



Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

THANK YOU AND WELL DONE

To all the children for working so hard this year and to their parents and carers for your support and encouragement.

Thank you also for the appreciation you have shown the teachers and support for members of staff with your kind words and kind gifts. They mean so much to everyone here at Danson and gives us all a welcome boost to keep us going.

ATTENDANCE

As you all know we are working hard to improve attendance in school starting this year with our Achilles attendance certificates and badges. We were so pleased to see a much larger number of children getting their bronze badges this term and their enthusiasm for trying next school year to go for silver and gold. The Department for Education recognise and support the efforts schools are making to increase attendance overall.

Please see below excerpts from the letter that The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP Secretary of State for Education sent to schools.

"I am writing to thank you for your continued hard work and dedication in supporting strong attendance and ensuring that children and young people across mainstream schools, special schools and alternative provision receive an excellent education.

But there is more to do, with absence rates still well above pre-Covid levels, improving attendance is a top priority for me and the Department. The steps we take now will be critical to the start of the next academic year. I want to ensure that as many children as possible in mainstream and specialist settings are present from day one.

So, I ask you to continue the excellent work you do each day to support children to attend from the first day of term. I want to work with you and others to offer the warmest of welcomes to children and families for September, resetting expectations with children and families so attendance levels continue to recover.

Those first days back really matter. Evidence from a recent Children's Commissioner report showed that children who miss days 2, 3 and 4 of the new term for unauthorised reasons had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term, compared to children who missed days near the end of term, with a predicted overall absence of 20-30%.

The NHS advises that it is fine to send children to school with a minor cough or cold provided they don't have a temperature and what parents can do if their child is facing attendance challenges."

We are delighted to share some news about two of our Year three pupils. Matthew and Nicole Mao recently came first in their Latin and Ballroom dancing event at the NATD 2023 in Blackpool. We are so very proud of you, congratulations to you both!

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

A very proud but also emotional afternoon during our year 6 leavers assembly. Thank you so much for your attendance and support at this end of another era at Danson. We wish them all the very best for the next stage in their education. We would love to see them come back to visit when they have a gap in their very busy Secondary School schedules.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We all look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 6th September as well as welcoming our new nursery and reception children. Wishing you all a wonderful as well as a restful Summer holiday.

Mrs Allen

Step into the NHS competition

In the Spring Term, children in Key Stage Two were set a homework task to create a competition entry to showcase the variety of job roles available in the NHS. This annual competition, called Step into the NHS, celebrates the fantastic work the NHS does! We were able to send off many fantastic entries and I am pleased to share that two of the school's competition entries have been recognised as 'highly commended' from those received by London pupils.

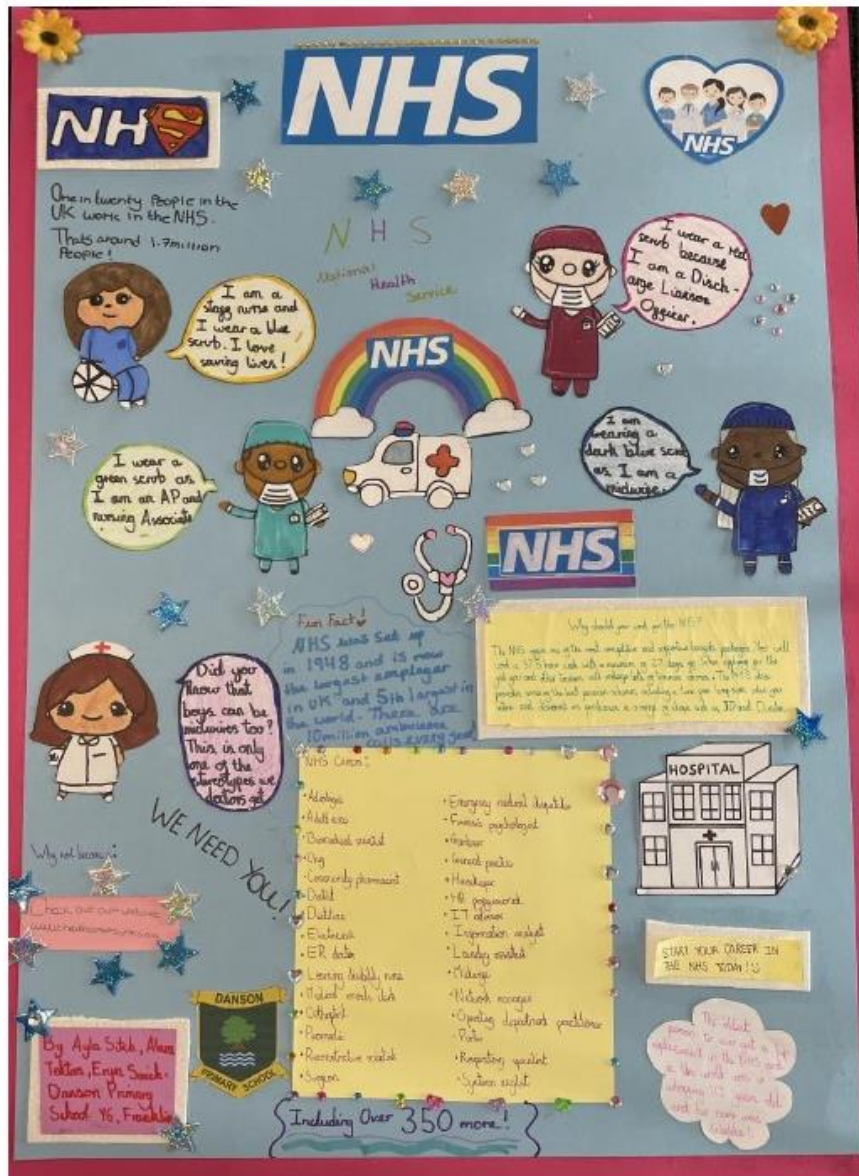
A huge congratulations to Denis and Myra in Elizabeth class and Ayla, Alara and Eryn in Franklin class for their creative entries which caught the attention of the judges!

