



Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

Oh my goodness, where has the year gone!! I can't believe we are now in our last week of the school year!



Children, thank you so much for your continued effort, determination and outstanding attitude to your learning throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to see how confident you have become when talking about your learning and how you are progressing in your subjects. We are so proud of you and we look forward to it continuing next year. Well done everyone!!

On behalf of myself and the staff at Danson, I would like to thank you all for your support this year. We have again been overwhelmed with the positive comments and feedback we have received throughout that continues to support us in making Danson even better. Thank you 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and wish Miss Bennett, Mr Alexis, Miss Hiller, Miss Warner and Miss Cownty the very best as they embark on their next adventure in education, and to welcome Mrs Rumbold, Miss Long, Mrs Monksfield, Miss Jarvis, Mrs Crowe and Miss Logan to the Danson Family.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to Mrs Hunter for her fourteen years of service at Danson as a class Teacher, Assistant Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher. Mrs Hunter has made a profound impact on so many pupils lives (at least 2000 and counting!!) and it has been a pleasure to have her as part of my team, through the expansion, inspections, pandemic and not to mention the all the day to day of occurrences in educating our pupils. The corridors will not be the same without you and I hope to see you back in the near future.

Summer Learning

Even as the end of the academic year has approached, the children have been 'flat to the mat' with their learning, making every day and minute count! Please see our 'Learning Together' document that will follow shortly, which showcases some of the wonderful learning the children have been doing in the summer term.



Faith Storytelling Workshop

We were delighted to welcome Helen and Rizwana who shared stories to our Year 4 pupils that are special to them from their Christian and Muslim faiths. The children then explored the retelling the stories and how they could make them engaging and interactive for their listeners. Well done Year 4!



The Wider Curriculum

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. They should be extremely proud of themselves. Well done!

Trip to Minnis Bay

Congratulations to our Reception children who ventured out into the British weather to have a fantastic time at the beach. Ice creams were enjoyed in spite of the weather and the children loved telling us all about it when they got back.



Year 3 Trip to the British Museum

Year 3 had an incredible trip to the British Museum where the children were fantastic, showing keen interest and impeccable behavior. They were particularly captivated by the Roman artifacts, eagerly learning about ancient history. Their curiosity and respect for the exhibits made them model citizens throughout the visit.



Year 2-Trip to High Elms



The Year 2 trip to High Elms was a great way for the children to experience science fieldwork in the real world. The children learnt about the adaptations that insects and arachnids have when living in a micro habitat. A key highlight for the children was the pond dipping, where the children found a variety of different pond organisms such as newts, leeches, bloodworms and fish.

Please see below some of the amazing experiences your child has had this year.

The school prides itself in the wider curriculum opportunities the school has provided this year and will continue to do so next year. Some of these examples include:

The Wider Curriculum at Danson

Themed weeks for: Maths Week, Book Week Science Week, Art Week and Mental Health & Wellbeing Week

Online Safety Day

Charity Work – Bexley Foodbank, Guide Dogs, PTA support

Author visits

Volunteers/Parents visiting to share their careers as part of themed weeks

NatWest – Centre of financial Excellence – NatWest employees have visited the children to enhance their financial literacy

24 Maths competition & £20 challenge

National Online Safety – supporting pupils and parents to stay safe online

Platinum Sports Award which recognises and celebrates the number and variety of sports Danson offers to our pupils and the variety of sports offered

School Art Exhibition – Awaken your Inner Artist

Artists being commissioned to create a piece of Art for the British Legion

Working with Bexley Grammar in Computing

Working with Bexley Grammar with our Science Club

Rocksteady musical opportunities for our Pupil Premium children

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Local visits – Welling Highstreet/Danson High Street/Danson Park

Visits from St John's Church

Book Fair Enterprise Initiative

Cribs workshops – Financial Education

Cribs Workshops – Transition

Life Education Mental Health Workshops – Year 1 – 3

Theatre Groups

Visits from parents – Windrush Celebration

Fairfield Hall Music Event

Year 3 & Year 4 Spring Sings

Community Christmas Carol Concert

Year 6 Residential Trip

Class Assemblies to celebrate each class' learning journey

School Trips to support curriculum learning throughout the year

Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs which prioritise our SEND and PP children

