

Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

What a sizzling summer term!! Before I begin to share all the wonderful things that we have been doing, I would like to give a special mention and congratulations to our Year 1 pupils who completed their Phonics assessments and Year 4 pupils who completed the Multiplication Check during the summer term. We were so very proud of you all trying your very best!! Well done everyone!!

Our Amazing Reception Assemblies!!

It has been a genuine pleasure to watch our Reception children share their learning journeys with us in their assemblies through singing, art, drama, mixed in with a little bit of rapping and sunglasses!!



To see how our youngest pupils have grown in confidence and independence was such a delight, their singing was just sublime and the photo montages at the end meant there wasn't a dry eye in the house! Thank you to all of the EYFS team for making these assemblies absolutely wonderful.

Sports Week

Last week saw the launch of our amazing Sports Week. The children enjoyed showcasing their sporting skills throughout the week and it was lovely to see so many of you at our Sports Days to cheer our children on. I would like to give a special mention to our parent volunteers for coming in to lead sessions with the children, they had an absolute ball!! Thank you! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Corley and Mr Patel for organising such wonderful events and experiences for the children. It has been lovely to receive such positive and kind feedback from the children, staff, parents and visitors on such a successful week.



Supporting Bee Conservation

We were delighted to invite the Beekeepers from Ruxley Garden Centre into school to visit the Year 4 children's 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 😊



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 term visiting classes and chatting to the children about their learning. They commented on how confident and excited the children were in sharing their learning and that their behaviour throughout the school was excellent.

Have an amazing weekend, stay safe in the sun and I look forward to seeing you for our final week.

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Class Assemblies

Oak Class Assembly

Wow! What an amazing performance from Oak class. So much learning going on this year, all your hard work definitely shows! You have worked so hard on your writing, making sure your letters are formed correctly and using adjectives in your sentences. Your maths skills are amazing and it was lovely to see you so confident to show us this! There was not a dry eye in the house from your beautiful voices singing 'The Power in me', followed by a heart-warming montage by Mrs O'Hara, showing us how much you have grown this year. What great storytellers, rappers, singers and artists you all are. Well done Oak class, Mrs O'Hara and Miss Ruiz for such a fantastic assembly!



Ash Class Assembly

It was so lovely to see Ash Class showcasing their learning from the past year in their Class Assembly. They confidently spoke about using adjectives and conjunction in literacy and part part whole models and tens frames in maths. They sang 'You've Got a Friend in Me' very enthusiastically with accompanying actions and rapped 'Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?' wearing sunglasses! They finished off with a photo montage showing what every child would like to be in the future, some of these were very ambitious, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house! Well done Ash Class, Mrs Smith and Mrs Houlihan you were amazing!



Elm Class Assembly

Congratulations Elm class on performing such a fantastic class assembly! We loved watching you rap the story of 'Brown Bear Brown Bear' and you looked super cool in your sunglasses! You worked really hard to learn all your lines and songs to put on a great show. It was amazing to see all the wonderful things you have learnt over the course of the year. It looks like you have had a fantastic year in Reception. Well done Elm Class, Miss Coleman, Miss Joshi and Mrs Kantan.



Enrichment at Danson

Year 3 Pizza Making with Contract Dining Company

Year 3 had a wonderful day making delicious, healthy pizzas. We chopped up the vegetables to add a variety of toppings. We cooked them in the school kitchen and they were truly delicious!



Year 1 Trip to the Cutty Sark

Ahoy there! Year 1 experienced all sorts of weather challenges on our visits to the Cutty Sark in Greenwich, from the hottest day of the year to grey dreary skies, but that just gave us a taste for what it would be like to work aboard a ship. We enjoyed seeing all of the figureheads on show in the dry berth and we drew our favourite ones. We explored each deck of the ship, noticing the crates of tea, the huge chains, the food and drink that the sailors had and the piano playing sea shanties. The most exciting part, however, was the main deck where we had great views across the River Thames and got to explore the captain's quarters. We even saw someone climbing the rigging!



Year 3 Trip to Chislehurst Caves

As any well trained, disciplined Roman warrior would know, having the right equipment and provisions is tantamount to any successful campaign. Our Year Three warriors had their high-vis jackets, full lunch bags and brimming water bottles, so we were all set. Unlike traditional Roman journeys, this one was not in a straight line. Instead it involved a short walk to the trusty 51 bus, where we were whisked away on the best seats, with great views of our surrounding territory. This linked us to the Superloop network, which was a thrilling first time experience for many.



