

Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,



We have had a wonderful set of festive few weeks with our nativities, carol concerts and community carol concert. It has been an absolute delight to watch all the pupils in their year groups showcase such fantastic performances. The children's acting and actions to their songs were superb and the singing across the school was angelic!! Thank you to all the Teachers and Pupil Support Assistants who prepared the children so well, it was like being at The West End every time we stepped into the assembly hall/church. Congratulations and well done to all the children, we are so proud of you!!

On Monday 16th December we had our seventh annual Outreach Pensioners' Community Christmas Concert in our assembly hall. We were delighted this year to welcome the Mayor of Bexley and her Consort and The Mayor of Swanley and Cllr Knight to our Concert, as well as members from The Salvation Army, The Royal British Legion, Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice, The Scout Association and residents from Park View Care Home, Riverdale Court Care Home and Groveland Park Care Home. Previous members of staff and members of the local community also enjoyed the event.



Thank you to all the classes for making the decorations for the hall and creating individual Christmas cards for each of our guests. Thank you to our Year 6 pupils for retelling the Christmas Story and what Christmas means to them and for treating us to some traditional carols. Thank you to the Year 5 pupils for singing their individual class songs and to our Chamber Choir under the musical direction of Mr Reklaitis with a recording of the London Symphony Orchestra. It was such an eclectic musical extravaganza to behold!

The children had a fantastic time wearing their Christmas jumpers and having their class parties, there was lots of food, party games and dancing to be had! The children thoroughly enjoyed their Pantomime day on Tuesday and their Christmas dinner on Wednesday. The Reception children were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed their first Christmas. We have had lots of fun in the canteen sharing the Christmas cracker jokes and getting into the festive mood.



Rocksteady

On Thursday, children who attend Rocksteady lessons gave a fantastic performance to their parents and carers demonstrating the musical skills they had been learning. The children have shown great resilience in learning their instruments and have worked hard at playing together as a band. They should all be extremely proud of themselves. Well done!





The children have been busy this term following the school values and making great efforts to accrue as many house points as they can. Congratulations to all houses for a stellar effort with a HUGE well done to HELVELLYN House. The pupils from Helvellyn House will enjoy some time on the MUGA pitch and adventure playground equipment in the new year to celebrate their success.

To finish off our autumn term we had our whole school end of term assembly on Friday where all the children and adults came in to celebrate the learning from the autumn term, classes who have achieved high attendance and to sing a medley of our carol concerts.

It has been a busy term with assemblies, workshops, Parents' Evening, Open Afternoons, Reception Stay and Plays, sporting events, clubs, Prospective Parent Tours, PTA events and last but not least, our Christmas performances. Thank you to all the Danson team for making these amazing events and experiences possible and the parents and carers for coming to our events and working in partnership with us.

On behalf of Mrs Allen and myself, I would like to thank you again for your support and working in partnership with us. Thank you for coming to all our events, we couldn't do it without you! We would like to wish you all a blessed Christmas break and New Year filled with health, happiness, joy and good fortune.

L Casey & A Allen

Autumn Attendance

Congratulations to all our children who achieved 100% attendance and punctuality this half term and to those who have increased their attendance from our first half term. Let's keep up our effort to make every day count and work towards 100% attendance and punctuality in the New Year.

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
<u>Reception</u>	95.3%
<u>Year 1</u>	96.1%
<u>Year 2</u>	95.6%
<u>Year 3</u>	97%
<u>Year 4</u>	97.5%
<u>Year 5</u>	96.4%
<u>Year 6</u>	95%

Highest attendance for the Autumn term

Congratulations to Owl Class for having the best attendance of 97.2% in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to Rowling Class for having the best attendance of 97.9% in Key Stage 2.

Best punctuality this term

Congratulations to Oak and Ash Class for having the best punctuality of 99.6% in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to Blackman and Henry Class for having the best punctuality of 99.5% in Key Stage 2.



Children return to school on Monday 6th January 2025



Governors' Notice Board

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body we would like to thank you for attending and supporting all the school activities that have been held this term. It has been lovely to see so many of you attend Parent Information Afternoons, Parents' Evenings, Open Afternoon and the Carol Concerts. The Governors have enjoyed visiting classes, chatting to pupils and we look forward to visiting again in the New Year. We were very proud of our Year 5 and Year 6 children and our Chamber Choir during the Community Carol Concert, they were an absolute credit to the school and to you.

The Governors would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Class Teachers, Pupil Support Assistants, Mid Day Meal Supervisors, Site Staff, Cleaning Staff, Breakfast and After School Club Staff, Mrs Casey, Mrs Allen and the leadership team for their work this term.

We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Mash
Chair of Governors



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As a new governor I have been very impressed with how well I have seen the school being run. The staff are highly organised and work together as an effective team. I have visited the school on a number of occasions, some unannounced and I have seen how well behaved the children are when moving around the school. They are both polite and confident in the way they interact with staff and adults, including myself. I have also visited classrooms with members of staff to see for myself how lessons are run. The children are all engaged and enthusiastic about their learning, and again their confidence shows through as a result of the way they are taught to respect each other and they are so keen to learn.

I attended the Year 4 Choral service together with the Christmas Carol Concert held for the community. The amount of organisation which went into preparing the children must have been epic. All of the children gave their best. A thought crossed my mind at one point that a member of staff may have been at the back of the school hall holding up prompt cards, so the children did not make mistakes, but I was wrong. There were no prompt cards. The children had learnt all their carols and speaking parts off by heart. I was seriously impressed. The children also spoke to visitors including myself and also the Mayors of Bexley and Swanley who attended, to ensure we had enough to drink and enough mince pies. The children were a real credit to the school.

The term will soon draw to a close with the advent of Christmas and I want to take this opportunity to wish the Headteachers, SLT, all members of staff but especially the children who are the real stars, together with their parents/carers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to working with the school to support them in the new year.

Mr Boyd
Vice Chair of Governors

Festive Fun









Hamper Winners

Class	Pupil Name
Ash	Sulieman
Elm	Nathan
Oak	Amelia
Owl	Elliot
Robin	Stefan
Sparrow	Simon
Nightingale	Evie
Pepys	James
Shackleton	Julia
Barfield	Anthony
Brunel	Dathan
Kapoor	Costa
Blackman	Amelia
Dahl	Avaana
Rowling	Jack
Elizabeth	Edward
Henry	Aarvi
Victoria	Dmytro
Darwin	Oscar
Franklin	Denny
Hawking	Veeran

