



Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been another busy couple of weeks at Danson.



On Wednesday 21st June we were delighted to welcome Mrs Miller, who is a grandparent of two of our children, to our Key Stage 2 assemblies to mark and celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Windrush Generation. Mrs Miller kindly shared her personal connections with the Windrush generation as well as introducing the children to some key figures including Anthony Browne, Professor Dame Donna Kinnair and Roy Hackett, explaining the significance of their contributions. The children were so engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the assemblies. Thank you to Mrs Miller for being our guest speaker and to Miss Sims for organising the assemblies. Please see more information below.

On Friday 23rd June our Year 6 girls and boys took part in a local community rugby tournament and we had trophy success!! Congratulations to our boys' team who came 1st and to our girls' team who came 3rd in their competitions. You were all outstanding sporting ambassadors for Danson. A special thank you to our parents for taking the children to the competition.

Congratulations to the Swimming Gala team on their incredible performance at the Swimming Gala on Thursday 22nd, held at Crook Log Leisure Centre. The standard of swimming was really high but all the Danson children showed great character and determination. I'm pleased to say Danson were the overall winners scoring over 90 points setting a new school record for the highest points tally the school has achieved.

Swimming team : Jeanelle A, Nuno A, Elizabeth C, Ella C, Darcy E, Mia F, George H, Aliona H, Daisy L, Daniel M, Maria M, Chloe M, Lucy PG, Teodor P, Buddy P, Sashwath P, Zaid S, Noah S, Ayla S, Sam S, Matei T, Hannah W Ryan A.

You would have previously seen a letter from Mrs Allen about improving attendance in school. We are so pleased that children have been doing their very best to come into school every day unless they are really poorly.

On 15th July Achilles and Mrs Allen will be holding a special attendance assembly to celebrate exceptional attendance across the school year. Those children who have achieved this will spend the afternoon with Achilles making an agility course for him and training him to use this, followed by squash and cake in the hall.

This week we have had an absolutely fabulous jam-packed sports week, so much so it will take two newsletters to tell you all about it! It was a pleasure to see so many parents, grandparents, siblings and relations celebrating with their children as they completed their sports days. We have received so many lovely comments, both in person and email. Please see below some information from each of our year groups, sharing a little bit of what they have been up to this week. I must give a HUGE shout out to Mr Corley. Thank you so much for organising such a wonderful week of events for the children, and for the fantastic sports days we have experienced this week.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating.

Mrs Casey



Windrush-75



The 22nd June 2023 represents 75 years since the HMT Empire Windrush docked in Tilbury, Essex bringing with it passengers from the Caribbean who came, invited by the British government, to fill labour shortages and help rebuild post-war Britain. The arrival of Empire Windrush became a symbol of mass migration and its passengers, along with many other arrivals to the UK between 1948 and 1971, became known as the Windrush generation. This week, the children in Key Stage 2 have been learning about the Windrush generation, why they came to Britain, how they were treated and the contributions that they have made to British society.

We began the week with some work in class to give the children some historical context. This led up to a live online event broadcast from the National Archives in the afternoon. This event featured Baroness Floella Benjamin, who shared her personal experience of arriving in the UK from her birth country of Trinidad. She explained what the journey was like for her as a child and shared some personal memories.

On Wednesday, we were very lucky to have Mrs Miller, a grandparent of two of our children, come in to deliver assemblies to Key Stage 2. She kindly shared her personal connections with the Windrush generation as well as introducing the children to some key figures including Anthony Browne, Professor Dame Donna Kinnair and Roy Hackett, explaining the significance of their contributions.

We ended the assembly reflecting on what we could learn from the Windrush generation and the importance of valuing difference. The children enjoyed interacting with Mrs Miller and being introduced to Caribbean culture including the music of Lord Kitchener and Bob Marley.



Tag Rugby Festivals

Congratulations to the Tag Rugby team who competed in the recent Tag Rugby festival at Dartfordians. Throughout the year both boys and girls from year 6 have had the opportunity to take part in various Tag Rugby festivals.

