

Danson Primary School Newsletter



Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

We have had an absolutely fantastic festive few weeks with our nativities, carol concerts and community carol concert. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch all the pupils in their year groups showcase such fantastic performances. The children's singing has been absolutely fantastic, the acting and actions to the songs were superb!! I have been particularly impressed with how well the children said their speaking part to the audiences, we could hear every word. Thank you to all the Teachers, Pupil support Assistants who prepared the children so well. Congratulations and well done to all the children, I am so proud of you!!

On Monday 11th December we had our sixth annual Outreach Pensioners' Community Christmas Concert in our assembly hall. Thank you to all the classes for making the decorations for the hall and to Year 5 for singing their wonderful carols. During the concert some of our Year 6 children served mince pies and treats to our guests and spent some time chatting to them. The children were outstanding!! They were so polite, kind and well-mannered to our guests. I was so proud of the children, they were a credit to the school!! Our visitors had a wonderful time and we have already started to receive compliments about the event.

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

Last week Danson Primary School has enjoyed an exciting Art Week with extra art lessons and exciting visitors. The aim being to promote and celebrate art across the school and provide more opportunities to create and consolidate the children's learning. Each year group from Nursery to Year 6 has focused on a skill or looked at an artist that they have previously learnt about this year to inspire their work. With the result of collating all of the pieces of artwork from each class and curating it into an art exhibition for pupils and adults in the new year. I would like to specially thank Mr Alexis and Mrs Foskett for creating such a fantastic week of creativity.

The children have been busy this term following the school values and making great efforts in their learning to accrue as many house points as they can. Congratulation to all houses for a stellar effort with a HUGE well done to SNOWDON House with 2503 points. The pupils from Snowdon House enjoyed an afternoon on the adventure playground equipment to celebrate their success.

To finish off our autumn term we had our whole school end of term assembly on Wednesday where all the children and adults came in to celebrate, the learning from the autumn term and to sing a medley of our carol concerts. We also said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Green and Mrs Forbes-Green who are moving on to pastures new, we wish them well as they embark on their next adventure in education. We have been delighted to welcome Mrs Pettifor and Mrs Hogan to the Danson family. They have loved meeting the children and are looking forward to January.

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 couldn't do it without you! We hope you have wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

L Casey & A Allen





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 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.

Mr Egelton
Chair Of Governors



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>	<u>96.0%</u>
<u>Year 1</u>	<u>96.1%</u>
<u>Year 2</u>	<u>96.6%</u>
<u>Year 3</u>	<u>96.1%</u>
<u>Year 4</u>	<u>96.4%</u>
<u>Year 5</u>	<u>95.7%</u>
<u>Year 6</u>	<u>95.8%</u>

Highest attendance for the Autumn term

Congratulations to SHACKLETON for having the best attendance of 97.1% in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to BLACKMAN for having the best attendance of 97.2% in Key Stage 2.

Best punctuality this term

Congratulations to SHACKLETON for having the best punctuality of 99.47% in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to ROWLING for having the best punctuality of 99.4% in Key Stage 2.



Children return to school on Monday 8th January 2024



FESTIVE FUN!







Hamper Winners

Class	Pupil Name
Butterflies	Daniel
Ash	Sahib
Oak	Harper
Elm	George
Robin	Aliia
Owl	Sanskrit
Sparrow	Anisah
Pepys	Scarlett
Shackelton	Maggie
Nightingale	Nora
Barfield	Laura
Brunel	Rae
Kapoor	Teddy
Blackman	Martha
Dahl	Amelia
Rowling	Thomas
Henry	Denny
Elizabeth	Johny
Victoria	Samridh
Darwin	Emily
Hawking	Briony
Franklin	Jack

