



Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

We have had a jam packed half term and it seems to have gone so quickly!! I look forward to sharing below just a little snippet about what our wonderful children have been up to.

Parents' Evening

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our Parents' Evening last week. It was lovely chatting about how your child has been progressing this year and what they have enjoyed so far in their learning journey. Thank you to our teachers and premises staff for being here for our two later evenings.

Themed Weeks

The spring term proved to be a hive of activity for our themed weeks. We launched with our Book Week and Book Fair which proved to be a roaring success!! I would like to give a special mention to our Book Fair Enterprise Team who were absolutely fantastic throughout the week, we are so proud of you! Thank you for being amazing Danson ambassadors! Thank you to Mrs Stephens for organising our week and ensuring the school's love of reading goes from strength to strength! (Please see attached the book week newsletter).

During our final week at school the children have been enjoying our Science Week activities linked to the theme of 'changing and adapting' and have been exploring how science has changed and adapted over time. Thank you to Mr Welsh and Mrs McLaren for organising such a successful week and to our Parent STEM ambassadors who visited classes to share how they use science in their world of work. Mr Welsh is looking forward to sharing our science newsletter after the Easter break.

I am delighted to announce that our school is officially a my Happymind Bronze accredited school!! This award recognizes the work that we are doing within our curriculum and taking real action to improve the mental health and well-being of the school community. I would like to thank all the parents who provided feedback about the programme which supported our application.

I would also like to thank Miss Herdecka, Miss Bell and the entire staff team who have helped us achieve this award!



Class Assemblies

Kapoor Class Assembly

Kapoor Class shared their love of learning through a spectacular assembly. The class went on a bus journey showcasing all of the wonderful places they have been learning about. The class travelled from the Angel of the North all the way down to Stonehenge, the music was delightful and the children demonstrated how amazing they are!



Nightingale Class Assembly

Nightingale performed their fantastic assembly to the parents showcasing everything that they have learnt this year. They covered a range of topics including the Great Fire of London, Poles Apart and expanded noun phrases. They explained clearly everything that they learnt through songs, finishing off with Dance Monkey using sign language.



Shackleton Class Assembly

Shackleton put on an amazing assembly for the parents where they talked about their learning in History, Geography, Maths and English using songs and narration. They finished it off with their performance of Fight Song using sign language.



Safer Schools-Working with our Local Community Police Team

Cyberbullying Assembly

On Friday 28th March, Year 5 had a visit from our local policewoman PC Rosaleen who came into Danson and spoke with the children about cyberbullying and how to keep safe online. She spoke about the law regarding social media and talked through different scenarios and asked the children what they should do if ever they found themselves in these particular situations. The children were very engaged and asked some excellent questions and were also very well behaved. Well done Year 5!

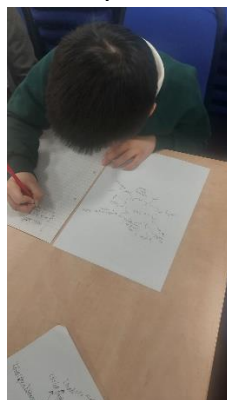
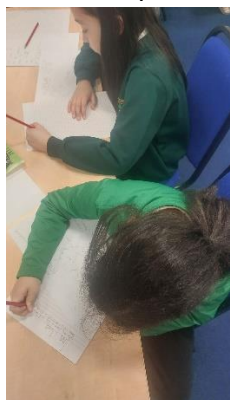
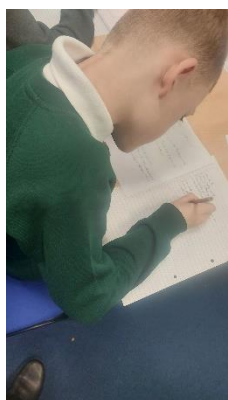
Hate Crime Assembly

On Monday 31st March, PC Rosaleen again came into Danson and spoke with the children from Year 6 in the assembly hall about hate crime. She explained to the children what a hate crime is and the impact it can have on people when one has been committed. She explained what can happen if this type of crime is committed and what the consequences can be. The children were very interested in what PC Rosaleen had to say and had some very good questions for her.

Enrichment at Danson

I Can Writing Day

Children from Years 3,4 and 5 travelled by bus to Central Library, Bexleyheath to take part in an 'I CAN' writing workshop. This was run by the well-known poet, Neal Zetter. During the day, the children participated in some fun, interactive readings of some of his poems. They were able to develop their creativity by writing their own personification poems, which they wrote from the perspective of a book. With children from other schools, they worked together to write and perform some brilliant group rhyming poems. The day was a fantastic and inspirational experience for everyone involved.



