

Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been such a wonderful half term with the corridors coming alive once more, the buzz of learning radiating through the corridors. The children have settled into their classrooms and routines beautifully and have been exceptional as they move through the corridors when going to break and lunch. We are so proud of you, well done everyone!!!

Welcoming our Reception children and parents to the Danson Family

I would also like to give a special welcome to our new Reception children and families who have joined Danson. They have been absolutely fantastic during their staggered start sessions and have settled in beautifully. It was a pleasure to have so many parents attend our stay and play sessions and to have the opportunity to see your child's learning in action!! Congratulations to the Reception children in becoming more confident and independent as the half term progressed, whether it be learning the different routes in and around the school, or making their way to the canteen or assembly hall for PE (which was a big adventure 😊 😊!!). You are all stars and we are so proud of you!!



School Elections

During our first weeks back, the children have been busy putting their democratic vote to good use and selecting our new Council Representatives (please see below). Congratulations to our newly elected officials.

Parent Workshops

It was such a pleasure to welcome 116 parents over the course of six days to our Parent Information Afternoons. It was a lovely opportunity to have a cup of tea, meet the teachers and chat about what the children will be learning this year and throughout this first half term.

It was wonderful to host our first Phonics Workshop for the term and we were really pleased that all our parents found it really beneficial.

Parents' Evenings

We were delighted to see so many parents and children attend Parents' Evening this week. It was lovely to chat and catch up with so many of you. Thank you to the Pupil Leadership Group; Luke, Eadie, Archie and Maycee, and to our House Captains, Edward, Aurelia, Martha, Stanley, Caiden, and Aahil, for doing such a superb job welcoming our parents and helping on the Reception book fair stall. You are outstanding ambassadors!!

School Assemblies

Victoria Class Assembly

On Thursday 2nd October, Victoria Class delivered our first class assembly of the academic year and gave a fantastic performance highlighting how much they had achieved in just a few weeks. They began by presenting their creativity with some self-portraits which reflected their outer and inner self and what their aspirations are for the future. Through their learning in English, the children wrote some wonderful poems based on the lessons explored in the book 'It's Your World Now'. Victoria Class amazed us with their knowledge about the Ancient Maya and gave a superb performance of a song about their traditions and beliefs. As well as this, we found out about their learning in maths, science, RE and PSHE. To finish off, they sang one last song called 'Together', which was about how being united as a class can help us all to have a joyful day at school. Well done to Mrs. Corley, Mrs. Hogan and all of Victoria Class for an informative and wonderful performance.



Elizabeth Class Assembly

On Thursday 9th October, Elizabeth Class entertained everyone with a superb news report informing the audience of their learning from the first half of the Autumn Term. The report began by showcasing their creativity with some self-portraits which represent their inner and outer self. In English, the children were inspired by the book 'It's Your World Now', to write some wonderful poems about their aspirations for the future. Following this, they shared their non-chronological report writing, reflecting on why they were proud of their writing. Next up in the report, was an impressive knowledge on the Ancient Maya, including a song about Mayan traditions and beliefs. As part of their maths learning, the children performed a fantastic song teaching everyone about Roman Numerals and then talked us through how to round numbers.

For PSHE Elizabeth Class described the ingredients for a positive, healthy relationship and performed a song called 'My Best Friend', which was about what makes a true friend and how we can look after each other. Well done to Mr. Bowers and all of Elizabeth Class for a polished and brilliant performance.



Harvest Donations

As part of our harvest celebrations at Danson, we were collecting for the Bexley Food Bank. The School Council have been busy bringing the donations to the hall and then helping to pack and load the vast amount of donations. Due to your wonderful generosity, we have had an amazing amount of donations that Bexley Foodbank were incredibly grateful for and will help their important work in supporting the local community. Thank you once again for your continued support.



Maths Week

We have had such a fabulous maths week to complete our amazing half term. Thank you so much to Mrs. Barham, Miss. Coleman and Miss. Jones for organizing such an amazing week. They look forward to sharing the maths newsletter during our first week back.

Highest attendance this term

Congratulations to **Owl and Pepys** for having the best attendance of **98.5%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Dahl** for having the best attendance of **98.6%** in Key Stage 2.

Congratulations to **Sparrow** for having the best punctuality of **99.9%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Blackman and Franklin** for having the best punctuality of **99.8%** in Key Stage 2.

Please see below key dates for your diary of events and information until the end of our next half term.

It has been such a pleasure to hear the hustle and bustle of learning in the corridors this half term and to see the children share with excitement and pride the learning that they have been doing. Thank you to the teachers for the work they do for our children and to you our wonderful parents for working in partnership with us. Have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you on 3rd November.

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Curriculum Catch Up!

