

## Danson Primary School Newsletter

### Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

What another fabulous half term at Danson!! Time flies when we are having fun and I can't believe quite believe how quickly this half term has gone. Before I begin to share all the wonderful things that we have been doing, I would like to give a special mention and congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs last week. We were so very proud of your resilience, perseverance and determination throughout the week. Thank you so much for doing your very best, you are all stars!!!

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to PC Ryan from the Safer School Teams who has been into school throughout the year to lead assemblies and class sessions to support the children in keeping themselves safe both in school, home and within the wider community. The children have loved the sessions and they have been a huge success! Please see below some of the sessions that the children have completed.



We were deeply honored to have Madam Mayor Sue Gower MBE re-visit Danson to meet our Pupil Leadership Group and all our Council Representatives in supporting her 'Bexley Bear' fundraiser. The children were in their element asking lots of questions about her election process and her Mayoral role. I think she may have inspired many of our children to become the next Mayor of Bexley!



The children had an absolute ball during our VE Day celebrations and did a great job at attempting the Charleston and the Jive on the field in the afternoon. Thank you so much to Miss Sims for organising our celebrations, please see more information below.

It was a pleasure to see so many parents for our Open Afternoon today. The buzz in the corridors with the children sharing with pride their learning, it was just wonderful!

# Class Assemblies

## Robin Class Assembly

Thank you to Robin Class who put on a fantastic assembly, which celebrated their learning from the Autumn and Spring term. They began the assembly by explaining their map work in geography, where they learnt about the school environment and continued this learning through Beebots in computing. The children also shared their writing from English based around an extraordinary teacher named Mr Gee from their class text 'Once Upon an Ordinary School Day'. As part of their science learning, the children showed us an experiment they did which tested suitable materials to keep Humpty Dumpty safe and warm and then also shared their new learning around weather. For maths, Robin Class discussed all the topics they had covered so far and proved just how confident they were with their new mathematical skills by counting in 5s and 10s. Finally, we were treated to some lovely singing as they sang 'What a Wonderful World' and 'I Can See a Rainbow'. Thank you, Robin class, it was a superb performance.



## Sparrow Class Assembly

Sparrow Class impressed everyone with their superb assembly which showcased their extensive learning from the beginning of the year. They have been very busy and had so much fantastic learning to share! The children told us about the texts they had been reading in English and read some of their wonderful writing. They impressed us with all their historical knowledge about toys and significant people as well as all their hard work in maths, science, PSHE and PE. To conclude the assembly, they gave a terrific performance of 'Try Everything'. Well done Sparrow Class for a brilliant performance!



## Owl Class Assembly

Owl Class entertained everyone with their wonderful class assembly which took us on a journey of all their learning from the beginning of Year 1. What a lot of learning there has been! The children began by telling us about their learning on maps and direction in geography, PE and computing. As part of their science learning on seasons, they gave an excellent recital of a poem about the signs of Spring.

The children explained all of their mathematical learning and demonstrated their brilliant counting skills. During the assembly, Owl Class also shared all their hard work and amazing achievements in English, history, PSHE and DT. As well as all this, the audience were entertained with a wonderful performance of 'Count on Me'. Well done Owl Class for a fantastic, jam packed assembly!



### **Pepys Class Assembly**

Pepys Class travelled back in time to London in 1666 as they wowed their audience with a class assembly linked to the Great Fire of London! They shared interesting facts they've learned such as 13,000 buildings were destroyed in the fire and that London had to be completely rebuilt afterwards. Demonstrating great humour throughout, the children entertained from start to finish! It was also clear that they've been working hard in class. A great example of this was when they shared their use of adjectives within expanded noun phrases to describe Mr White from Poles Apart. Another highlight was their brilliant singing as they remembered the names of the world's oceans. It was a polished performance which made all of the parents and carers incredibly proud. Well done Pepys class!



## Safer Schools-Working with our Local Community Police Team

<b>Y1 Visit</b>	The Year 1 classes were visited by PC Ryan who told us that 'Clever Never Goes'. With the help of a robot called Clever, we discussed different safe and potentially unsafe scenarios and decided what the best course of action would be to keep ourselves safe.
<b>Yr2 Visit</b>	Year 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from PC Ryan who spoke to them about 'being safe.' She had help from a robot called Clever and used the motto 'Clever Never Goes' in order to make a decision about the scenarios given.
<b>Yr 3 Visit</b>	PC Ryan came to visit Year 3 to inform us of road safety and Stranger Danger. She spoke about safe places to cross the road and what we should do if we are worried about strangers. We all know to dial 999 in an emergency.
<b>Yr 4 Visit</b>	PC Ryan visited Year 4 to talk to us about how to keep ourselves safe outside of school. We looked at some different scenarios, discussing whether they were safe or unsafe. We also spoke about what to do or where to go if we felt unsafe in those situations.
<b>Yr 5 Visit</b>	Year 5 were very intrigued by PC Ryan who has visited us twice to talk to us about hate crime and cyber-bullying. We discussed what hate crime is and how to spot them - online or in person! This then linked to our cyber-bullying where the children discussed how to keep safe online by setting privacy settings and keeping personal information private.
<b>Yr6 Visit</b>	Danson has been fortunate to have PC Ryan visit the children on a number of occasions this half term. PC Ryan spoke to the children in Year 6 about a number of topics. One of which was about 'Hate Crime' where the children learned about what this is and the impact that committing this type of crime can have on others.  In addition to this, PC Ryan also spoke to the children about street safety where they learned about what they can do to be safe on the street and also how their choices can have consequences to not only themselves but to others. The children were very engaged and asked some very good questions whilst PC Ryan was talking to them.



