

## Danson Primary School Newsletter

### Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been a jam-packed summer term at Danson!!

Before I begin I would like to give a special mention and congratulations to our Year 2 and Year 1 pupils who completed their assessments. We were so very proud of you trying your very best and being the best that you can be! You are all amazing, well done everyone!

### Our Amazing Reception Assemblies!!

It has been a genuine pleasure to watch our Reception children share their learning journey with us all through singing, art and drama. To see how our pupils have grown in confidence and independence was such a delight, their singing was just sublime and the photo montages meant there wasn't a dry eye in the house! Thank you to all of the EYFS team for making these assemblies absolutely wonderful.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for coming to watch our Reception class assemblies. We spent lots of time practising our lines, songs and actions which we really enjoyed. One of our favourite stories that we have shared together this year was 'Super Worm'. We really liked learning the super worm rap and especially wearing our cool glasses. We enjoyed showcasing our amazing art skills such as painting, drawing and collaging using different materials. We have been working hard to learn our favourite song using Makaton which was great fun. We hope you enjoyed seeing all of the amazing things we have learnt this year. We have had a wonderful year together and we are excited to continue our learning in Year 1.



### Sports Week

Last week saw the launch of our Superb Sports Week. The children were fantastic showcasing their sporting skills throughout the week and it was lovely to see so many of you at our six Sports Days to cheer our children on. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Corley for organising such wonderful events and experiences for the children. It has been lovely to receive such wonderful feedback from the staff, parents and visitors on such a successful week. We have also received confirmation that we have been reaccredited this week with the Platinum Games award.



Please see Mr Corley's Sports Week Report for more details on our Sports Week.

### Supporting Bee Conservation

We were delighted to invite the Beekeepers from Ruxley Garden Centre into school on Friday 21st June to visit the Year 4 children Geography learning about factors that have an impact on the long-term survival of bees. The Beekeepers brought in observation hives so that the children could observe the bees carrying out their normal day-to-day activities, they were able to handle items such as wax combs, try on beekeeper suits and had the opportunity to taste some honey. The children were 'buzzing' after this wonderful experience.



### Wider Curriculum

Our Year 3 children recently embarked on an exciting trip to the British Museum to further develop their learning about their current history topic, The Romans. When they arrived, they explored ancient history through captivating exhibits. The children were divided into two groups: one set off to discover the wonders of the Imperial Rome Gallery, while the other group delved into the fascinating Roman Britain Gallery. After a delightful picnic on the museum steps, they swapped galleries, sharing stories and newfound knowledge. The children really enjoyed completing the booklet that had been prepared for them and it was fantastic to see them using the Danson value of collaboration to complete all of the activities. The day ended with cheerful chatter as they boarded the coach back to school. As always, the children showed fantastic maturity and good manners when representing Danson Primary School.



### Year 4 Horton Kirby Trip

To link with our science learning this term, Year 4 children visited Horton Kirby Education Centre. Throughout the day, we had the opportunity to explore various habitats around the area and identify the animals living there using classification keys. Bird watching was a highlight of the day, where the children used binoculars to search the skies for a range of birds. It was very exciting to observe rare sightings of a Swift and Red Kite. Next, we ventured to the fields of Horton Kirby, where we swept nets through the grass to collect and classify various insects such as grasshopper, golden spiders and beetles. Our journey continued towards the river, where we stood in the water to find and observe the different creatures that live there. We were able to find lots of different species including mayfly and dragonfly larvae. After this, we walked back to the centre where we were able to discover several insects' homes. We found more insects, woodlice and centipedes living under wooden logs. We were able to classify these insects into different groups by following a chart. This also gave us more knowledge about the range of habitats that insects live in. We also used some fishing nets to observe the ponds at the centre, where we found newts, toads, leeches and water spiders! We had a wonderful time in the glorious weather and learnt many interesting facts that has enriched our science learning!