Reception Farm Visit

What an amazing visit the Reception children had from Rocky's Animals. They had the chance to hold a variety of different animals such as a tree frog, pygmy hedgehog and a tortoise. The children got to learn about what the animals need to survive and how they adapt to different environments. The goats were so nosy and hungry! The children all had the chance to feed them some carrots. This visit really helped the children expand on their prior knowledge from their topic on animals last half term.



Year 4 Trip to Lesnes Abbey

On Wednesday and Thursday, Year 4 had the fantastic opportunity to visit the wonderful Lesnes Abbey. During our time there, we explored the fascinating world of the Vikings, learning about how they lived and what they ate. We discovered the old Norse language and the significance of runes, which were used to form the Viking language. It was intriguing to find out that some cities we know today have names that date back to the Viking era, and we learned how the suffix of a name can indicate whether a city had been fortified or was primarily farmland.

One of the highlights of our visit was discovering how the Vikings made fire and baked bread, experiencing first-hand how different their methods were from our own modern-day baking techniques. In the other half of the day, we enjoyed re-enacting the various battles between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings, learning how they eventually negotiated a treaty that allowed them to rule different parts of England together.

Overall, our adventure at Lesnes Abbey was a truly amazing day filled with fun under the sun. We absorbed a wealth of knowledge about the Vikings, their culture, and their impact on our history.



NED Assemblies

On Tuesday 18th March, Danson was entertained by Thommey, who delivered NED's Resilience Ride. The assembly was filled with storytelling, humour, illusions and amazing yo-yo tricks. All of these helped to deliver NED's hidden message of never Give Up, Encourage Others and Do your Best! This message of resilience was demonstrated following the assemblies with playgrounds full of children practising their yo-yo skills and showing a positive growth mindset as they tried and tried again to learn new tricks.



Congratulations to Olivia in Year 2 who became a published poet in the Kent Life Magazine with a surprise poem to her mum on Mother's Day!



Congratulations to Olivia in Year 1 who completed the Runthrough Dartford Junior Race with a PB of 5mins 49sec in aid of the charities Demelza and Tommy's. We are so proud of you!



Working in Partnership with Parents

Reception Stay and Play

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Reception Stay and Play sessions. It was wonderful to see so many of you engaging in activities alongside the children and exploring their learning environment. The children were thrilled to have you there, and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see how they learn through play.

Neurodiversity Parent Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended our recent Neurodiversity workshop. We had really positive feedback from parents on the individualised support provided by the experts alongside the relaxation techniques and heavy work that can be used at home.

Our next workshop, which was highly requested last year by parents, will be on 'Twins and Secondary School'. This will be held on Friday 9th May at 9am. The workshop is aimed at Year 5 and 6 parents to support the transition to secondary school and the changes that come with it. Please keep an eye out for further information to sign up. We are really looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Music Magic at Danson

Bexley Music Festival

Our amazing choir sang their hearts out and did Danson proud at the Bexley Music Festival on Wednesday. It was a day spent rehearsing, eating and then having some well-deserved down time in the park before the main performance in the evening. The choir performed a range of songs including Unstoppable and Proud to a packed Festival Hall in Croydon. Well done to all the children involved. A big thanks goes to Miss Landick, Mr Tupper and Mrs Rumbold for helping at the event, and to Mr Reklaitis for preparing the choir so well!



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Rocksteady

Towards the end of the term, the children who attend Rocksteady lessons showcased their fantastic musical talents during their Rocksteady concert to their parents and carers. One of the parents that attended, that writes music reviews online, kindly shared his account of the afternoon.....

Rocksteady Spring Scorcher

Words: Rhys Tagg

Danson Primary Easter Rocksteady Concert: A Show to Remember

On a beautiful, warm afternoon, Danson Primary proudly presented their Easter Rocksteady concert featuring the four hottest bands on the campus. These young talents delivered an electrifying performance. Showcasing their ability as cover bands blending 90's Britpop hits with modern **Taylor Swift** anthems.

With stars in the making from all junior year groups, it was an event filled with passion, energy, and promise. The four bands were sat front of stage, fidgeting away with anticipation gearing up for their big show.

The excitement began early, the doors opened, the crowd surged in, rushing to secure the best spots near the stage. Parents clambering over each other, toddlers in arm. The crowd was treated to a lively pre-show with a DJ spinning fan favourites like **Journey's** 'Don't Stop Believing,' **A-ha's** 'Take On Me' and **Queen's** 'It's A Kind Of Magic'. The mood was set; the audience ready.

Mark, the talented and charismatic Band Leader, took to the stage, to open the show. A man of many talents-roadie, sound engineer, teacher and life coach. Mark's dedication to nurturing the young musicians was evident. His contagious energy ensured the performers and audience alike were brimming with excitement.