The festival in June was a competition involving local schools. Both the boys' and girls' teams did really well, with the girls finishing overall 3rd place with a record of L2 W1. Thank you to Miss Bennett for taking the team.

The boys finished in 1st place with a record of W3 D1 L0. Both teams represented the school in a fantastic manner. I would also like to thank Miss Casey who supported both teams throughout the day.

Girls' team : Jeanelle A Ella C, Darcy E, Natalie K, Belle KP, Nanci MC, Lucy PG, Alara T, Hannah W, Evie W.

Boys' team : Ryan A, Nuno AH, Archie B, Lennie B, Mason F, Sam S, Joe T, Freddie M.



Sports Week at Danson

It has been fantastic to see the children across the school being active and experiencing a wide range of activities delivered by specialist coaches. I would like to thank the teachers and staff for their continued support and Mrs Casey and Mrs Allen, who continue to believe in the importance of P.E. Finally, the children who have been amazing this week and who are a credit to the school.

Mr Corley

Year 6

It has been a busy week in Year 6 this week! The children have been very lucky to experience a range of different activities starting with Rugby. It was great to see so many children get involved and receive support from a trained rugby coach: an opportunity many of the children appreciated. The children attended a smoothie workshop in the canteen where they each had a turn on the 'Smoothie bike' to blend their smoothies. The workshop also involved discussion around the importance of healthy eating and at the end of it the children were able to taste their creations; they were delicious! Sports day was a huge success and it was lovely to see the children get stuck in on their last sports day at Danson. They should all be very proud of their efforts. To end the week, Year 6 had a game of rounders on the field and completed their fundraising event for our charity 'Guide Dogs UK'. Thank you to everyone who sponsored their children. They did extremely well and you could see they showed a huge amount of consideration for individuals who have vision impairments. Darwin were the first of the classes who attended their Danson Park Adventure. They took part in a range of water sports which included: kayaking, sailing and bell boating. Again, this was another hit with the Year 6 children who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Hawking and Franklin had their Danson Park Adventure on Friday which again was enjoyed by all. Overall, I am sure the children would agree, it has been a fantastic week full of amazing sporting activities.



Miss Williamson and the Year 6 Team

Year 5

During Sports Week in Year five, the children have participated in many sporting activities. On Monday, the children learnt about the importance of staying active and they played some team and individual fitness games with coaches from Charlton Athletic. These games were good in allowing the children to all be active at once, allowing them all to be involved and enjoy the activities. Furthermore, on Monday the children were able to practice the three areas of cricket: batting, fielding and bowling. This allowed the children to work on their hand-eye co-ordination and teamwork skills to stop the other team from scoring runs. Tuesday was sports day for the children where they were able to show off their sporting capabilities to their parents and carers and cheer on their house mates. On Thursday, the children were more classroom-based as they looked at what makes a healthy diet and a sporting role model. The children were able to discuss the different food groups and their benefits as well as make their own smoothies using an exercise bike. Later, the children spoke about their sporting heroes, from Usain Bolt to Lionel Messi, and how they are experts within their sport as well as how they promote sportsmanship. On Friday, the children took part in archery which for many children was a first! Finally, they took part in fundraising for the charity Guide Dogs. For this, the children took part in a blindfolded rope race and obstacle course. This allowed the children to learn about the importance of guide dogs for those with visual impairments. Overall, the children had a fun-filled week where they were able to build on and learn new skills.



Miss Warner and the Year 5 Team

Year 4

During Sports Week this week, Year 4 have had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities to keep them active and engaged. From the aerobics in the morning, it has been brilliant to see so many of them joining in and starting the day being active, ready for their learning. We had Charlton work with us on Monday, doing a variety of team building games and active sports. Then on Tuesday was our wonderful sports day where everyone gave their all and everyone showed tremendous sportsmanship and respect. On Thursday, all classes took part in cricket and the enjoyment was visible on all their faces. Friday started off with the children doing their blind-fold challenges on the field and finished the wonderful week with some archery. It has been such a busy, fun-filled active week and everyone in Year 4 have entered into all the different sports with the right attitude and commitment. Well done Year 4!