Upon reaching the caves, the exploratory atmosphere was set by lantern lights and a brief safety chat by our guide, who ensured that no ghosts would be accompanying us on our tour. While wandering through the caves their rich history, dating back from the Stone Age, through the Roman era and all the way through to the World Wars was revealed. The children were then able to use this new knowledge to answer our Roman quiz while enjoying their tasty lunch. Our groups of warriors returned safely, in full numbers, with high spirits and tired feet.

Key Stage 2-Online Safety Theatre Performance

Year 4, 5 and 6 watched a funny theatre performance about online safety that made us laugh while teaching us some really important lessons. The actors used silly costumes and jokes to show why we should never share personal information, like our name, school or address, with people we don't know online. They also reminded us to tell a trusted adult if we see or hear something that makes us feel uncomfortable or isn't appropriate. One of the best parts was when they acted out how to be kind online and treat others with respect, just like we would in real life. It was a fun and memorable way to learn how to stay safe on the internet!

Year 6 First Aid Training

The children have been learning about situations where first aid might be needed. They were shown what to do if they come across a person who is unresponsive and how they can potentially use their new knowledge to save a life using resuscitation and CPR. The children enjoyed using the aptly named song 'Staying Alive' to get the rhythm correct for this. The children were shown how to make a 999 call for help and what to expect if they ever needed to do so. They have also been taught about what to do if someone is choking and if someone is having an asthma attack. We hope of course that they never need to put their new-found skills to practice, however, we are so proud of how mature they all were and are confident that if a situation arose, they really could potentially make all the difference.

Year 6 Bikeability

On Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July children in Year 6 took part in Bikeability. The Bikeability training scheme equips pupils with vital life skills. The children not only learned how to cycle, they gained greater independence and a sense of wellbeing when it comes to cycling on the road. The scheme aims to better prepare the children when responding to risks whilst cycling and to improve their confidence when out on the road. One of the aims of the Bikeability scheme is to increase the number of children cycling to school which in turn improves mental health and wellbeing. The children did amazingly well and listened to everything the instructors said and had a great time. Well done!

Reception Trip to Minnis Bay Beach

To bring our 'Seaside Topic' this half term to life and explore this further the Reception Classes enjoyed a visit to Minnis Bay. It was our first school coach trip and everyone really enjoyed it. The children entertained themselves on the way by singing lots of their favourite songs and rhymes. We built some amazing sandcastles, dug holes using our buckets and spades and hunted for different types of shells. The weather was amazing which enabled us to have a yummy ice cream or ice lolly on the beach, have a paddle in the sea and jump over the waves! Having a picnic at the seaside was very exciting too and the sea air made us very hungry. We played games on the beach after our picnic and then packed up our things to go back to school. It was so much fun, definitely a trip to remember! The sea air made us very tired and we had a sleep on the coach going back to school. Well done Reception, your behaviour was exemplary!



Music Update

At the end of each term all children who attend Rocksteady music sessions perform to their parents and carers. The summer Rocksteady performance didn't disappoint. The children performed their hearts out and it was brilliant to see all who took part, perform so well

It has been an absolute delight to see the children grow in confidence over the course of the year and Mark, the Bandleader, has worked brilliantly with all of the bands.



Congratulations to Miraya for passing her Grade 1 piano exam. We can't wait to hear you play!



We are SO proud of you!!

Sporting Update

The final term of the year has been full of exciting opportunities for pupils to get active and represent the school in a variety of sports. It's been wonderful to see so many children engaged and enthusiastic across all events.

Girls' Cricket

Well done to our girls' cricket team, who finished an impressive 4th place in a competitive tournament. The team displayed fantastic skills throughout the day, with plenty of smiles and positive energy under the sunshine.

Swimming Gala

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 represented the school at the Swimming Gala held at Crook Log Leisure Centre. They competed in a range of races including freestyle, butterfly, and relays. The children impressed with their speed, technique, and determination. A big congratulations to all involved—our team proudly finished 3rd out of 6 schools.



Mixed Hockey – London School Games Finals

Following the success of our hockey team at the Bexley tournament, we were invited to represent Bexley at the London School Games Finals. The children took part in a variety of hockey-related activities, showing excellent teamwork, skill development, and enthusiasm. We hope everyone enjoyed the experience and felt proud to represent their borough at such a prestigious event



Congratulations to Mishika who represented Team England at the Dance World Cup in Spain. The Team placed 5th out of 120,000 dancers from over 65 countries!



Good luck to Tallulah who travels to Malta to represent her Club on behalf of the UK International Competition.



Congratulations to Isobel who was co awarded 24/25 season squad trophy as co team captain and was the team's top scorer for the season.



We are SO proud of you!!