



Danson Primary School Online Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

Wow! What a strange and unusual week we have all had. We have for now, officially said goodbye to the old ways of teaching and learning and have embraced the new. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the teaching staff, because even in this unprecedented and difficult time, they have taken this challenge of virtual/home learning and gone full steam ahead to continue educating our 'wee people'. I cannot fully put into words my gratitude for the work you have done thus far. I would also like give a special word of thanks to Mrs Hunter, Miss Odd and Mr Manley for getting our virtual classrooms up and running and to the SLT, Mrs Stevens and the Office Staff for their coordination of tasks to get/keep us up and running. Thank you to all the staff at Danson for doing what you do best, finding ways to educate our children.

To our children, Danson pupils you have been A-MAZ-ING!! Your teachers have been so impressed with how you have been adapting to your online learning. It has been lovely to see the Key Stage 2 pupils responding to your teachers this week in Google Classrooms and today to have our EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils be able to comment in your classrooms, it has been just wonderful. The teachers have loved chatting to you this week and have given me a little write up of how the week has gone in your year group. Please see below. Keep doing what you're doing in your learning but **MOST** importantly keep supporting your parents at home by being helpful with chores and being kind to them and your siblings.

To our parents I want to say a HUGE well done for everything you have been doing with your children this week. I want to reiterate again **DON'T PANIC!** We will be there to help you as best we can every step of the way!! In this unprecedented time, we know pupils and families are worried. Please don't worry about getting all learning and tasks done. Make this a time about family, being together and looking after one another.

To our Key Worker parents, thank you for the sacrifices you are making to keep us safe, we are lucky to have you in our Danson family.

Please keep Winnie the Pooh in your mind. Keep social distancing, stay safe and look after yourselves.

Please have a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

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Nursery

Well done to the Butterflies and Ladybirds (and their grown ups) for completing our first week of online learning. Hopefully by next week we will all be more familiar with the process. It was lovely to be able to communicate with you today. It will be helpful to get your feedback concerning how you are finding the whole online learning experience.

I am pleased to hear that many of you are enjoying Bug Club and Numbots. Remember to keep practising your phonics. I look forward to hearing from you all on Monday.

Reception

Miss Monaghan, Mrs Malone and Mrs Duckworth are very pleased to see our Reception children logging into and using both Bug Club and NumBots. We hope they have enjoyed the learning tasks that have been set and have had a go at making some of the craft ideas that have been posted. It was extremely heart warming to read all of the positive comments that the children posted today, we are really looking forward to hearing from you all again on Monday!

Year 1

Mrs O'Hara, Miss McClelland and Mrs King are so proud of all the Year 1 children who have been carrying out their on line learning from home. We have enjoyed seeing how many of them have been logging in to Bug Club and Numbots every day and trying their hardest with their Maths and English learning . We hope that they have enjoyed the Creative Curriculum activities that have been given to choose from in the afternoon and have tried out some of the websites that we have directed them to over the week. It was wonderful to hear from the children on Friday when they were able to post comments in our classroom area, these made us smile and realise how lucky we are to be teaching such amazing children. We are looking forward to working with them again on Monday and reading all of their kind and thoughtful comments.

Year 2

Miss Wade, Miss McCulloch and Mrs Bonner are so proud of the children in Year 2 and the online learning has been really positive. The children have responded well to their tasks and it has been great seeing them using Bug Club, TTRS and Numbots every day. A particular highlight was being able to chat to our classes on Friday and find out about their wonderful learning this week. It made our day! We can't wait to talk to them again on Monday!
Well done everyone!

Year 3

Mrs Barton, Mrs Hunter, Mr Offer, Mrs Corley and Mrs Green are so incredibly proud of the Year 3 children who have been accessing the google classroom and commenting sensibly. We know that this is a completely different learning environment but we are so pleased to see so many of you completing your work to a high standard and encouraging other children to do so as well! Your positivity as a year group has been tremendous.

We have seen most children logging in and completing their home learning tasks which has been excellent. You have been engaged and enjoying the activities which is fantastic. It was beautiful to read all of the positive comments that the children posted today and to see how much work you have all completed. We really enjoyed the show and tell hour and can't wait to see your posts for it next week.

Year 4

Miss Odd, Mrs Stephens and Miss Landick are so proud of the Year 4 children who have been commenting sensibly in our Google classrooms. We have seen most children logging in and completing their home learning tasks which has been excellent. You have been engaged and enjoying the activities which is fantastic. Today, we really enjoyed the show and tell hour and can't wait to see your posts for it next week. A special well done to Blackman Class who won this week's Battle of the Bands on TTRS! We look forward to hearing from every child at some point next week.

Year 5

Miss Hickmott, Miss Sims and Mr Welsh have been so proud this week to see many children across Year 5 engaging with their learning through Google Classroom. In particular, we are proud of the sensible, kind and helpful comments that children are writing for each other. It is lovely to see! Today, we've absolutely loved seeing all of the posts of work that the children have completed throughout the week. Well done to you all for keeping your work to a high standard and putting the effort in. The TTRS battle with the teachers was also a highlight of the week. The teachers must do better next time! Well done Year 5; you're the champions! Lastly, a special mention goes to Victoria class who had 100% attendance on Google Classroom on Wednesday. Fantastic! We are all looking forward to hearing from every child next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6

Miss Sangani, Mrs Hui, Mr Liotta and Miss Jones are incredibly proud of all of Year 6. We have seen a level of maturity and resilience this week that has left us speechless. Children have established routines, responded fantastically to tasks set, helped their peers to navigate the new world of online learning and have been a pleasure to teach.

The daily contact and interactions have been amusing, joyful, emotional and even at times a little frustrating- just like a classroom and for that we thank you Year 6. You have given us a sense of normality too! Keep up all of the hard work and we look forward to next week's virtual learning!

PE

Mr Corley is so incredibly proud of all the children who have been accessing the google classroom. I know that this is a completely different learning environment but I'm so pleased to see so many of you completing your PE challenges, having fun and remaining active as a family.

Well done to all children who completed Joe Wicks PE daily and those who took part in Cosmic kids yoga for some active mindfulness. It's been great to hear from those of you that have taken part in the challenges and shared their scores and medals. Keep up the good work!