

Issue 19

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Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to cordially welcome you all back to Danson. During our first few weeks back, it has been lovely seeing the children in perfect uniform returning to school and being so excited 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!!

I would also like to give a special mention and welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children who have joined Danson. They have been absolutely fantastic during their induction days and have settled in beautifully. Congratulations to the Reception children in becoming more confident and independent each day when going into the canteen for lunch and learning the different routes in school. You are all stars and we are so proud of you!! Please see below an update from our Year Group Lead Miss Cownty and some of our new pupils:

The children have settled really well into Reception and have been getting to know their classrooms and external environments. They have enjoyed different mark making activities and practicing writing their name. The children have particularly loved painting their self-portraits as part of our 'Ourselves' topic and had lots of fun exploring the outdoor environments and meeting new friends in the other Reception classes.

Ela - Ash - 'I like this class. I sorted the pom poms black, white and sparkly here'.

Jonathan - Oak- 'I love creating my face using the paint'

Elis - Elm - 'I like building with the blocks. I made my house'.



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 September to reflect on our first value-*Kindness* and how we 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 really was such a lovely activity to behold. Please see below how our children coloured Danson with kindness.

On Friday our 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 have been tricky and to celebrate the effort, resilience and determination that everyone is making. Well done everyone!

It was such a pleasure to welcome Year 1 - 6 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. The presentations from the meetings have been shared with you and will be available on the website in the next couple of weeks. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception Parents in for our stay and play session next week.

Year 6 Residential

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupil and staff on completing (and surviving!) our residential trip this week. There were lots of stories, smiles and adventures shared when the children got off the coach on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to Mr Tupper and the staff team enabling the children to have such a fantastic time!

I was so proud of the Year 6 children who remained in school last week, you were an absolute credit to your parents and to us as school as you completed local visits to Welling Library, Danson Park and were the first children to use our MUGA pitch. Well done everyone!

Sporting Update

At Danson we have started off the busy schedule of school sport with the football teams taking part in early season competitions. Year 6 girls took part in their first Tag Rugby festival of the season. I look forward to updating you throughout the year on the progress that Danson makes in our school sports.

Girls' Football

Congratulations to the girls' team who qualified for the final stage of the Bexley Schools tournament. Winning comfortably against Uplands. The team played for the first time this season, they played some wonderful football sharing the goals throughout the team. Congratulations to Katie C who has been made captain of the team.

Team - Katie C, Lexi C, Sadie P, Harley P, Darcy P, Elsie S, Nancy W Eliza B, Joanna J.

Girls' Tag Rugby Festival

Well done to the first set of girls selected for the Tag rugby festival held at Sidcup RC. The team who for many were playing tag rugby for the first time showed a great team spirit and determination throughout the festival. Scores were not recorded at the festival but the girls played very well during all the matches.

Team - Eliza B, Katie C, Lexi C, Lakisha G, Jia H, Isla H, Jasbir J, Emilia K, Anya M, Zoey M, Sonia N, Darcy P.

Boys' Football

The week finished off with boys trying to progress through to the final stage of the Bexley Schools tournament. Danson faced two local teams in St Stephens and Fosters. Danson won both matches progressing through to the Bexley finals. Congratulations to the team who showed real quality during the matches and used all the Danson values throughout the competition. Congratulations Harry B who will be captain of the team this year.

Team - Harry B, Cooper R, George W, Louis K, Billy F, William B, Frankie H, Archie F.

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 and I look forward to sharing our new House Captains and Pupil Leadership Group in my next newsletter.

Family Liaison Officer

Miss Bell our Family Liaison Officer has enjoyed being out on the gates these past weeks to meet you, she is looking forward to running some coffee mornings later this term.

Our New Environments

I am delighted to share that the new additions to our school environment have now all been completed. We have some fantastic wall art inside the building to support the children with their learning and growth mindset. We opened our new MUGA (Multi Use Games Activity) playground to our Year 6 pupils last week. Our playground markings and new seating has also been installed and I look forward to the children accessing our Adventure Area in the next couple of weeks.

Online Learning Platforms

Children should again have access to their Google Classrooms, Bedrock (KS2) TTRS (KS2), and Numbots (Reception and KS1). All children should have access to our new online program 'My Maths'. If you have any difficulties logging on please let your class teacher know.

We have had such a happy and busy few weeks back and I can't believe how quickly September has gone. As we enter October and the next couple of weeks, we know that everyone might feeling a bit tired being back into the full swing of being back to school. There may be some tears (and that's just from the staff (3)), but please don't worry! It is just our little ones adjusting to their new classes, teachers, routines and expectations. They are finding their feet, testing boundaries and properly getting back into the swing of school. As always, we will get there together as a Danson family.

Please see below key dates for your diary of events and information until the end of half term. We will be celebrating Black History month in our last two weeks of term and Maths week during our first week back. As discussed in our Parent Information Afternoons if you would like contribute to our celebrations please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child get back into the swing of things with our drop and go arrangements in the morning. As always, please remember that you must ensure your child is presented to a member of staff and crosses the school gate threshold onto school site.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

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School Councillors

School Councillors			
Class	Name		
Ash	Aliya Bajwa	George Turner	
Oak	Isabelle Kempton	Jonathan Milkov	
Elm	Alfie Shutt	Cara Sams-Wadhams	
Robin	Yevheniia Antonenko	Michael Underwood	
Sparrow	Anisah Olalekan	Archie Hicks	
Owl	Anika Jagdev	Said Khamidov	
Nightingale	Emilia Wilkinson	Louis Low	
Pepys	Freddie Hanham	Elsie Smith	
Shackleton	Faith Hay	Stanley Gilliver	
Barfield	Isla Mackie	Amelia Tran	
Brunel	Alexia Chown	Matas Kulbis	

