference between treated equally and being treated fairly. The children were fantastic at sharing their opinions on different scenarios and enjoyed listening to the story 'I have the right to be a child' by Alan Serres.

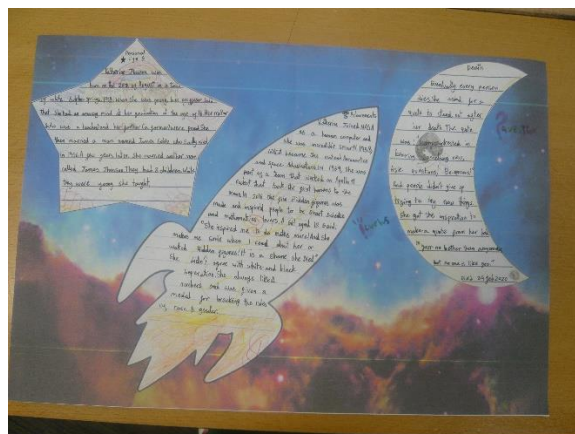
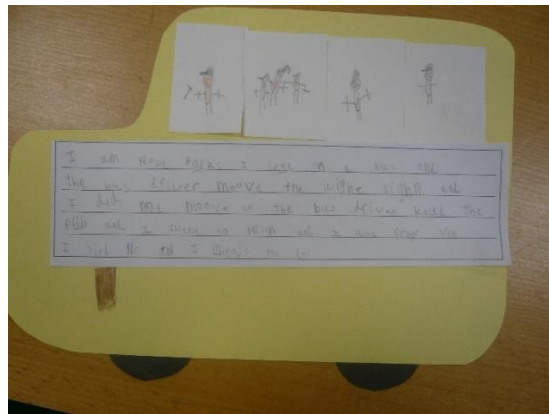


Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month this year has been 'Supporting our Sisters'. The aim being to celebrate the success of black women in history, acknowledge their achievements and empathise with the adversities they have faced. Each year group have focused on a significant black woman in history. EYFS looked at Dame Elizabeth Anionwu, a retired British nurse who has many achievements to her name within the world of nursing. In Year 1, Rosa Parks, best known for refusing to give up her seat for a white man and becoming a civil rights activist set on improving equality and freedom for black people, has been studied by the children. Year 2 focused on Mary Seacole, who as a nurse, went to the Crimean War to help injured soldiers, putting her own life in danger in the process.



In Year 3, Baroness Floella Benjamin was the focus for the children. They learnt all about how life was challenging for her when she first came to live in Britain due to the colour of her skin and how, despite those challenges, she went on to do many great things in her lifetime. Year 4 have looked at musician Nina Simone who, along with being a very talented singer, was also a keen civil rights activist. The children of Year 5 have enjoyed finding out about astronaut Mae Jemison, who proved that gender and skin colour need not prevent anyone from achieving their dream. Finally, the children in Year 6 have been enthused to find out more about Katherine Johnson, an American mathematician whose work for Nasa was pivotal in the Space Race and who had to overcome racial and gender hurdles in order to prove her worth. These fantastic women and more have been discussed and celebrated and the children have enjoyed producing display worthy piece of work linked to their learning. In our final celebration assembly of the term, we have shared the work that we have completed and a whole school display of the children's wonderful work will be put up ready for the children to enjoy after the half term.



Reception Stay and Play

We were delighted to welcome our new Reception parents in to stay and play with their children and to have an opportunity to see their environments and experience how learning is done in the Early Years. Please see a little update from Miss Cownty our Reception Year Group Lead:

We have really enjoyed our parents coming into school for the stay and play sessions in Reception. It was great to show our parents all of the wonderful learning that we have been doing so far. We were excited to show them our classroom and the work that we are proud of. We had lots of different activities to choose from including making CVC words with the magnetic letters, counting and ordering numbers to 10 and an Autumn themed tuff tray with lots of different objects to explore! We particularly loved it when we got to make our faces using the different materials on paper plates and talking about the features on our face. We had great fun doing this with our adults! Thank you for attending the stay and play sessions with your child. The children loved seeing you all and showing you all their amazing learning.

Sporting Update

Congratulations to our football teams who have been working hard this term, please see our updates below. I would also like to give a special mention to the children who participated in netball trails this week in spite of the rain! Absolutely fantastic determination and resilience shown by all, well done!

24 Maths Competition

On the 11th October, we took two teams of children to the Bexley Borough Maths 24 competition. Team 1 was Denis, Waisin and Myra and Team 2 was Alana, Amelia and Jasbir.

The game of 24 involves a card with 4 numbers on, where the child can use any of the four operations to make the number 24. It involves using mental maths skills and strong calculation knowledge to get the answer as quickly as they can. Within the game, there are three levels and you gain more points for the harder calculations.

