



Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been another busy time at Danson since my newsletter. Firstly I would like to congratulate the girls' tag rugby team for another stellar round of games during their last competition. Please see the update below:

It was great to see the year 6 girls enjoying the Tag Rugby festival hosted by Dartfordians. The girls who have regularly attended a lunchtime club promoting girls rugby with Miss Casey and Mr Corley. The girls played four matches winning them all but more importantly they showed great collaboration, teamwork and school values throughout the festival. HUGE congratulations to the team for all your hard work. Well done to Penelope, Crystal, Itihaa, Grace, Victoria, Emily, Isabella, Lilly-Mae, and Esinam.



NSPCC



Number
Day 2022

On Friday 4th February 2022, our Danson family took part in NSPCC Number Day. We supported the NSPCC as it is a very important charity to our school community. The NSPCC supports children and families all over the UK by protecting children, preventing abuse and changing society for the future.

Danson promotes the NSPCC's learning programme, *Speak out Stay safe*, through PSHE lessons, assemblies and our school ethos. This helps children to feel empowered and that they know how they can speak out about worries and how to stay safe. One theme of the day was 'dressing up for digits' which everybody got involved in and donated £2 to raise funds for the NSPCC.



Children in KS2 took part in a nationwide times tables battle on TTRS. The top three players in our school were David from Victoria, Anaya from Brunel and Maria from Elizabeth! Fantastic effort and well done to everybody who took part!



This year, we combined our PSHE learning with maths and took on a challenge posed by Buddy (the NSPCC mascot). Children worked in groups to solve maths problems in order to earn part of a puzzle. When children had tackled all the activities, they found out the puzzle pieces made a special key! There were other fun maths activities, including games linked to NumBots, TTRS battles, maths bingo and musical numbers. Children all across school worked really hard on their collaboration and resilience skills and had a fantastic, fun time; friends and family sponsored children to complete their maths challenges and we raised even more money!



Thank you so much to Mrs Beazley our Maths Subject Leader for organising such a successful event!



On **Tuesday 8th February** Danson joined schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2022**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

We would also like to invite you to attend a free workshop on Tuesday 26th April at 6pm. It will last approximately one hour. The link below will give you more information about the event and enable you to sign up. The workshop received fantastic feedback from the Parents and Carers in attendance last year.

[April 26th Online Safety Workshop Sign Up Form](#)

Thank you so much to Mr Tupper and Miss Jones from the Computing and Online Safety Teams for organising such a fantastic day to raise awareness of the importance of internet safety.

Learning Together at School-Week beginning 28th February 2022

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been reading a new story book every day and completing activities linked to that story. We collected sticks for the Stick Man and discussed what we could use our special sticks for. We had our very own special tea party for the Tiger who Came to Tea and wrote out invitations. We got to dress up as our favourite book characters and shared a selection of our favourite stories during circle time.

Year 1

We have had a great week of learning in year 1. In creative curriculum this week, we were learning about the history of flight. We looked at some of the first aeroplanes that were built and looked at how they changed. We then watched a video of the first moon landing. We were amazed to see Neil Armstrong walking on the moon! We then drew some lovely pictures and wrote about this significant event. In English, we have been reading the story 'Zog'. We pretended to be Zog and wrote a letter to Madame Dragon to thank her for making Dragon School the best!

Year 2

This week in maths, we have been subtracting to find change from 50p and £1. In English, we have been reading the story "Vlad and the Florence Nightingale Adventure". Children have been great at using adjectives to describe pictures and role-playing character encounters and using exclamations and questions to make their writing more interesting for their readers

Year 3

It has been another amazing week of learning across Year 3. We have been developing our understanding of measuring lengths in mm, cm and mm and even applied our learning when answering a range of word problems. In English we have continued learning all about blue whales. We have been using precise adjectives to describe their appearance and using adverbs to describe how they migrate between the North Pole and the equator. In our creative curriculum lesson, we focused on identifying the different parts of a mountain. We were really intrigued to find out that the words summit and peak do not mean the same thing! Feel free to ask us the difference; we would love to tell you!

Year 4

We have had a fantastic week of learning in Year 4. In Maths, we have gone fraction crazy! We have spent the week looking at equivalent fractions and using bar models to supplement us with our learning. Also, we have looked at subtracting and adding fractions with the same denominator. In English, we have been carrying on with our story 'When the giant stirred' and have been mastering the art of using inverted commas. In Science, we have started our new topic, animals including humans and in Creative Curriculum, we have carried on learning about the Tudors.

Year 5

The highlight of Year 5's week has been their Ancient Egyptian day. We were so impressed with the efforts made in their costumes for the day and it really helped to immerse them in the experience. Throughout the day, the children were engaged in lots of activities about Ancient Egypt, including the gory details of mummification! We certainly discovered some talented performers! In our English this week, we have explored alternative fairy tales and have begun considering how we can create our own version of Snow White. In maths, the children are now fraction experts at finding the lowest common denominator when adding and subtracting fractions and simplifying the answer.

