

Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been a busy autumn half term with the corridors hustling and bustling with the fantastic sounds of children settling in to their new classes, routines and learning. It has been lovely seeing the children in perfect uniform excited and eager to get through the school gates. I have been so impressed at how sensibly all the children have been walking into and out of school, in the school building and when attending assembly, well done everyone!!

Welcoming Reception to the Danson Family

We would also like to give a special mention and welcome to our new Reception children who have joined Danson. They have been absolutely fantastic during their induction days and have settled in beautifully. It was a pleasure to have so many parents attend our stay and play sessions and to have the opportunity to see your child's learning in action!! The children were also so excited to decorate their special starting school frames and to surprise their parents with their photo inside. Congratulations to the Reception children in becoming more confident and independent as the half term progressed whether it was going into the canteen for lunch or learning the different routes in and around the school. You are all stars and we are so proud of you!! Please see below an update from our Reception Team and some of our new pupils:

The children have settled really well into Reception and have loved making new friends in all Reception classes. They have enjoyed getting to know their classrooms and external environments. They have all made great progress when writing their name and have even created their own shop for Maths Week. As part of our 'Ourselves' topic, the children have been very excited when talking about their families and loved painting their self-portraits and creating their own family trees. We look forward to next half term learning about our new topic 'People Who Help Us'. Alice - Ash - "I like playing in the Role Play Area." Izza - Oak - "I like making cards on the writing table." Arthur - Elm - "I like games in P.E."



School Assemblies

It has been such a pleasure seeing the children at each of our daily assemblies. In our Value assembly on Mondays we have been taking time during the autumn term to reflect on our school values, starting with **Kindness** and how we 'colour our school and homes with kindness'. We had colour bursting through our assembly hall doors with children sharing their kindness post it notes to each other and placing them on the walls in the assembly hall, it was just fabulous!

Our Friday Celebration Assemblies have been such a lovely way for the children and adults to come together to share the learning that has been done during the week, the learning that has been tricky and to celebrate the effort, resilience and determination that everyone is making. Well done everyone!

Victoria Class Assembly

On Wednesday 2nd October, Victoria Class delivered our first class assembly of the academic year and gave a fantastic performance showcasing how much they had achieved in just a few weeks. They began by presenting their creativity with some self-portraits which reflected their outer and inner self and what their aspirations are for the future. Through their learning in English, the children wrote some poems based on the book 'Incredible You' which described their personality and recognized why they are all so incredible. Victoria Class amazed us with their knowledge about the Ancient Maya and gave a superb performance of a song about their traditions and beliefs. As well as this, we found out about their learning in maths, science, RE and PSHE. To finish off, they sang one last song called 'Together', which was about how being united as a class can help us all to have a joyful day at school. Well done to Mrs. Corley, Mr. Liotta and all of Victoria Class for an informative and wonderful performance.



Henry Class Assembly

On Thursday 10th October, Henry Class delighted their audience with a fantastic assembly demonstrating their learning from the beginning of the year.



We were treated to some beautiful pieces of artwork that the children had created showing their inner and outer selves. As part of their English learning, the children started the term looking at the book 'Incredible You' and presented some wonderful poems recognising how incredible each one of them are. The children then went on to share their impressive knowledge about the

Ancient Maya civilisation including their non-chronological reports and reflections on why they were proud of their work. Songs about Roman Numerals and the planets of the solar system demonstrated their learning in both maths and science. The assembly concluded with a final song called "Together" which delivered the message of friendship, kindness, and collaboration. The children and Miss Ash should be extremely proud of themselves for an excellent performance.

Elizabeth Class Assembly

On Thursday 17th October, Elizabeth Class celebrated their learning from the first half of the Autumn Term. They began the assembly by showcasing their creativity with some self-portraits which represent their inner and outer self. Through their learning

in English, the children shared some excellent poems recognising how incredible they are and their non-chronological reports, reflecting on why they were proud of their writing. Following this, they went on to impress the



audience with their knowledge on the Ancient Maya, including a song about Mayan traditions and beliefs. As part of their maths learning, the children performed a fantastic rap, demonstrating their expert knowledge of rounding numbers. For PSHE, Elizabeth Class described the ingredients for a positive, healthy relationship and performed a final song called 'Together', which was about being united as a class helps you have a joyful day. Well done to Miss McCaffrey and all of Elizabeth Class for a polished and superb performance.