PSQM – Silver Science Award – on our journey to receive outreach status

Anti-Bullying silver accreditation this year

Year 6 NHS Happy Mind Resilience Programme

Year 6 end of year production

Enrichment days – Stone Age and Bee Conservation Workshops

Deaf Awareness week – visit from hearing impairment service

Sporting Update

We are delighted to share some news about two of our Year Four pupils. Matthew and Nicole in their Latin and Ballroom dancing event at the NATD 2024 in Blackpool. They are under 10 Champions in the Waltz, they came second in Tango and Cha Cha. We are so very proud of you, congratulations to you both!



Sporting Success

Well done to all the children who have represented Danson in a sporting competition this year, you have all been a credit to the school.

Congratulations to our Year 6 trophy winners at Wednesday's Leaver's Assembly.

Award	Name
PGL pupil of the trip	Aniij P
Cricketer of the Year (boy)	Bradley C
Cricketer of the Year (girl)	Darcy P
Footballer of the Year (boy)	Frankie H
Footballer of the Year (girl)	Lexi C
Outside club achievement	Sonya D
Outstanding achievement in sport (boy)	Harry B
Outstanding achievement in sport (girl)	Katie-Anne C
Team of the Year	Boys' Football Team Frankie H Louis K William B Cooper R Archie F Billy-Taylor F Elliot M George W Harry B

Our Amazing Year 6 Pupils!!

The West End is Calling!

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for a fantastic Leavers' Production of 'Matilda' in Bexley Grammar School last week. The children treaded the boards beautifully, showcasing their outstanding singing, acting, and artistic talents to a packed theatre!! Thank you to Miss Sims, Mrs Healy, Mr Heath, Miss Sunmonu, Miss Beidas and Miss O'Hara for helping the children produce such an outstanding performance. There was so much pride, laughter and enjoyment from the audience throughout the performance and there wasn't a dry eye in the house for parents and teachers alike when the last song 'When I Grow Up' was sung! Year 6 you were just AMAZING!!!



Pupil Voice

Our Year 6 Pupil Leadership Group and House Captains and Councillors have been busy speaking to children across the school to capture what they have enjoyed this year at Danson. Please see below some of the experiences that have sparked in our pupil's memories.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

We had a very proud but also emotional afternoon during our year 6 leavers assembly yesterday afternoon. It was a pleasure to celebrate the children's final achievements and successes at Danson. Thank you to our Parents' Association for their fantastic contribution of £500 towards the children's jumpers. The children were delighted to receive them to wear today.



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

PUPIL VOICE 2023-2024 - Conferenced by the Pupil Leadership Group

"I enjoyed the trip to the Royal Courts of Justice which was part of our history topic about Crime and Punishment."	Yosha - Year 5
"This year I have enjoyed English at Danson because I like listening to stories."	Alfie - Reception
"I have really enjoyed all of the teachers here at Danson this year. They are kind and help me learn."	Alex - Year 3
"The school trips. I have really enjoyed my Geography lessons."	Tallulah - Year 4
"I have enjoyed going on the MUGGA."	Diego - Year 1
"I really enjoyed the Y6 production of Matilda."	Waihao - Year 2
"I have enjoyed PE because Mr Corley does fun games."	Seb - Nursery
"I have really enjoyed maths this year at Danson because you learn about numbers and how to solve problems."	Theo - Reception
"I really liked the different sports we have done in PE this year."	Hridaya - Year 5
"I love reading books and I love the Danson library and I have enjoyed spending time there this year."	Abigail - Year 3
"I have loved PGL. I also loved going to Chislehurst Caves which was part of our history topic about WWII."	Sadie - Year 6
"I have really enjoyed making a bee hotel. I have also loved our Geography topics that we have learned about this year."	Bek - Year 4
"I really like Rocksteady as I got to learn how to play an instrument and perform. I also liked the art lessons that we have had."	Isabelle - Year 5
"I have enjoyed painting this year."	Cleo - Nursery
"At Danson this year I enjoyed the trip to the beach because I got to make sandcastles."	Ellis - Reception
"I have really enjoyed the Horton Kirby trip that we went on which was linked to our science unit Living Things and our Habitats. I have also really enjoyed Design Technology where we created Viking Longhouses."	Zina - Year 4
"I have really enjoyed the English lessons that we have done this year. I like it because we get to use our imaginations."	Annie - Year 5
"I really enjoyed the beach trip this year at Danson. I got to have ice cream."	Cara - Reception
"I have loved all of the clubs that Danson have provided."	Louis - Year 6
"I have loved playing on the new climbing equipment that was installed in the summer and all of the school trips."	Tia - Year 4

