

## Danson Primary School Newsletter

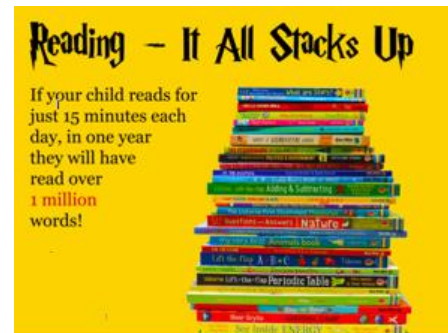
### Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

I really can't believe that we have completed our first term back as a whole school family at Danson! It has definitely been different and I have say how proud I am of all our children and how well they have settled in across this term. They have been fantastic at learning their routes and knowing their routines. It has been an absolute pleasure to hear the hustle and bustle of the corridors and the buzz of learning in the classrooms.

At the end of September each Year Group sent out their curriculum overview and what the children would be learning this year. We hope that you found information useful and have been able to share and discuss it with your children.

Thank you for signing up to chat to your child's class teacher(s) this week. Although again not the norm but in a telephone conversation the teachers really enjoyed chatting to you and letting you know how your little one has settled in to their new year group. As a school we want to do a big push in reading and we need your help!! Please keep reading as much as you can with your child over half term. Fifteen minutes every day over the course of a year mean, they will have read, 1,000,000 word!! Reading is the key to unlock new worlds and experiences for our children. Please see attached to this newsletter 7 top tips to support reading at home. Thank you so much for your support with this parent school initiative.



Today at Danson we celebrated Black History Month with the aim to recognise the contribution and achievements of the Black community within the United Kingdom. The day started with an introduction to Black History Month; why we celebrate it and what it means. Children engaged in lots of rich discussions and debate and it started our day fantastically! Classes were then introduced to our theme for the day which was "**Inspirational people that have shaped Black history – achieving in the face of adversity**". Each class explored and learnt about an inspirational individual who has helped to positively shape society. We discussed the challenges faced, their resilience and eventually the impact that these individuals had. The children used a trophy template to showcase and celebrate the achievements of their nominated individual. In the afternoon the children unleashed their artistic talents! They researched famous African artists and varied styles such as Tinga Tinga and Ndebele patterns. They were then inspired to use these styles to create their very own pieces of art! Have a look below:



During this term all classes began the democratic process of voting for their School, Eco, and Sports Councillors, House Captains, Deputy Head Girl and Boy and Head Girl and Head Boy. I look forward to sharing with you after half term our new school representatives. I would like to give a special mention to the Year 6 pupils who put themselves forward as candidates for the positions of Head/Deputy Girl/Boy. Their video presentations were fantastic and they were all worthy candidates. I am so proud of you all!!!

The children looked very smart coming through the school gates today in readiness for their individual photographs and were showing plenty of smiles for the cameras. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a few practice smiles as they were lining up this morning. They were so excited about their photos, especially in Reception as it is their first official school photo.

On behalf of myself and the staff I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you so much for your continued support this half term and for the positive and support comments that you have sent into school. They have been really welcomed and appreciated by us all and we really do appreciate it. I hope you all have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

*L Casey*

## **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**

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

## **Uniform**

**Children should return to school in their winter school uniform.**

Please ensure that your child's uniform is labelled with their name. Please ensure that your child is in the correct colour of pinafore (green)/school trousers (grey).

## **Sickness**

If your child is unwell please provide as much specific information relating to the symptoms of the illness to assist the office staff.

## **Safeguarding-Medical Information/Medicines**

Please ensure you have completed all asthma and EpiPen forms and return to the office with the appropriate medication. Please contact the School Office to make an appointment to do this or speak to a member of staff on the school gates for further information/support.