The competition involved our children competing against other schools in the borough to gain as many points in their team as they could. We were delighted to achieve joint bronze with 78 points. After this competition, the top scoring children competed in the final for the individual medals. We had two children in the top 10 and three in the final competition of 21 children. Each school selected a child who they felt showed team spirit throughout the competition and the club sessions. The child that won our award was Waisin for showing resilience and perseverance throughout the games and supporting her teammates when they found it tricky. Thank you to Miss Bennett and our parents for accompanying the children to the event.

Rowling Class Assembly

Rowling class shared their learning in the first class assembly this year and what a fantastic way to begin. They enjoyed sharing all their learning about Egyptians and presented key facts and information about this time in history. We definitely witnessed some impressive acting as the assembly continued and the pharaohs took control. The children shared their writing with some interesting poems about kindness and descriptions with expanded-noun phrases. They also explained how to round 4-digit numbers in maths. They shared a wonderful 3 times table song and it was great to see how confident they were with their times tables already. In science they explained what they knew about sound and how we hear sounds as well as the structure of the ear. In music the children have been learning about the song Abba and sang it wonderfully to end the performance. Well done Mr Patel and Rowling class.



Blackman Class Assembly

Another impressive assembly and the second of our year 4 assemblies. This assembly was based on a theme of ghostbusters who were trying to catch Tutankhamun. Unfortunately, he kept escaping and bumping into children who taught him different skills. The children started by explaining about their science learning and their observations regarding sound. The children spoke about the vibrations and frequency of the different sounds and how these changed depending on loudness. This was followed by their impressive artwork where the children had been exploring the difference between organic and geometric shapes. The Roman Numeral song definitely helped us all learn the numbers and the children sang it with confidence. The children shared their facts about Tutankhamun with himself and sang a song related to his lifetime. It ended with their final song of Mama Mia which they were learning in music. It was impressive to hear how well they spoke their lines and how clear and tuneful their singing was - what a delight it was to see. Well done Mr Bowers and Blackman class.



Dahl Class Assembly

Our third year 4 assembly was led by Edward and Krisha as they presented Primary News and the events that had been happening across the term. This started with them explaining about the book they used in English called the Egyptian Cinderella. The children shared their thoughts and feelings and read their impressive diary entries. This was followed by some clear explanations on maths concepts including rounding and representing numbers. The children sang a song about Roman Numerals that shared their great knowledge of this. Dahl class has produced some fantastic artwork of Egyptian gods and you could see some great skills being used and fantastic detail. Dahl class enjoyed their topic of Egyptians and shared a vast amount of facts about that time period. They also sang a song about the Nile and the Pharaohs. Science was presented by many of their keen scientists who shared their knowledge of sound. The children communicated their knowledge on pitch and how sound gets louder or quieter depending on distance and frequency. Dahl class ended their assembly with a wonderful rendition of Eye of the Tiger that they sang and signed. They had been practising this song in their music lessons and you could see how much they have been enjoying learning it. Well done Dahl Class and Miss Landick, it was a fabulous assembly!



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 wonderful 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.



Year 5 Trip to The Planetarium

This term, year five travelled by bus to visit the Royal Observatory in Greenwich as part of their science topic Earth and Space. They watched a show in the planetarium called 'Universe on your doorstep' which was narrated by an astronomer. The incredible presentation covered why different phases of the Moon are seen and took the children on a journey around the solar system and beyond! Whilst on the trip, children had the opportunity to touch an ancient artefact – a real meteor that had traversed the universe millions of years ago. The classes explored Flamsteed House (the original Royal Observatory building at Greenwich) which contained many interesting astronomical instruments. The children represented the school fantastically and had a brilliant day. Well done year five!

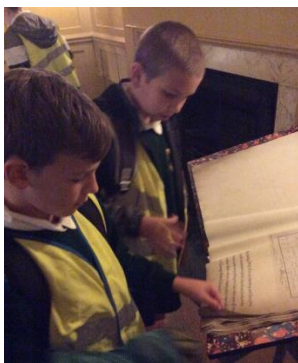
"I found the day amazing. It felt like we were actually in space." Ashviga (Henry class)

"I loved the planetarium and it was amazing to see all of the planets right above you in the show!" Victoria (Henry class)

"I enjoyed the show and how I saw Saturn up close. It was epic!" Kalkidan (Victoria class)

"My favourite part was when my group got to see a clock chime at 12." Lola (Victoria class)

"I enjoyed looking up and seeing all the cool planets and learning about them." Arissa (Elizabeth class)



Highest attendance this term

Congratulations to **Reception** for having the best attendance of **97.6%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Year 3** for having the best attendance of **96.6%** in Key Stage 2.

It has been such a pleasure to hear the buzz of learning through the corridors this term and to see the children share with excitement the learning that they have been doing. Thank you to the teachers for the work they do for our children and to you our wonderful parents for working in partnership with us this term. Have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you on 30th October.