PUPIL VOICE 2023-2024 - Conferenced by the Pupil Leadership Group

"I have really enjoyed DT this year. I have enjoyed being creative in this subject."	Tasmia - Year 3
"I have loved going on school trips. I really enjoyed watching the Y6 production of Matilda."	Florence - Year 1
"I loved the inflatables day which was organised by the PTA."	Lilly - Year 2
"I have enjoyed making airplanes."	Jayden - Nursery
"I have enjoyed computing and PE. I really enjoyed the cricket club in KS1."	Michael - Year 1
"I have enjoyed writing in English because I can be really imaginative."	Ella - Reception
"I have enjoyed making more friends."	Louis - Year 2
"I have really enjoyed maths at Danson this year because I like to be challenged."	Hayden - Year 3
"I really like the Geography lessons that we have done this year."	Samridh - Year 5
"I have loved being a playleader and making new friends."	Nina - Year 6
"I have really enjoyed our PE and sports that we have experienced at Danson."	Manreet - Year 4
"I have enjoyed playing on the climbing frame."	Tallulah - Nursery
"I enjoy doing PE because it is fun."	Daphne - Reception
"I have loved going on the climbing equipment and I have also enjoyed gymnastics club."	Janey - Year 1
"I have enjoyed how everyone is friendly in class. The teachers are fun."	Mattea - Year 3
"I have really enjoyed science as I got to grow some plants."	Oliver - Year 2
"I have enjoyed the books that we have read this year."	George - Reception
"I loved the sports week we did this year. It was really fun. I would love to go to the school library more next year."	Arissa - Year 5
"I have enjoyed reading at Danson this year. I have also enjoyed DT and Art lessons at Danson. I think the teachers do a great job."	Amelia - Year 3

PUPIL VOICE 2023-2024 - Conferenced by the Pupil Leadership Group

"I loved going to Chislehurst Caves which was part of our history topic about WWII. I have also loved going to PGL."	Eliza - Year 6
"I really enjoyed making slingshot cars in DT and making mosaics in Art."	Thomas - Year 4
"I enjoyed going to the observatory in Greenwich which was part of our space unit in science."	Kalkidan - Year 5
"I have enjoyed English this year at Danson because of the books that we have read."	Roman - Year 3
"I have enjoyed reading and writing this year at Danson."	Sahib - Reception
"I have loved reading different books this year."	Sanskrit - Year 1
"I loved going to PGL, Maths 24 club, the swimming gala and book week."	Myra - Year 6
"I really enjoyed the inflatables day that the school organised."	Nathan - Year 5
"I have enjoyed the teachers at Danson because they help me learn and develop. I love maths and English because they are fun."	Zack - Year 3
"I loved the swimming gala, PGL, Horton Kirby and also tag rugby club with Mrs Casey."	Maggie - Year 6
"I have enjoyed writing in our English lessons this year."	Ella - Year 1

Attendance at Danson

Congratulations to all our pupils who achieved their gold badges for their attendance. Last year there were 28 children who achieved a gold badge and this year 62 children have achieved their gold badge which is fantastic.



