



Key dates:

Monday 15 November – Odd Socks Day
Thursday 18 November – Competition entries due
Friday 19 November - Children in Need

Anti-Bullying Week 15 – 19 November 2021

During the week 15 – 19 November, Danson will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week. This year the theme is 'One Kind Word'. In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So, from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.

Over the course of the week, children will be taught to celebrate and respect each other's differences, to develop a greater understanding of what bullying is, how making small changes can make a safer place for everyone and how to stay safe online. As a school, we pride ourselves in working in partnership with pupils and parents alike to continually raise the profile and understanding of bullying and anti-bullying. At Danson, we endeavour to teach our children to be kind to one another as well as being empathic to each other's feelings.

Odd Socks Day

To start Anti-Bullying/Kindness Week, the children are invited to wear odd socks with their uniform on Monday 15th November to celebrate what makes us unique. There will be no contribution needed for this.



Information for Parents and Carers

- The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face-to-face or online.
- At Danson, we work with the children to understand and know that bullying is unkind but being unkind doesn't necessarily mean bullying. We work with the children to know how to spot the difference and what to do if this happens to them.
- At Danson, we aim to tackle bullying by trying to prevent it from happening in the first place and by tackling it consistently, fairly and effectively when it does. **We are here to educate all our pupils about the importance of kindness. We are here to educate our pupils about consequence, impact and how their actions whether intentional or not can hurt others.**
- Over the course of Anti-Bullying/Kindness Week, the children will take part in different activities and circle time discussions about friendship, bullying and who to turn to for help if he/she feel they

are being bullied or have experienced someone being unkind to them. We will share **what has occurred and how it has been and could be resolved by both parties in moving forward.**

Further information can be found on our website and below are some useful websites you can visit if you would like to learn more about bullying:

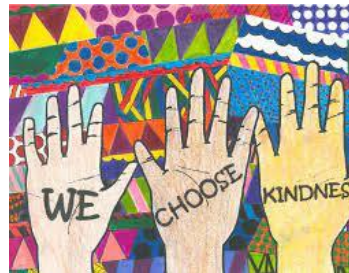
<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents>

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/advice-for-parents/>

Competition

The children will be invited to take part in a competition based on this year's theme, 'Kindness'. They can choose the format of their entry, as long as the subject is kindness. They may decide to design a poster about kindness (could be linked to bullying), a kindness poem, a story about kindness, describing what kindness means to them or a piece of artwork based around kindness.

Entries should be handed to their class teacher by **Thursday 18th November**. Please ensure your child's name and class is clearly written on the entry.



Children in Need



On **Friday 15th November**, we would like to raise some money for Children in Need. The children can **wear their own clothes, something spotty would be great and if they choose a Pudsey headband**. Please help us to support this important charity by paying a **£1 donation on the day**.



The School Council representatives from each class will also be running a fun activity in their classroom to raise some extra funds. So, your child may like to bring in a few extra pennies.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Stephens