L Casey and A Allen

House Captains

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Slieve Donard	Snowdon
George Windham Lakisha Gurung	Cooper Richardson Lorenzo Chima
Ben Nevis	Hellvellyn
Bradley Cook Sonya Das	Asees Kohli George Kennard

Pupil Leadership Group

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Head Boy	Head Girl
Zachary Cobb Dean	Sadie Preston
Deputy Head Boy	Deputy Head Girl
Logan White	Waisin Chou

Sporting Update

Boys' Football

The Bexley 7 a-side tournament is the first competition of the season which sees over 50 schools in Bexley competing to represent Bexley in the Kent finals later this year. The team got off to a great start winning all group games in a convincing manner. Progressing through to the Semi-Finals finishing 1st place in the group stage. In the Semi-Final we faced St Thomas More who we beat 1-0 to progress to the final via a great goal from Cooper. In the final we played Dulverton who we already played in the group stage. The boys remained focussed and determined and with Harry B scoring a wonderful free kick which saw Danson go 1-0 up. The team defended brilliantly, working very hard in and out of possession. The final whistle blew which saw Danson crowned Bexley 7 a side Champions!!! The players rushed onto the pitch in celebration of this amazing achievement before shaking hands with the opposition to show those important Danson values.

The team will now represent Bexley in the Kent finals in the New Year and also have the league and cup fixtures to focus on.

Congratulations to the players: Harry (Captain), Frankie, Cooper, Archie, Louis, William, Billy, Elliot and George.



Girls' Football

On Tuesday 10th October it was the turn of the girls to play in the Bexley 7 a-side tournament. Held at Sherwood Park Primary School. The girls started really well going through the group stage with 2 wins and 1 loss. Facing Belvedere Juniors in the semi-final the girls played really well winning the game 1-0 via a great goal from Harley. This meant a final match against Dulverton. The girls put in a great effort working really hard and making some great tackles. Unfortunately, Dulverton who have 4 girls who play for Bexley district proved too strong on this occasion. Nevertheless, the girls should be extremely proud of their achievement finishing in 2nd place from over 50 primary schools in Bexley that took part. Also credit to some of the team who have never played in a competitive match before this tournament.

Congratulations to the players, Katie (Captain) Darcy, Lexi, Joanna, Sadie, Elsie, Harley, Eliza and Nancy.

No school has ever won both competitions since 2003 when both boys and girls competitions started playing at the time. To get two teams to the finals is a massive achievement and the whole school is very proud of all the players representing Danson Primary School in such a fantastic manner.



Safeguarding-Keeping Safe Online

The most important thing you can do is talk to your children about what they do online. Here are some tips on where to start.

Be curious: Ask about their favourite things to do online and take an interest in what they do.

Be proactive: Use things like news stories or television storylines to talk to children about what they would do if a similar issue happened to one of their friends.

Be sensitive: Use your experiences to talk about the things that might go wrong. And make sure they know they can talk to you if they're upset about something they've seen online.

Parental Controls

Parental controls are software and tools that can be installed on devices (and even home broadband) to filter content and control activities. They won't prevent children from seeing inappropriate content on other people's devices or at a friend's house, so it's still really important you talk to your children about what they may see online too.

If you need help setting up parental controls online please contact the school and we will do our best to help you.

Highest attendance this week

Congratulations to **Reception** for having the best attendance of **98.1%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Year 3** for having the best attendance of **98.4%** in Key Stage 2.

Let's try our best to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality until the end of the year



Key Messages



Social Media

The school has no links to any social media sites and has no control over content or comments. If you have a query relating to your child's class, education or events happening within the school, please speak to the school directly.



'Please think before you post'

Use of mobile devices/cameras

Mobile phones and tablets should not be used to take photos, recordings 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.

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 and school shorts are grey
Skirts and pinafores are green.
Culottes are not permitted.
Oversized bows in hair are not permitted.

Trainers are not permitted to be worn as a school shoe.

PE Uniform

White Polo Top/T-shirt
Danson green PE shorts
Plain black tracksuit bottoms
Danson PE top/Danson School jumper
Plain black or white trainers

Cycling shorts are not permitted
Coloured trainers are not permitted



Sickness

If your child has had sickness and diarrhoea they cannot 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.

Residents

When parking and queuing to come into school please be respectful of our neighbours' properties.



Monday 30th October
Children return to school

Mon 30th October – Fri 3rd November
Maths Week

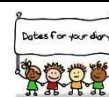
Wednesday 1st November
Brunel Assembly



Thursday 2nd November
Yr R Phonics Workshop

Thursday 9th November
Barfield Assembly

Thursday 9th November
Yr R Maths Workshop



Our New Environments