Gold Badge Attendance Winners	
Kian H	Barfield
Uthara Kumar P	Barfield
Zack P	Barfield
Nicholas K	Blackman
Ethan M	Blackman
Teddy P	Blackman
Isobel S	Blackman
Kyle C	Brunel
Hannah D	Brunel
Jake D	Brunel
Meher C	Dahl
Raajan K	Dahl
Edward N	Dahl
Jonah S	Dahl
Caden S	Dahl
Ryan C	Darwin
George D	Darwin
Darcy P	Darwin
Ahkyn B	Elizabeth
Veeran K	Elizabeth
Jayla F	Elm
Ayla T	Elm
Eric W	Elm
Jasbir J	Franklin
Lucas L	Franklin
Noah S	Franklin
Eliza B	Hawking
Katie Anne C	Hawking
Oscar W	Victoria
William A	Sparrow
Ethan M	Owl
Alicia P	Franklin

Gold Badge Attendance Winners	
Isla H	Hawking
Anishk C	Henry
Lillie W	Hawking
Zivah E	Henry
Isabelle W	Henry
Thomas A	Kapoor
Kayden G	Kapoor
Daniel O	Kapoor
Mishika R	Kapoor
Sasha U	Kapoor
Ethan A	Nightingale
Emily C	Nightingale
Thomas D	Nightingale
Louis L	Nightingale
Rachel O	Oak
Florence W	Owl
Serina C	Pepys
Yevheniia A	Robin
Dara F	Rowling
Jack E	Shackleton
Eva K	Shackleton
Lucas L	Shackleton
Maggie M	Shackleton
Anisah O	Sparrow
Florence W	Sparrow
Harrison C	Victoria
Logan F	Victoria
Rami T	Victoria
Annie T	Victoria
Oscar W	Victoria
William A	Sparrow

THANK YOU!!

Parents, On behalf of myself, Mrs Allen and the entire Danson Team, thank you so much for your attendance and support at this end of another era at Danson. It has been a pleasure to be a part of your child's learning journey with us. 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.

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NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We all look forward to welcoming Years 1-6 on Wednesday 4th September as well as welcoming our new Reception children on Thursday 5th September (Staggered Entry). Wishing you all a wonderful as well as a restful Summer holiday.

Governors' Notice Board

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body we would like to thank all the children for their continued determination and resilience in their learning this year. It has been a pleasure to meet the children and talk to them about their learning during the year. It was wonderful again to have our exit interviews with our Year 6 Pupils and to wish them well on their next journey in education.

Parents, thank you for attending and supporting the school events throughout they years. It has bee wonderful eat to see so many parents and grandparents attend, share and celebrate your child's/children's learning.

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 Senior LeadershipTeam for their work this term.

We hope you all have a lovely summer.

Mr Egelton
Chair Of Governors





Key Messages-In readiness for September 2024



Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd September - **INSET DAY**

Tuesday 3rd September – **INSET DAY**

Wednesday 4th September – **YEAR 1 – 6 CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL**

Thursday 5th September – **RECEPTION CHILDREN START SCHOOL-Staggered Start**

School Uniform Expectations

Please ensure your child adheres to the school uniform and PE kit expectations set by the school.

School shoes must be worn every day with the exception of your child’s PE day.

Trainers are must be plain black or white.
Coloured trainers are not permitted.

Spare shoes and will be available in the school office for pupils who are not in correct uniform.

School Uniform

- Trousers and school shorts are grey
- Skirts and pinafores are green
- PE Shorts are Danson green
- Pe tracksuit bottoms are black
- Oversized bows in hair are not permitted.
- Trainers are not permitted to be worn as a school shoe.
- Children should not have any form of raised heel on their shoe.

Items not permitted

-Jewellery except for Medialerts and small stud earrings which must be removed for PE by the child or parent/guardian.

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Hair

Children working at school use a variety of tools/equipment (e.g. artistic, technical, PE apparatus). Hair falling over work can be distracting and dangerous. If hair is sufficiently long this could occur, it should be tied back. This also discourages the spread of head lice. Hair presentation should be sensible with no ‘fashion image’ cuts (e.g. fashion shavings, Mohican, razor cuts) and should be all the one length.

-Hair ribbons/bands should be in school colours (green/white/black). Large decorative bands and bobbles are not permitted.

Safeguarding-Medical Information/Medicines

Please ensure you inform the office of any changes to your child’s medical information and complete all necessary paperwork/checks. Staff will not administer medicine unless this is done.



Safeguarding/Contact Information

Please ensure your contact information is up to date on Arbor in readiness for the new academic year.

Allergies

If your child is changing from packed lunch to school dinner please contact the school office so you are able to make an appointment to speak to the Catering Company.

Holidays in Term Time

A polite reminder that holidays in term time will not be authorised.

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’