Denis & Myra, year 5, Danson Primary School, London

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Judges said: You made a wonderful, colourful drawing that captures the range of different careers in the NHS.



View entry (opens in new window)

Judges said: You made an outstanding poster that has lots of great facts about the NHS and its careers. We liked that you highlighted some of the lesser known roles in the NHS, and challenged stereotypes.

All of the winning and highly commended entries can be accessed online:

<https://www.stepintothens.nhs.uk/primary-schools/online-gallery>

Well done to everybody who submitted an entry!

Year 6: Goodbye My Friend

On Tuesday 18th July, it was showtime for the children in year 6. The children were brilliant with their performance of the production 'Goodbye My Friend' which was performed at Bexley Grammar theatre. The performance by the children depicted their life at Danson Primary School and all the children were fantastic. The children demonstrated excellent dedication in learning lines and learning the words to all of the songs and really did their parents and carers proud. A huge thank you to Miss Sims, Miss Williamson, Mr Liotta, Mrs Hunter and Rosin O'Hara for all their hard work in putting the production together and for Bexley Grammar for allowing us to perform in their theatre.

Rocksteady

Well done to all children involved in the Rocksteady performance. The children were fantastic and have demonstrated excellent commitment over the weeks leading up to their performance on Wednesday. They should be extremely proud of themselves.

Ice cream Van on the Field

This was a resounding success and we know this because Miss Casey received numerous letters of thanks from the children.



Pupil Voice-What do our pupils think of our School?

PUPIL VOICE 2022-2023 - Conferenced by the Pupil Leadership Group	
"When I see my friends and play with them."	Meher Year 3 Barfield
"I enjoy lessons from all the teachers, as they are amazing and explain things really well."	Mia Year 6 Darwin
"Playing with my friends and doing Maths."	Bailey Year 4 Blackman
"I like to come to school to see my friends and teacher and learn new things."	Jack Year 1 Owl
"I enjoy doing Art because you can be creative."	Emilia Year 5 Victoria
"My favourite thing is Maths because it is more fun and I like the teachers helping me."	Sofia Year 1 Owl
"Playing with my friends and playing with building blocks."	Corey Reception Elm
"It is lots of fun and it has amazing education. PE is also very fun."	Sonya Year 5 Henry
"PE and playing with friends."	Polina Year 3 Barfield
"What I like about Danson is that there is equipment at lunch and I like Maths."	Evelyn Year 2 Nightingale
"I like the library and writing but also making friends."	Divanshi Reception Ash
"I enjoy History and English and I also like the teachers."	Isabelle Year 4 Dahl
"Playing Harry Potter on the playground with friends."	Anika Reception Oak
"I enjoy computing and PE. In computing I like coding like when we did scratch. In PE I like dodgeball because we can practise aiming. The archery helped me improve my aim too."	Mustafa Year 5 Victoria
"All of the pupils and teachers because all the teachers are really kind and helpful."	Hollie Year 4 Rowling
"Playing with friends and I also like drawing and writing. I like drawing dogs."	Eva Reception Ash
"I like to come to school because I can be creative in my learning."	Penelope Year 3 Kapoor
"My favourite thing to do is Maths because it is fun and I also like English."	Saachi Year 2 Pepys
"I enjoy science because in our topic about habitats we learn about living things and I like to learn about animals."	Noah Year 5 Henry
"I like to learn all the subjects and I like that we go the library each week."	Artlin Year 3 Brunel
"I like going on school trips because it's fun and I like Maths because we play with water."	Summer Year 1 Robin
"PE, Maths and playing with my friends and I like doing a lot of English."	Emily Year 4 Blackman
"I like lunchtime and the times table tests. I love everything here but those two are my favourite."	Yosha Year 4 Dahl
"I like music because we make a piano out of bananas. I like it when we do tests."	Alara Year 2 Pepys