Mr Heath and the Year 4 Team

Year 3

Year 3 have had a great time trying out all sorts of different activities during Sports Week! We started the week by spending time being active with members of the Charlton Community Trust. Later on, we had a go at working with our partner to practise quick reflexes, which you definitely need in rugby! We loved chasing each other when playing Capture the Tail! During our cricket session, we learnt about and practised the three elements of cricket: fielding, throwing and batting. At first, we had to work together, but then we had a go at playing individually. Lots of us got the maximum 10 points for hitting the ball to the furthest point! Our sports day was a big success and we loved showcasing all we have learnt in P.E to our parents and carers who came to see us!



Miss Deeben and the Year 3 Team

Year 2

We have had an incredibly exciting and engaging Sports Week in Year 2. Our week started off with a fun football workshop With Charlton, where the children were able to showcase their brilliant skills. After that, we had a cracking cricket workshop where we learned the key skills needed to play the game. Later on in the week, all of the children had an opportunity to practise some peaceful yoga as well as express themselves with some energetic dancing. The culmination of Year 2's Sports Week was our Sports day. All the children were able to participate in a range of events that they had been working on in their P.E. lessons, displaying different skills such as teamwork, coordination and balance. Finally, our week ended with our charity fundraiser for Guide Dogs event, where we navigated an obstacle course using blindfolds!



Mr Alexis and the Year 2 Team

Year 1

This week, Year 1 has been involved in lots of activities! We had so much fun at sports day, cheering each other on, supporting our teams as well as our whole class and having fun being active too. On Thursday, we attended some dance lessons where we pretended to be some animals, exploring different movements and levels to move around the hall. We really enjoyed acting out as monkeys and lions within our dance movements! For this year's charity, Guide Dogs, we did a blindfolded obstacle course on Friday, guiding each other around cones and helping our partner to bowl a ball. We found Yoga very exciting too, learning new breathing techniques and poses that we could do to stress and strengthen our bodies in a different kind of exercise. We finished off our week learning some cricket skills, which was new for lots of us! We have really enjoyed this week, a massive thank you to all the adults for your support!



Miss Thornton and the Year 1 Team

Year R

Reception has had a fantastic time getting involved in Sports Week. We have thoroughly enjoyed being active, getting sporty and learning all about why exercise is important. We have particularly enjoyed the different sports sessions that we have had. We enjoyed our yoga session, where we practised different stretches. It was great to get moving in dance and show off our moves. We had so much fun during sports day on the field and it was great to take part in all the activities. We all loved cheering on our friends for the running races and seeing all of our family there to watch us. We especially loved watching the Mums' and Dads' race! We finished the week with our fundraising activity raising money for guide dogs which was brilliant fun.



Miss Cownty and the Year R Team

Nursery

Unfortunately, the Nursery Sports Day was cancelled due to the weather, but this has been rescheduled for next week.



Key Messages



Highest attendance this week

Congratulations to **Year 1** for having the best attendance of **95.8%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Year 3** for having the best attendance of **96.4%** in Key Stage 2.

Best punctuality this week

Congratulations to **Year 2** for having the best punctuality in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Year 3** for having the best punctuality in Key Stage 2.

Let's try our best to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality until the end of the year

Dates for your diary



6th July-Nursery rescheduled Sports Day at 11am

12th July-School Reports electronically emailed

13th July-Pre-loved uniform sale in the School Hall at 2:30pm

18th July-Year 6 production at Bexley Grammar School at 6pm

20th July-Year 6 Leavers' Celebration at 1:30pm

21st July-Last day of term – 1:15pm finish



Summer Weather

Please ensure that your child wears their cap and has their water bottle in school during the warmer weather. Sun protection should be applied before school every morning.

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'