School Elections

During our first weeks back, the children have been busy putting their democratic vote to good use and selecting our new Council Representatives (please see below). Congratulations to our newly elected officials.

Parent Workshops

It was such a pleasure to welcome 133 parents over the course of six days to our Parent Information Afternoons. It was a lovely opportunity to have a cup of tea, meet the teachers and chat about what the children will be learning this year and throughout this first half term.

It was wonderful to host our first Phonics Workshop for the term and we were really pleased that all our parents found it really beneficial.

It was very educational and shed more light on how to support my child.

Thank you, all of you for your help and support. It is really helpful and a joy to learn English with these kinds of stories and games.

This phonics workshop was great information for parents. Thank you for the workshop.

Very well presented and has provided me with a clear understanding on how to teach my child the phonics clearer.

Parents' Evenings

We were delighted to see so many parents and children attend Parents' Evening this week. It was lovely to chat and catch up with so many of you. Thank you to the Pupil Leadership Group; Rose and Freya and to our House Captains, Fraser, Yosha, Eril, Mason, Kalkidan, and Anaya for doing such a superb job welcoming our parents and helping on the stall with their fundraising activity.

Black History Month

This October we celebrated Black History Month. We launched our celebration with an assembly at the beginning of the month to introduce this year's theme, 'Reclaiming Narratives', an opportunity for untold stories to be told. With this in mind, we decided this year to focus on the achievements of black British poets and authors. Each year group focused on a different person and had the opportunity to find out more about their life story and enjoy some of the books and poems they have written. The authors and poets studied included: Nathan Byron, Floella Benjamin, Dapa Adeola, Davina Hamilton, Malorie Blackman, Swapna Haddow and Benjamin Zephaniah.



After half term, a whole school display of the work produced by the children will be created. We culminated the celebrations this week with a visit from Bigfoot Education. The children were introduced to Spirit and his friend Dani. Together they helped the children to consider what makes a hero a hero and what qualities people need to become heroes. Spirit shared a story about a hero from history called Claudia Jones who wanted to unite people at a time when people from the Caribbean had come over to England to settle and help rebuild Britain and were met with racism. Claudia's vision of unity eventually led to the creation of the now famous Notting Hill Carnival. Through music and dance and a lot of fun and laughter (from pupils and staff alike!!), the serious message of how amazing black men and women have helped shape our society in the past and those who continue to do so in the present was shared. It was such a fabulous way to finish our half term and our celebration of our Black History Month.

Harvest Donations



As part of our harvest celebrations at Danson, we were collecting for the Bexley Food Bank. The School Council have been busy bringing the donations to the hall and then helping to pack and load the vast amount of donations. Due to your wonderful generosity, we have had an amazing amount of donations that Bexley Foodbank were incredibly grateful for and will help their important work in supporting the local community. Thank you once again for your continued support.

House Winners

A big congratulations to Snowdon House who were awarded the most house points this term!!!

Maths Week

It has been such a busy half term which has been finished off in fantastic style with our Maths Week. Thank you so much to Mrs Beazley and Mr Ewen for organizing such an amazing week. I look forward to sharing more information when we return.

PTA Disco

We would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to our amazing PTA for organizing the school discos last Friday, which raised a fantastic £781! The time, dedication of the team to organize this event on top of your own parenting and work commitments is genuinely amazing and we know that there were many nights working until 2am preparing and organising. Thank you to the army of parent volunteers who were there on the night to help our 323 children who attended and danced the night away! You are an amazing team and we are so grateful!

Royal Correspondence

We were delighted to hear the news that one of our pupils, William, recently received a letter from The King!

William decided to write to His Majesty to invite him to visit Danson to see how wonderful the school is and view the fantastic work that the children have been doing.

The King found the time to write back to William and he has proudly shared his letter.



Highest attendance this term

Congratulations to **Owl Class** for having the best attendance of **98.2%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1, and to **Rowling Class** for having the best attendance of **98.6%** in Key Stage 2.