### Year 1 Leeds Castle Trip

Year 1 were very excited about our trip to Leeds Castle, We have been learning about Kings, Queens and castles in our history topic, so we were all looking forward to being historians and seeing real history in front of us. When we arrived our two guides took us to a room for a workshop where we dressed up as Kings, Queens and soldiers to enact significant events in the history of our Kings and Queens. After lunch we had a guided tour of the castle, which really made our topic 'come alive' whilst looking at artefacts and how the construction of the castle has changed over 900 years! It was a super day and many of us said we would like to come back again for a return visit.



I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all our volunteers who have supported the school by attending our trips, without you we wouldn't have been able to go on so many. Thank you for giving up your precious time for us, we really do appreciate it.

### CRIBS Transition Workshop

Our Year 6 children took part in a 'Moving Up' transition workshop delivered by CRIBS. During the session, the children reflected on positive memories from their time at primary school and then considered what will be changing for them as they make the transition to secondary school, and how they are feeling about these changes. They were given the opportunity to discuss any worries they may have about this significant change, and answer the worries of others, if appropriate. Finally, they shared their hopes and aspirations for the future. The children found this a worthwhile experience as they prepare for the next milestone in their learning journey.

### Parent Workshops

Thank you to those parents who have attended our various Coffee Mornings with Purple Parenting over the past term. The feedback we have received has been really positive, particularly around supporting parents with strategies to manage the struggles they face. We plan to arrange some more Coffee Mornings in September. Please keep an eye out for further details. If there are any specific topics you would like support with, please feel free to email Miss Bell.

### PTA Events

I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to our PTA Committee and all the volunteers who have created such amazing events for our children. You are such an amazing team, the fun and memories you have made for our wee people will never be forgotten! THANK YOU!!



### Governors

It was wonderful having our governors in school this week visiting classes and chatting to the children about their learning this term. They commented on how confident and excited the children were in sharing their learning and that the behaviour throughout the school was excellent.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

***Mrs Casey and Mrs Allen***

## Sporting Update

Congratulations to one of our pupils Cataleya, who competed in her first Bexley Athletics Tiger Championship last week and won a medal in each event. 1st gold for 60m sprint, 1st gold for 200m sprint, 2nd silver for Vortex howler and 3rd bronze for long jump. Well done Cataleya!



## Sporting Success 2023-2024

<p><b><u>Danson Girls' Football</u></b> Girls 7 a-side Semi Finalists. Girls League 3rd place. Charlton Athletic Semi Finalists.</p>	<p><b><u>Cricket</u></b> Mixed team finished in 9 place from 52 schools. Girls team finished 5 place from 52 schools.</p>	<p><b><u>Swimming</u></b> The Swimming Gala team won the swimming gala for the third year in a row.</p>
<p><b><u>Tennis</u></b> Yr 4 team finished 2nd in the Mini Tennis tournament.</p>	<p><b><u>Netball</u></b> Finished 5th in the Netball league.</p>	<p><b><u>Danson Boys' Football</u></b> Bexley 7 a-side Champions. Kent 7 a-side Champions. South East Regional Finalists. Kevin McCarthy Runner Up. Bexley 5 a side Champions. Bexley League Champions. Charlton Athletic EFL Champions. Represented Charlton Athletic EFL South Final.</p>
<p><b><u>Tag Rugby</u></b> Girls team finished in joint 1st position in the Tag Rugby Festival.</p>	<p><b><u>Athletics</u></b> Team competed in the Indoor Athletics competition finishing in 2nd place in the qualifier.</p>	

## Dates for your Diary

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July – Bikeability for Year 6  
10<sup>th</sup> July – Pre-loved Uniform Sale  
11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July – Rocksteady Concerts to Parents  
17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 production  
18<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Leavers Celebration  
23<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Celebration  
24<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term – 1:15pm finish



## 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'**

### Parking outside the school

Polite reminder-Please can you ensure that you do not *park across residents' drives, in front of the school gates or double park along the roads* as this creates a significant safety hazard.



### Contact Details-Safeguarding

Please ensure to inform the School Office if your contact information/phone number has changed. This is to ensure the School Office can contact you if there was an emergency or in regards to your child's welfare. Many thanks in advance for your your co-operation.