# Enrichment at Danson

## Life Education Workshop

Children in Years 1,2 and 3 took part in some fun, interactive workshops focused on mental health. Year 1 participated in a workshop about taking care of their feelings. They explored different emotions and looked at a range of mindful techniques to manage these. Year 2 learnt about the feeling of gratitude towards others, about ourselves and the natural world around us. Year 3 explored the concept of accepting what we can't control and managing our feelings at such times. They thought about how they can accept themselves as they are and how they might be able to change things so that they can be their best selves. In the same way, they also learnt about accepting others as they are. The children really enjoyed the workshops and took away lots of ideas to support their mental health.



## Year 5 Trip to the Royal Courts of Justice

The Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Royal Courts of Justice. After taking the train and having a lengthy walk, we admired the architecture of the building from the outside. Once we entered, our tour guide told us about the architect and the building's history. We were amazed by the real-life court cases that were happening and even managed to have a little peek into the room through the glass window! The tour guide showed us the door which led to the criminals' cells and the various rooms where those on trial are taken. We read artefacts and listened to interesting facts about the jury and the baristas at the RCoJ. The children were engaged throughout and found the trip to be knowledgeable and intriguing all whilst behaving impeccably! Well done Year 5!



### Year 6 Trip to the Thames

This week, Year 6 enjoyed an exciting and educational field trip to the Thames River, where we explored its riverside and foreshore as part of our geography fieldwork. During the visit, we investigated the river's geographical features and delved into its rich history. One of the highlights was searching for artifacts washed ashore, with some fascinating finds including fossils, animal bones, clay pipes, and pieces of medieval pottery. This allowed us to gain understanding of the past and its relevance to the present times.

As part of our scientific exploration, we conducted acid and pH tests which confirmed that the Thames is not polluted. We were highly engaged throughout the trip, enthusiastically participating in discussions and sharing our own knowledge about the river - including how settlements and environmental issues have shaped the local areas. It was a memorable and enriching experience for us all.







On the 8th May, the whole school celebrated VE Day in recognition of the end of World War II in Europe. This year was special as it marked the 80th anniversary of this event. We had age appropriate discussions in class about what VE Day is and why it is important that we still acknowledge it so many years later. We came to school in red, white and blue and the canteen and outside areas were decorated with bunting as a reminder of the street parties many people had to mark the end of the war.

During the day, the children and adults learnt a VE day inspired dance with music and choreography from the era and, after lunch, everyone had the opportunity to demonstrate their dance moves out on the field! Some of the older children supported the younger children and lots of fun was had by all.

In addition, as part of our celebrations, everyone from Reception right up to Year 6 made a peace lantern as a symbol of peace and hope. The children proudly brought them out onto the field in the afternoon. In classes, children completed other activities linked to World War II and VE Day to support their understanding of this important historical event and its significance whilst having lots of fun in the process.



## Sporting Update

**Congratulations to Luke who competed in the national championships for Gymnastics and achieved gold for his floor routine and silver for his vault.**



**Congratulations to Meadow who was part of the winning team at the ESF tournament. Meadow is also enjoying training at St George's which is part of England's training ground.**



**Congratulations to Tallulah for winning first place during her gymnastics competition and for winning medals for her floor and beam routines.**



**Congratulations to Teddy who was named Most Improved Player of the Season at his hockey awards event.**



***We are SO proud of you!!***



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Every School Day Counts!

**Highest attendance this term**

Congratulations to **Elm** for having the best attendance of **96.7%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Elizabeth** for having the best attendance of **98.3%** in Key Stage 2.

**Best punctuality this term**

Congratulations to **Ash and Elm** for having the best punctuality of **99.8%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Henry** for having the best punctuality of **99.7%** in Key Stage 2.

Thank you for your continued support in making Danson be the very best that it can be! I hope you have a fantastic half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd June.

*L. Casey*



Dates For Your Diary	
Children return to school on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	
<b>Multiplication Tables Check – Year 4</b> Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> June  <b>Oak Class Assembly</b> Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June at 9:15am  <b>Elm Class Assembly</b> Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June at 9:15am	<b>Ash Class Assembly</b> Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June at 9:15am  <b>Sports Week</b> Week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> June