The lineup began with **The Best Band In The World**, a group of seven young talents, wowing everyone with their rendition of **Taylor Swift's** iconic hit '*Shake It Off*'. With a lively drummer setting the pace, smashing his sticks to the count of four, the singer launching into the opening line with the rest of the band chiming in appropriately.

Next on stage, walking out to **Toto's** '*Africa*' were **The Rock Out Rockers** who brought the energy with their take on **Blur's** '*Song 2*'. Their infectious enthusiasm, including fantastic delivery of the infamous "Woo Hoos," ensured a fun set. Once the band finished Mark declared to the audience in pre-show rehearsals even his boss had turned up to watch the talent, having heard intriguing stories of all the bands on display.

The penultimate band were none other than **The Phoenix** delivering a good performance of **Avril Lavigne's**, '*Sk8er Boi*'. A fantastic song to pick and one of the crowd's favourites.

Finally the last band of the afternoon, **The Icebreakers** closed the show in style with **Taylor Swift's**, '*I Knew You Were Trouble*.' Fronted by a talented dynamic duo, whose stunning vocals left the audience in awe.

The rhythmic clapping and cheering from the crowd created an electric atmosphere that perfectly rounded off the concert.

Mark's leadership and mentorship shone throughout the event, ensuring each band delivered inspired performances.

The young musicians showcased immense talent, confidence and passion, earning well deserved cheers and applause from the audience. The gig was a celebration and testament to the incredible potential of these budding young rockstars.

At Danson Primary, the kids believe in themselves—and we believe in them too!



Sporting Update



Girls Football

The Girls' Football team had an impressive run in the Girls' Cup, securing a convincing victory against Merton Court in the last 16 at Danson. In the quarter-finals, they faced a strong Belmont side. Despite playing some excellent football and showing great determination, the girls were ultimately eliminated by Belmont. It was a great effort, and they should be proud of their performance.

Boys Football

The Boys' Football team delivered a fantastic team performance in the quarter-finals, defeating St. Stephens and advancing to the semi-finals. The semi-final match against Hurst, held at Danson Sports, ended in a 0-0 draw after both teams had numerous chances. The match went to penalties, and unfortunately, Hurst emerged victorious. Despite the result, the boys had a remarkable season and should be proud of their efforts.

Girls Tag Rugby

The Girls' Tag Rugby team participated in a fun and skill-focused festival at Dartfordians. With an emphasis on enjoyment over results, the girls had a fantastic time learning new skills and representing the school. Well done to everyone involved for their enthusiasm and teamwork!

Mixed Tag Rugby

The Mixed Tag Rugby team had a strong start in a competitive festival, securing a bonus point victory over Sherwood Park. In their next match against Royal Park, the team showed great spirit and resilience, drawing 2-2. This result placed Danson at the top of the group, and the team is now set to compete in the finals. Congratulations to the team on their outstanding performance!



Attendance

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Every School Day Counts!

Highest attendance this term

Congratulations to **Oak** for having the best attendance of **97.6%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Rowling** for having the best attendance of **98.5%** in Key Stage 2.

Best punctuality this term

Congratulations to **Ash** for having the best punctuality of **99.8%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Henry** for having the best punctuality of **99.8%** in Key Stage 2.

On behalf of myself, Mrs Allen and all the staff at Danson, we would like to thank you for your continued support during the Spring Term. We hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 22nd April.

L. Casey



Governors' Notice Board

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

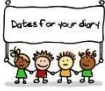
On behalf of the Governing Body we would like to thank you for attending and supporting all the school activities that have been held this term. It has been lovely to see so many of you attend our assemblies, workshops, performances and Parents' Evenings.

During the spring term, Governors enjoyed visiting school and chatting to the children about their learning during Book Week. It has been a delight seeing the children so excited and eager to talk about their love of reading.

The Governors would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Class Teachers, Pupil Support Assistants, Mid Day Meal Supervisors, Site Staff, Cleaning Staff, Breakfast and After School Club Staff, Mrs Casey, Mrs Allen and their Leadership Team for their work this term.

We hope you all have lovely Easter break.

Mrs Mash
Chair Of Governors



Dates For Your Diary



Children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Class Photographs

Thursday 24th April

Robin Class Assembly

Wednesday 30th April at 9:15am

Pepys Class Assembly

Thursday 1st May at 9:15am

May Day Bank Holiday – School is Closed

Monday 5th May

Sparrow Class Assembly

Thursday 8th May at 9:15am

**Parent Workshop – Tweens and Secondary
School (Year 5 & 6)**

9th May at 9am

Owl Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st May at 9:15am

Parent Open Afternoon

Friday 23rd May