Black History Month

At Danson, we always celebrate Black History Month, and this year is no exception. The 2025 UK theme, *'Standing firm in power and pride,'* celebrates the resilience, creativity, and contributions of the Black community. This year, we focused on stories of pride — especially those who have shown dedication and courage in many forms, including public service. Children from Reception to Year 6 learned about remarkable Black Britons such as Princess Ademola, John Simmonds, Arthur Roberts, Evadne Gordon, Johnson Beharry, Lilian Bader, and Walter Tull — individuals who made lasting contributions to our shared history. We've enjoyed discovering their inspiring stories and look forward to showcasing our work next term.

Year 1 have an extraordinary day.....

In year 1 our book this half term is called 'Once upon an ordinary school day'. We thought it would be fun to pretend that I (Ms Hodson) was late for school and a new teacher was going to look after the class, to make the school day extraordinary just as it was in the story. The new teacher was Batman. He visited all 3 year 1 classes looking for the class he was supposed to be in. Ms Hodson finally arrived in class, coat and bag in hand telling the children she was late because the batmobile was parked in her space. The kids were so excited telling Ms Hodson who had been in the class. It supported our English writing and helped spark and excite all the children's imaginations.



Year 2 have had a cracking time!

In Year 2, we had such an 'egg-citing' time welcoming chicks into the world. Ten eggs arrived last Monday and by Wednesday we had ten hatchlings to look after. We observed how quickly they grew into very cute and fluffy yellow chicks, and all of the children had the opportunity to carefully hold a chick for themselves. The chicks stayed with us for 10 days and were then collected to be taken to their new happy homes. Through this wonderful experience, the children learned about animal life cycles and the importance of caring for animals. The whole experience has been very rewarding for all of us, with lots of school staff finding a need to visit our Year 2 area more often than usual!



Sporting Update

The new term has kicked off with a fantastic range of sports and activities across the school! It's been wonderful to see so many students participating and enjoying themselves, and we've had an especially exciting start with the *Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball* after-school club drawing huge numbers – a brilliant success!

It's also been lovely to see so many families walking, biking, and scootering into school – thank you for supporting active travel!

Please see below for our latest sports updates:

Boys Football – Year 6

We started the season with the Year 6 Boys' Team taking part in the **BPSFA Finals**, held at **Danson**. It was an amazing event, with many schools praising the fantastic grounds and excellent organisation. A special thank you to our PTA for providing drinks and sweets throughout the day – your support made a big difference!

On the pitch, the boys gave it their all. Although they didn't come away with the win this time, they showed fantastic team spirit and enthusiasm. A great effort all around!

Girls Football

The girls' team also reached the BPSFA Finals, held at Goals Bexleyheath. They played brilliantly in the group stages and progressed to the semi-finals, where they put on their best performance yet – a 2–1 win against a strong Sherwood team, with some fantastic goals from Isobel.

In the final, they faced St Thomas More in a tight match that could have gone either way. STM managed to edge it with a goal, but our girls should be incredibly proud of their efforts. We now look ahead with excitement to the upcoming league and cup matches.

Tri Golf – Year 4

Year 4 students had the chance to represent Danson at a Tri-Golf Festival, where they took part in a variety of skill-based challenges. The event was all about trying something new, and it was great to see so many children having fun, giving their best, and showing the Danson Values throughout. Well done to all involved!

Netball – Year 6

After a very popular trial that saw over 40 children attend, the Year 6 Netball Squad has now been selected. Congratulations to all those chosen! Matches will begin after the half-term break, and we look forward to seeing the team in action.

Boys Football – Year 5 & 6 B and C Teams

Danson hosted a B League match against Hurst, with our Year 5 players making up the entire team. Despite playing against older opponents, they battled hard and earned a 1–1 draw – well done to Tommy for calmly slotting home a penalty.

The C Team also played their first-ever competitive match. It was a joy to watch – full of smiles, teamwork, and great support from the side-lines. Special congratulations to Edward, who scored two fantastic goals. Moments like these, where children get their first chance to represent the school, are always a personal highlight for me.

As we head into half term, I hope everyone stays active, safe, and joyful. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the October Multi-Sports Camp at Danson next week!

All the best,
Mr Corley

Congratulations to Cataleya who at the end of the summer season won the Golden Boot (30 goals in a Season) and Players' Player trophies at Danson FC's U9's at her Football Presentation. We are so proud of you!!



Pupil Leadership Group

Head Boy and Head Girl	Luke	Eadie
Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl	Archie S	Maycee

House Captains

Snowdon	Edward	Aurelia
Helvellyn	Nellie	Aahil
Ben Nevis	Bek	Caiden
Slieve Donard	Martha	Stanley

School Councillors

Darwin	Maryam	Vihaan	Barfield	William	Emilia
Hawking	Tallulah	Jessica	Nightingale	Aliya	Ela
Franklin	Maycee	Ruby	Shackleton	Suleyman	Apphia
Henry	Mason	Ivy	Pepys	Ayla	Lenny
Victoria	Rae	Matas	Owl	Caira	Tejas
Elizabeth	Jessica Ivy	Mishika	Robin	Rory	Isabel
Dahl	Oscar	Oliver R	Sparrow	Uesila	Anthony
Rowling	Bodhi	Ayla	Oak	Aavya	Oscar
Blackman	Jake	Maggie	Ash	Skylar	Theo
Kapoor	Ava	Robin	Elm	Nelly	Alfie
Brunel	Ella A	Isla			