Year 6

It's been an action-packed week of learning in Year 6! In English, we have been working with Andrew Matthews' version of Shakespeare's Macbeth. This week, we wrote a broadsheet newspaper report about the death of King Duncan. After, we worked collaboratively at different editing and up-levelling stations to make sure that our report was written to our best standard! In science, we wrote a biography aimed at children our age about the life of the famous naturalist, geologist and biologist called Charles Darwin. In creative curriculum, we compared life in ancient Athens to that in ancient Sparta. We then held a debate about which ancient Greek city state would have been best to live in.



Danson's Book Day Celebrations



It has been a fun week of celebrating reading at Danson! The staff and children loved bringing in their favourite book to share with their class - popular choices being books from the Harry Potter series, many of the Roald Dahl texts, funny stories and books about animals. There was a real buzz throughout the school as children were so excited to share their book and talk about their reading. Teachers used their storytelling skills to bring a well-known and loved story to life for their class, including classic fairytales and fables. The children were eager to get involved, by acting out scenes and using puppets to recreate the action!

In EYFS, children enjoyed circle time and sharing their favourite characters and parts of stories and in KS1, children have been given even more time to read out loud with their partner and retell parts of their favourite texts. In KS2, children have valued some extra independent reading time and shared their book recommendations with others, making links and connections with other similar books in their wider reading.



Throughout the week, all pupils have been taking part in 'Ready, Steady, Read!', an Usborne sponsored reading event. We would like to say a huge well done to all the pupils who managed to read more than they usually do. Every minute matters as you grow in confidence and fluency with your reading and, of course, you learn and have lots of fun along the way! We hope you continue to make sure you read every day at home for ten minutes or more! **The sponsorship form can be handed into your class teacher and the money raised should be brought into school on Friday 11th please.**

On Thursday, the canteen served up a special World Book Day treat - Alice in Wonderland style! We enjoyed the Queen of Hearts cookies enormously! Thank you to The Contract Dining Company for helping us to become even more immersed in the day.



On Friday, it was costume day and what a great range of book characters we had this year! It was wonderful to see children and staff dressed up as their favourites including Mary Poppins, Fantastic Mr Fox, Harry Potter and The Cat in the Hat. Children were awarded certificates for the best costumes in each class; the names and photographs will be featured in our 'World Book Day Reflection' in three weeks' time, along with the winners of the competitions and the results of our sponsored reading event.



Thank you to Mrs Hickmott-Maurice, our English Leader for organising such a wonderful Book Day!

WOW!! WHAT A BUSY, FUN-FILLED TIME WE HAVE WITH OUR LEARNING IN DANSON!!

It makes me so proud to see the fun, enjoyment, effort, determination and resilience of both the children and the staff in having such wonderful broad and balanced curriculum experiences.

As I write my last newsletter before beginning maternity leave, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Danson Family for your lovely messages and best wishes. It will be strange not arriving at the school gates on Monday. I will miss the children so much, it will definitely take some getting used to not seeing their smiling faces and hearing the buzz of learning in the corridors.

Wishing you all (for the last time for a little while) a fantastic week and as always take care and stay safe.

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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 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.

Key Messages

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 are grey

Skirts and pinafores are green.

Oversized bows in hair are not permitted.

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



Sickness

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

Scooters

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.



Parent/Teacher Evening

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Date	21.03.22	22.03.22	23.03.22	24.03.22	25.03.22
Appointments Times	1:30pm-3:30pm	1:30pm-3:30pm	3:30pm- 6:40pm	1:30pm-3:30pm	1:30pm-3:30pm
Year Group	6	5	Nursery, Reception, 1,2,3,4,5,6	4	3
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Date	28.03.22	29.03.22	30.03.22	31.03.22	01.04.22
Appointments Times	1:30pm-3:30pm	1:30pm-3:30pm	1:00pm-3:00pm	8:30am-10:30am	12:30pm-2:00pm
Year Group	2	1	Reception	Nursery	Nursery

Open Day - Thursday 31st March and Friday 1st April 1.30pm – 3.p

Spring Sing - Year 3, 4, and 5

	Monday 21.03.22	Tuesday 22.03.22	Wednesday 23.03.22	Thursday 24.03.22	Friday 25.03.22
Year 3	9:15-9:45 (lead class- Barfield)	9:15-9:45 (lead class- Kapoor)	9:15-9:45 (lead class- Brunel)		
Year 4	2:30-3:00 (lead class- Dahl)	2:30-3:00 (lead class- Blackman)	2:30-3:00 (lead class- Rowling)		
EASTER HOLIDAY					
	Monday 18.04.22	Tuesday 19.04.22	Wednesday 20.04.22	Thursday 21.04.22	Friday 22.04.22
Year 5			9:15-9:45 (lead class- Henry)	9:15-9:45 (lead class- Victoria)	9:15-9:45 (lead class- Elizabeth)