Best punctuality this term

Congratulations to **Elm and Oak Class** for having the best punctuality of **99.7%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1, and to **Barfield Class** for having the best punctuality of **99.7%** in Key Stage 2.

Please see below key dates for your diary of events and information until the end of our next half term.

It has been such a pleasure to hear the buzz of learning through the corridors this half term and to see the children share with excitement the learning that they have been doing. Thank you to the teachers for the work they do for our children and to you, our wonderful parents, for working in partnership with us. Have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you on 4th November.

L Casey & A Allen

Sporting Update

Congratulations to Elliot who was selected to represent Crystal Palace Football Club in the U11 tournament taking place in Germany. The team progressed to the knock-out stages, but unfortunately were eliminated on penalties. We are so proud to have you as an international Danson sporting ambassador!



Tallulah practiced every day after school and at weekends to prepare for her first competition and she received 1st place. She was then offered a place on the club squad team. She has then competed in the Ladies South East Region competition and earned 2nd place. Congratulations Tallulah!



Mr Corley's Sporting Update

As the new school year kicks off, children in Year 5 and 6 are buzzing with excitement about representing their school teams. We began the year with boys' and girls' football trials, attracting a record number of participants—it's wonderful to see sports thriving within our school community! We strive to accommodate as many children and offer them opportunities to play competitively.

So far this autumn term, over 40 children have proudly represented the school!

Boys' A Team

The Boys' A Team has started their defence of the BPSFA 7-a-side tournament with a qualifier at Danson. Competing against three other local schools, the boys excelled in a high-stakes environment, ultimately winning the qualifier and earning a spot in the finals at Burnt Oak Primary School.

The team performed remarkably, reaching the final without conceding a single goal. In a tense match against a strong Bedonwell side, the boys fought hard, but with just a couple of minutes left, Bedonwell scored, resulting in a 1-0 loss. They should be incredibly proud of their journey to the finals and are well-prepared to compete throughout the season. The A Squad is: Elliot M, Alex W-S, Hudson A, Denny T, Alfie C, Zachary D, Fletcher B, Mason L, Nelson L, Albie C, Ibrahim J.

Girls Team

The girls participated in their BPSFA Qualifier here at Danson. They demonstrated great teamwork and spirit, though they faced challenges, ending with two losses and one victory. Despite not qualifying for the finals, they created numerous chances and played with smiles on their faces. Their development will surely continue as they compete this season. The girls were: Imaani A, Eadie B, Meadow C, Hollie F, Evie K, Yosha S, Isobel S, Nellie W, Freya W, Lilly W.

Boys' B and C Teams

The Boys' B League kicked off with a tightly contested match against Hurst Primary School, ending in a 0-0 draw, with both goalkeepers delivering outstanding performances. The C Team provided an opportunity for players who may not typically participate in football outside of school. They triumphed in their match with a convincing 3-1 victory. B and C Squad is: Daley A, Bobby B, Reggie D, Fraser D, Archie F, Mason H, Nelson L, Charlie M, Teddy P, Hridaya R, Eril S, Eris S, Kritikesh S, Samridth S, Riley T, Oscar W.

All the children should take pride in representing their school and embodying our school values. A special thank you to Mr. Bowers for his support this season!

Pupil Leadership Group

Head Boy and Head Girl	Fletcher B	Rose K
Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl	Ahkyn B	Freya W

House Captains

Snowdon	Anaya K	Eiril S
Helvellyn	Talya O	Mason L
Ben Nevis	Yosha S	Samridh S
Slieve Donard	Kalkidan F	Fraser D

School Councillors

Darwin	Lola Anne L	Nelson L	Barfield	Eva K	Ronik-Ram P
Hawking	Ethan B	Eris S	Nightingale	Robin D	Nelly W
Franklin	Elliot M	Jake G	Shackleton	Corey W	Dolcie T
Henry	Aarush S	Nicole M	Pepys	Diego P	Emilia H
Victoria	Luke D	Meadow C	Owl	Eric W	Mya O
Elizabeth	Evie K	Matthew M	Robin	Chloe T	Lola G
Dahl	Pranish T	Bella F	Sparrow	Keisi Z	Frankie S
Rowling	Joshua W	Ivy G	Oak	Amelia H	Ralph S
Blackman	Ruby A	Sasha U	Ash	Oliver Vasile M	Margaret S
Kapoor	Sophia E	Ethan S	Elm	Lana L	Eren N
Brunel	Zara R	Vedanshi D			