Sports Councillors

Darwin	Nicholas	Kapoor	Ashmitha
Hawking	Reign	Brunel	Corey
Franklin	Aarvi	Barfield	Aliia
Henry	Tommy	Nightingale	Fion
Victoria	Chloe	Shackleton	Miraya
Elizabeth	Thomas	Pepys	Eric
Dahl	Edward	Owl	Ralph
Rowling	Alby	Robin	Lily
Blackman	Jack	Sparrow	Katherine

Eco Councillors

Darwin	Aurelia	Kapoor	Anya
Hawking	Raajan	Brunel	Gabriel
Franklin	Annie	Barfield	Evie
Henry	Dilan	Nightingale	Lily
Victoria	Hannah	Shackleton	Lola
Elizabeth	Eleanor	Pepys	Sanay
Dahl	Vedanshi	Owl	Cameron
Rowling	Christian	Robin	Teddy
Blackman	Joshua	Sparrow	Veer



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Darwin	Isobel	Kapoor	Elsie
Hawking	Caiden	Brunel	Kai
Franklin	Amelia-Rose	Barfield	Yevheniia
Henry	Isla	Nightingale	Lilia
Victoria	Joshua	Shackleton	Mae
Elizabeth	George	Pepys	Sara
Dahl	Shyam		
Rowling	Ava		
Blackman	Stanley		





Key Messages



Safeguarding-Keeping Safe Online

The most important thing you can do is talk to your children about what they do online. Here are some tips on where to start.

Be curious: Ask about their favourite things to do online and take an interest in what they do.

Be proactive: Use things like news stories or television storylines to talk to children about what they would do if a similar issue happened to one of their friends.

Be sensitive: Use your experiences to talk about the things that might go wrong. And make sure they know they can talk to you if they're upset about something they've seen online.

Parental Controls

Parental controls are software and tools that can be installed on devices (and even home broadband) to filter content and control activities. They won't prevent children from seeing inappropriate content on other people's devices or at a friend's house, so it's still really important you talk to your children about what they may see online too.

If you need help setting up parental controls online please contact the school and we will do our best to help you.

Online Apps

Please note that there are age restrictions on social media sites. WhatsApp age restriction is 16 years old. Snap chat age restriction is 13 years old. Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account.

Please be aware of what your children are accessing and who they are contacting via social media/games platforms.

Use of mobile devices/cameras



Mobile phones and tablets should not be used to take photos, recordings or videos when inside the school grounds without the prior consent of the Head Teacher to ensure the Safeguarding and Child Protection of our pupils. Use of such equipment contravenes Section 6 ***'equipment and digital content section'*** of the LGFL E-Safety Policy.

'The recording, taking and sharing of images, video and audio on any mobile phone is to be avoided except where it has been explicitly agreed otherwise by the Head Teacher.'

Failure to adhere to this may jeopardize attending any future school events or access to school site. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

School Uniform

Trousers and school shorts are grey
Skirts and pinafores are green.
Culottes are not permitted.
Oversized bows in hair are not permitted.

Trainers are not permitted to be worn as a school shoe.

PE Uniform

White Polo Top/T-shirt
Danson green PE shorts
Plain black tracksuit bottoms
Danson PE top/Danson School jumper
Plain black or white trainers

Cycling shorts are not permitted
Coloured trainers are not permitted

Residents

When parking and queuing to come into school please be respectful of our neighbours' properties.



Scooters

Please ensure your child walks their scooters when on school site.

Safeguarding-Medical Information/Medicines

Please ensure you inform the office of any changes to your child's medical information and complete all necessary paperwork/checks. Staff will not administer medicine unless this is done.



Injury/Breakage

If your child has sustained a significant injury or bone breakage at home, they must be presented to the School Office with a parent/person designated by the parent to complete a Care Plan before they are reintegrated back into School. Failure to do this will result in your child not being able to attend School until this has been done.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 20th October-Friday 31st October
Half Term

Thursday 6th November
Reception Phonics Workshop @ 9:15am

Wednesday 12th November
Henry Class Assembly @ 9:15am

Thursday 13th November
Reception Maths Workshop @ 9:15am

Friday 21st November
Parents Open Afternoon @ 1:30pm

Friday 28th November
Christmas Fete @ 3:30pm



Thursday 4th December
Year 4 Carol Concert AM



Friday 5th December
Year 3 Carol Concert AM

Tuesday 9th December
Year 5 Carol Concert AM
Year 6 Carol Concert PM

Wednesday 10th December
Year 2 Carol Concert AM
Year 1 Nativity PM

Thursday 11th December
Year 1 Nativity AM
Reception Nativity PM

Friday 12th December
Reception Nativity AM
Year 2 Carol Concert PM

Last Day of Term 19th December
School Closes at 1.15pm