"I like the teachers. I like how the teachers don't always tell me the answer when I am stuck, instead they give me advice."	Hayden Year 6 Darwin
"I like seeing my brother in the playground and I like reading. I also like going to the home corner."	Robin Reception Oak
"I like learning new things and running around on the playground."	Roman Year 2 Shackleton
"I like to do Maths and learn new things."	Evelyn Year 4 Rowling
"I like the library and writing but also making friends."	Divanshi Reception Ash
" I like maths because you learn new strategies to get the answer. "	Thomas Year 3 Barfield
"I like English and also Maths. I like playtime because I like races."	Ishaan Year 1 Owl
"I like the activities in PE because we have a variety such a football, netball, javelin and kayaking."	Shiwen Year 6 Hawking
"My favourite lesson is Maths because it is fun and how the teachers help if I get stuck."	Zach Year 2 Shackleton
"I enjoy doing PE because it's fun and I like my teachers."	Asees Year 5 Victoria
"I like the lessons and PE as I like being active and the different sports we do."	Kyla Year 6 Darwin
"School is fun. I like English because I like writing."	Lily Year 1 Robin
"I like to express how I feel in my writing."	Archie Year 3 Kapoor
"I like all of the equipment. My favourite lesson is maths because I like the column method."	Rae Year 2 Nightingale
"I like writing about things I have done at school."	Rio Reception Ash
"I like to learn a lot in maths and expand my knowledge."	Elliot Year 4 Dahl
"I like to come to school to see my friends and teacher and learn new things."	Jack Year 1 Owl
"The teachers make the lessons enjoyable and they can be strict when they need to be but not all the time. I feel safe at Danson and I like the flipcharts, they make them clear to see."	Nuno Year 6 Hawking
"I like learning drawing because I can draw some things to show my new baby brother or sister."	Sayeed Reception Oak
"I enjoy History because you get to learn about the Earth's history and how it builds up to new civilisations.	Ethan Year 4 Rowling
"I like going on the field because I like football. I like going to assembly because I enjoy getting a certificate."	Freddie Year 1 Robin
"I like sometimes we get to work together. I like Music and DT."	Uthara Year 2 Shackleton
"I like art because I like drawing and making things on card."	Danielle Year 1 Sparrow
"I like to challenge myself in subjects to improve my confidence."	Ariya Year 5 Elizabeth
"I like to come to school to learn new things and play with my friends."	Maria Year 6 Franklin

"The learning is really fun and I like making the new friends."	Ayush Year 2 Pepys
"I like English because I liked writing about kangaroos."	Dylan Year 1 Sparrow
"Danson is very welcoming and the students are very nice. I Like PE because I enjoy being active."	Freddie Year 6 Franklin
"I like my friends and teachers. In English I like writing because I can use my imagination to write stories.!	Freya Year 4 Blackman
"I like that the teachers are kind and understanding and if you need help they are there."	Logan Year 5 Elizabeth
"I like that the teachers make learning fun as our lessons are interactive and we do a lot of learning as a class."	Nuno Year 6 Hawking
"I enjoy the big playground as it has lots of equipment and it is easy to use. I also like that the building is an irregular shape as it gives us more space."	Aian Year 3 Kapoor
"I like creative curriculum because I like history and the topics we learn."	Eloise Year 5 Henry
"I enjoy being in the book corner because I like to read."	Mahi Reception Elm
"I like the teachers because they are kind to us when we learn."	Kristin Year 3 Brunel
"I like PE because we got to be active and move around. We also play games like when we had a big circle of cones. We had to run around and then roll the point to a point to hit it."	Zara Year 1 Sparrow
"I like maths because sometimes it is easy and sometimes I get it wrong. I like the hall and the decorations that we put up for events.	Zainab Year 3 Kapoor
"I like playing races with my friends at playtime. I like writing on paper with a pencil because it is my favourite activity to do."	Aiden Reception Elm
"I like playing football on the field with my friends. I like to read the books in the library because I learn more things."	Taha Year 3 Brunel
"I enjoy playtime and all the equipment. I think the learning is great and thorough as the teachers teach us everything."	Sam Year 6 Franklin

Key Messages

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th September - INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th September – INSET DAY

Wednesday 6th September – YEAR 1 – 6 CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Thursday 7th September – RECEPTION CHILDREN START SCHOOL

Monday 11th September – NURSERY CHILDREN START SCHOOL

Social Media

If you have a query relating to your child's class, education or events happening within the school, please speak to the school directly rather than social media groups.



'Please think before you post'