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Darwin	Bailey G	Henry	Ameila-Rose N
Hawking	Sonia N	Victoria	Oliver N
Franklin	Fraser D	Elizabeth	Reign S

Sports Councillors

Darwin	Hudson A	Kapoor	Ethan W
Hawking	Lyla M	Brunel	Danielle J
Franklin	Yosha S	Barfield	Joshua G
Henry	Penelope C	Nightingale	Gabriel N
Victoria	Teddy P	Shackleton	Yevheniia A
Elizabeth	Thomas M	Pepys	Charlie S
Dahl	Miller A	Owl	Alfie S
Rowling	Hannah D	Robin	Miraya R
Blackman	Alice A	Sparrow	Daphne P

Eco Councillors

Darwin	Evelyn K	Kapoor	Costa P
Hawking	Nathan K	Brunel	Emilia W
Franklin	Freddie S	Barfield	Jack E
Henry	Amelia-Rose N	Nightingale	Anika J
Victoria	Eadie B	Shackleton	Isla T
Elizabeth	Elizabeth D	Pepys	Alexandra F
Dahl	Roman S	Owl	Connor M
Rowling	Matas K	Robin	Suleyman T
Blackman	Thomas A	Sparrow	Leonardo N



Key Messages



Safeguarding-Keeping Safe Online

The most important thing you can do is talk to your children about what they do online. Here are some tips on where to start.

Be curious: Ask about their favourite things to do online and take an interest in what they do.

Be proactive: Use things like news stories or television storylines to talk to children about what they would do if a similar issue happened to one of their friends.

Be sensitive: Use your experiences to talk about the things that might go wrong. And make sure they know they can talk to you if they're upset about something they've seen online.

Parental Controls

Parental controls are software and tools that can be installed on devices (and even home broadband) to filter content and control activities. They won't prevent children from seeing inappropriate content on other people's devices or at a friend's house, so it's still really important you talk to your children about what they may see online too.

If you need help setting up parental controls online, please contact the school and we will do our best to help you.

Online Apps

Please note that there are age restrictions on social media sites. WhatsApp age restriction is 16 years old. Snap chat age restriction is 13 years old. Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account.

Please be aware of what your children are accessing and who they are contacting via social media/games platforms.



Use of mobile devices/cameras

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

School Uniform

Trousers and school shorts are grey
Skirts and pinafores are green.
Culottes are not permitted.
Oversized bows in hair are not permitted.

Trainers are not permitted to be worn as a school shoe.

PE Uniform

White Polo Top/T-shirt
Danson green PE shorts
Plain black tracksuit bottoms
Danson PE top/Danson School jumper
Plain black or white trainers

Cycling shorts are not permitted
Coloured trainers are not permitted

Residents

When parking and queuing to come into school please be respectful of our neighbours' properties.



Scoters

Please ensure your child walks their scooters when on school site.

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.



Injury/Breakage

If your child has sustained a significant injury or bone breakage at home, they must be presented to the School Office with a parent/person designated by the parent to complete a Care Plan before they are reintegrated back into School. Failure to do this will result in your child not being able to attend School until this has been done.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November
Half Term

Tuesday 5th November
Yr R - Phonics Workshop

Thursday 14th November
Yr R – Maths Workshop

Friday 15th November
Children In Need

Friday 22nd November
Open Afternoon at 1.30pm

Friday 29th November
Parenting Workshop- Screentime Support

Last Day of Term 20th December
School Closes at 1.15pm



Christmas Event Dates



Thursday 5th December AM

Year 4 Carol Concert

Friday 6th December AM

Year 3 Carol Concert

Tuesday 10th December AM

Year 5 Carol Concert

Tuesday 10th December PM

Year 6 Carol Concert

Wednesday 11th December AM

Year 2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 11th December PM

Year 1 Nativity

Thursday 12th December AM

Year 1 Nativity

Thursday 12th December PM

Reception Nativity

Friday 13th December AM

Reception Nativity

Friday 13th December PM

Year 2 Carol Concert

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Pantomime

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Party