



Book week is back and this year's theme is...

## Read Around the World!



Over the course of the week we will be celebrating written stories and oral tales set in different countries. We hope to help develop the children's background knowledge of other places and cultures which they will be able to apply to future reading.

### Reading Passport

All Danson children will be given a reading passport at the start of Book Week. The goal is for children to collect 20 stamps over the course of six weeks. To earn your stamps, you must 'Read around the World' as well as enjoy a wide range of texts from different genres. Prizes will be given out to children who get 20 stamps by Easter break.

#### Earning stamps

- 2x book from each continent
- 1x poetry
- 1x play
- 1x non – fiction
- 1x traditional tale
- 1x news article
- 1x child's choice



### BBC 2 STORY WRITING COMPETITION!

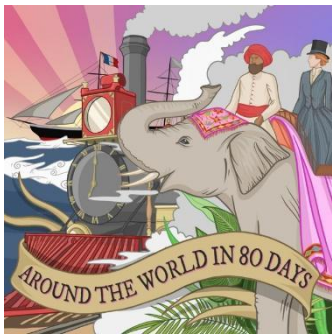
Do you want to take part in the country's largest writing competition? Have you got a story to tell? If so, enter this year's 500 Words competition and be in with a chance of having your story broadcast on LIVE RADIO 2 from Buckingham Palace on The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show on 12th June!

**Rules:** Write any story of up to 500 words. It can be about anything! Creativity is the key; imagination will be celebrated – not spelling and grammar.

**Entries:** If you would like to take part in the **Danson First Round Competition and the BBC 2 judging**, hand in your story to your class teacher by **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February by 3:30pm**. Teachers will choose school winners and then submit all the entries online. If you would like to submit your entry yourself, you can do so online by **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February by 8pm**.

**For more information, activities, videos and inspiration head to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>**

**Happy writing!**



### Theatre and Dress up Day

**Friday 28th February 2020**

It is with great excitement that we announce that West End in Schools Theatre Education Company will be coming to perform an interactive musical adaptation of Jules Verne's "Around the World in Eighty Days" to all the pupils. A £2 contribution to cover some of the costs is requested. Additionally, children can come in traditional dress from another country or a book character costume for £1, as we celebrate book week at Danson. All funds raised make such events possible and contribute to new books and English resources across the school. Thank you for your support!

### Additional Competitions

#### 1. **Extreme Reading Photo Competition**

Where's the craziest place you can be caught reading? Submit your photo and you could win a Waterstones voucher to buy lots of new books!

#### 2. **#DansonLovesReading Poster**

Design a poster which celebrates just how much we love to read at Danson! Winning entries will be put up around the school for everyone to see.





# Danson's Premier Film Night

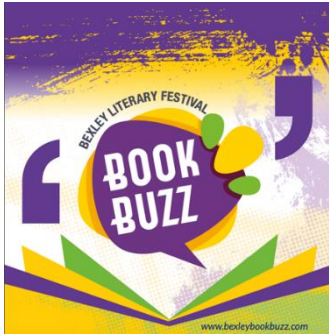
You're invited to Danson Primary's first ever film night! Grab your friends and get ready for a fun filled evening.

Year Group	Date and Time	Film
Year 1 and Year 2	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March @ 3.30 – 5.00pm	Paddington (PG)
Year 3 and Year 4	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March @ 3.30 – 5.00pm	How to Train Your Dragon (PG)
Year 5 and Year 6	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March @ 5.30 – 7.30pm	Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief (PG)

We will be showing three films based on books and encourage you to read the book before watching the film with us. Tickets will be £5 each and there will also be a range of tasty snacks for you to purchase on the night. Tickets are limited and will be allocated first come first serve basis, so be sure to book yours as soon as possible. We can't wait to see you there! **Ticket order information will be sent out on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

Have a great half term.

Miss McCulloch, Mrs Hui and Miss Hickmott



Danson Primary School is championing local libraries in 2020 - we are encouraging all families to make more use of the fantastic libraries in Bexley and neighbouring boroughs! Not only is it completely free to join, and free for each child to borrow up to 12 books at a time, but there is so much more going on for children every week! Libraries should be everyone's regular pop-in!

Over the half term week, there are fantastic events and activity sessions running as part of Bexley's Literary Festival: Book Buzz. Here are some highlights to whet your appetite:



Saturday 15th February  
 @ Central Library: Book Buzz 2020 launch.  
 Fun and games in the children's library, book characters to meet  
 and take selfies with, professional face painting artists.

Monday 17th Feb	@ Central, Welling and Sidcup	Wake Up and Dance with Loopy Lou's Fun Factory (KS2)
	@Crayford, Erith and Thamesmead	Luna Loves Library Day with Joseph Coelho – performance poet, children's author and playwright (EYFS upwards)
	@Welling and Central	Rhythm, Rap and Rhyme with Neal Zetter – children's author and comedy poet (KS1 upwards)
Tuesday 18th Feb	@ Central	Comic Art Masterclass with Kev Sutherland (Artist for The Beano and Marvel comics) (KS2)
	@ Sidcup	The Wishing Tree with Bernadette Russell – magical story-time followed by craft activity (KS1 upwards)
	@ Central and Welling	Hands-on Robotics workshop (8+)
	@Central and Crayford	Dinosaur crafts (EYFS upwards)
	@ Thamesmead	Wooden windchimes to make and take
	@ Central	Where do you want to go today? Be filmed using green screen technology to travel through time and place. Children can leave with a copy of their film – bring USB or buy one on the day.
Wednesday 19th Feb	@ Crayford:	Make your own Bug Hotel to take home!
	@ Crayford Community and Sidcup	The Horrible Science Show with Nick Arnold – children's science writer bringing interactive experiments, activities and competitions (8+)
	@ Central	Codes and Ciphers – interactive code-breaking session with Tom Briggs from Bletchley Park plus opportunity to see an original working Enigma machine (UKS2)
Thursday 20th Feb	@Sidcup, Central and Erith	Pretending People Theatre Drama Workshops presents interactive performances of class Brothers Grimm fairy tales (EYFS upwards)
	@Welling	Fish Wand Craft to make and take (EYFS upwards)
	@Sidcup, Central and Welling	Folk and Fairytales – magical storytelling by Nell Phoenix
Friday 21st Feb	@Sidcup	Butterfly Wand Craft to make and take (EYFS upwards)
	@Erith	Draw Along with Gary Northfield – author/illustrator talks about his Julius Zebra books and shows how to draw simple, fun cartoon characters
	@Central	The Wiggly Wild Show – explore the world of mini-beasts, bugs and reptiles hands-on!
	@Sidcup	The Goose Who Flew – with Half Moon Theatre: storytelling with puppetry (EYFS/KS1)
	@Crayford Community Centre	Astrodome – a fun and informative show to learn about time and seasons, constellations and a space landing! (KS1 upwards)

Follow this link for full details, including times:

<https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/documents/85499/9126510/Book+Buzz+2020.pdf/91d19e7d-c25d-48ea-b2de-410b0ec73be2>