School Councillors			
Class	Name		
Kapoor	Thomas Abrahams	Eleanor Cobb-Dean	
Blackman	Nicholas Kablanovs	Nellie Wilson	
Rowling	Dara Feyisetan	Le'von Njeru	
Dahl	Jonah Simpson	Polina Butko	
Elizabeth	Arissa Akhtar	Alexander White-Stone	
Victoria	Samridh Sitaula	Lilly Wood	
Henry	George Carter	Imaani Ahmed	
Franklin	George Windham	Elsie Scotter	
Hawking	Bradley Cook	Anya Man	
Darwin	George Kennard	Asees Kohli	

Sports Councillors

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	Year 1				
Class	Sparrow	Robin	Owl		
Name	Ella	Elsie	Robin		
	Year 2				
Class	Shackleton	Pepys	Nightingale		
Name	Bray	Isa	Arya		
	Year 3				
Class	Barfield	Brunel	Kapoor		
Name	Roman	Rae	Alara		

	Sports Councillors				
	Year 4				
Class	Dahl	Blackman	Rowling		
Name	George	Kristen	Manreet		
	Year 5				
Class	Elizabeth	Henry	Victoria		
Name	Hollie	Fletcher	Alfie		
	Year 6				
Class	Darwin	Hawking	Frankin		
Name	Lorenzo	Arya	Harley		

Eco Councillors

Eco-Councillors		
Class	Name of child	
Year 1	Eason Luc	
Year 2	Lilly Parker	
Year 3 - Kapoor	Ruby Adekunle- Johnson	
Year 3 - Barfield	Cataleya Hulbert	
Year 3 - Brunel	Leo Lopez	
Year 4 - Blackman	Archie Smith	
Year 4 - Rowling	Eva Christoforou	
Year 4 - Dahl	Matthew Mao	
Year 5 - Elizabeth	Viraaj Singh	
Year 5 - Henry	Yosha Sen	
Year 5 - Victoria	Freya Windham	
Year 6 - Hawking	James Ward	
Year 6 - Franklin	Zachary Cobb-Dean	
Year 6 - Darwin	Emilia Kafarova	

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

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Year 4			
Class	Dahl	Blackman	Rowling
Name	Reign Sarpong	Oliver Nightingale	Amelia-Rose Nelson- Sinclair
Year 5			
Class	Elizabeth	Henry	Victoria
Name	Sonia Nyerritseva	Fraser Duhan	Bailey Garner
Year 6			
Class	Darwin	Hawking	Frankin
Name	Zoe Man	Micky Cornford	Sonya Das



Key Messages



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/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.

Safeguarding-E-Safety

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.

School Uniform

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

<u>Trainers are not permitted to be worn as a school</u> 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**

Scooters Please ensure your child walks their scooters when

on school site.



Sickness

If your child has had sickness and diarrhoea they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last event.

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.



Residents

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





Mon 2nd -Thurs 5th October **Reception Stay and Play**

Monday 2nd October Guide Dog Assemblies

Wednesday 4th October **Rowling Assembly**

Wednesday 11th October Flu Immunisations-YrR-Yr6

Thursday 12th October Blackman Assembly

Friday 13th October **Individual Photos**

Tuesday 17th October

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18th October Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th October Bexley Citizenship Talk (Yr 6)

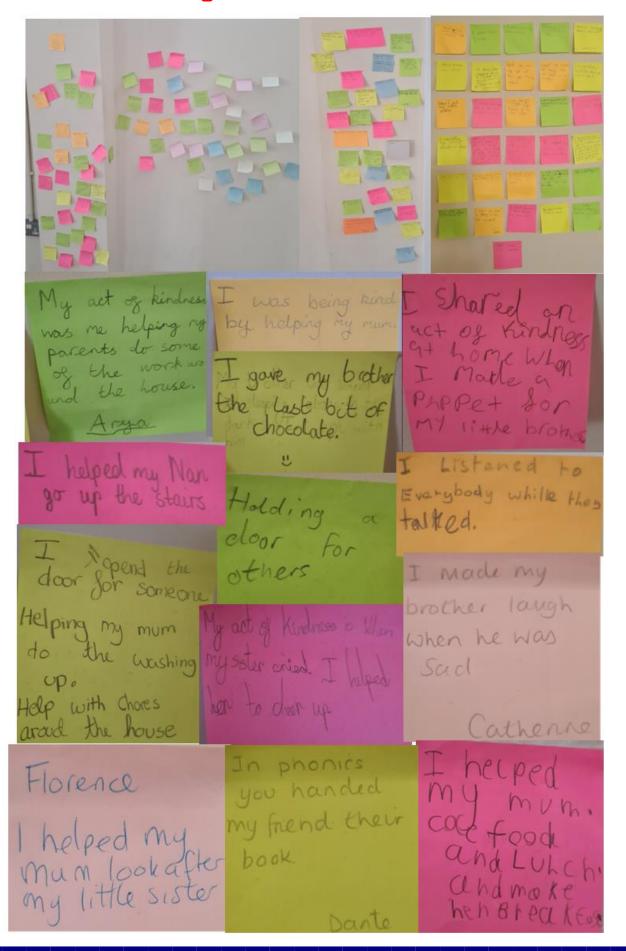
> 20th October **Non-Uniform Day**

Last Day of Term 20th October

W/C 30th October **Maths Week**



Colouring Danson with Kindness



Our New Environments





