

## Danson Primary School Newsletter

### Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

We have had another brilliant half term at Danson! The weeks have absolutely raced by, and we can hardly believe how quickly this half term has gone.

Before sharing all the wonderful things we've been up to, we would like to give a very special mention and huge congratulations to our amazing Year 6 pupils, who completed their SATs last week. They came in smiling every morning, enjoyed their breakfast together, embraced any opportunity to practice and prepare. You were all a credit to Danson and to your families and should be so proud of yourselves too. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, perseverance and determination you showed throughout the week. Thank you for giving it your all and always trying your best - you are absolute superstars!!



We were delighted to welcome Mr Louis French (MP) to a special assembly, where he met with some of our councillors and Pupil Leadership Group. Mr French spoke to the children about his role as an MP and the important work he does within our local community. The children did a fantastic job asking a range of insightful and important questions. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to learn more about leadership, democracy and serving the community.



Our Pupil Leadership Group recently took part in an important meeting regarding the school's catering contract, where they had the opportunity to listen to presentations from companies hoping to become our new school catering provider. The children represented the school brilliantly, asking thoughtful questions, sharing their opinions and providing valuable feedback throughout the process. We were incredibly proud of their confidence, maturity and professionalism. You were exceptional ambassadors!!

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome so many parents and families to our Open Afternoon today. The school was filled with excitement and pride as the children eagerly shared their learning and achievements. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and proud moments as parents and carers celebrated the children's hard work and success. Well done to everyone for making the afternoon so special! We are so proud of the children and their learning this term!! Thank you to all the teachers and Pupil Support Assistants for their hard work and dedication in supporting the children with their learning journeys!



Have a lovely half term everyone! Hopefully we will have some sunshine!!



# Class Assemblies

## Owl Class Assembly

We really enjoyed watching the Owl class assembly. It was wonderful to see and hear about all the learning they have been doing throughout the year. They have already learnt so much and should be very proud of their achievements. We were very impressed with how confidently they could count in 5's, their weather reporting skills, and how they recited the poem they had learnt for poetry week. We especially loved their beautiful singing, and thought their song "wonderful world" was lovely. We loved hearing some examples of their work in English and being involved in your Humpty Dumpty science experiment. You have all worked incredibly hard. Well done, Owl class!



## Robin Class Assembly

Robin Class proudly presented their class assembly, showcasing all the wonderful learning they have been doing this year. The children confidently performed their poem 'On the Nig Nang Nong', demonstrated counting in 5's, and described their computing skills, using Sketchpad, and shared their Geography learning about our school and making maps. Families also enjoyed viewing the children's beautiful weaving artwork, which reflected their creativity. The children confidently spoke about their learning inspired by the storybook The 100 Decker Bus, including their exciting letter-writing activities. The finale song was performed with enthusiasm to a huge round of applause. The assembly was a fantastic celebration of learning and growing confidence. We are very proud of all the children for their excellent performance.



### Sparrow Class Assembly

Sparrow Class delivered a brilliant assembly showcasing all the fantastic learning they have completed so far this year. The children confidently performed a poem, shared impressive pieces of English writing, demonstrated their work using Bee-Bots and proudly presented their artwork. We were also treated to two topic-based songs, including a sea shanty that had everyone nodding along and joining in with the excellent singing. The class demonstrated an excellent understanding of history through their learning about Amy Johnson and Wright brothers, and it was fascinating to hear about how their achievements changed transport forever. Huge congratulations to all of the children for a great class assembly.



### Oak Class Assembly

Oak Class delighted everyone with a wonderful class assembly this week. The children were incredibly confident, spoke clearly and proudly showcased their exceptional artwork. They talked the audience through all the things that they have learned this year and then performed 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' using a variety of musical instruments, bringing the story to life with enthusiasm and creativity. This was followed by a heart-warming song about togetherness, which was beautifully performed and enjoyed by all. The assembly ended with a lovely collection of photographs from their year in Reception paired with baby photos, highlighting just how much the children have grown and achieved throughout the year. There wasn't a dry eye in the house!



# Enrichment at Danson

## Reception Stay and Play

The Reception 'Stay and Play' sessions were a great success and it was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into the classrooms. Families enjoyed spending time alongside their children, taking part in a range of learning activities and gaining an insight into daily life in Reception. The children were excited to share their learning environment and experiences, and it was fantastic to see such positive engagement from everyone who attended. Thank you to all the parents and carers for their support and enthusiasm, and to the EYFS team for organising such enjoyable and successful sessions.



## Year 4 Trip to Lesnes Abbey

Year 4 had an unforgettable day at Lesnes Abbey, where they immersed themselves in the world of the Vikings through hands-on learning and lively role-play. The visit brought their history topic to life, giving pupils the chance to explore how Viking communities lived, worked, and survived.

Throughout the day, we learned about Viking daily life, including the types of food they ate and the skills they relied on. We discovered the old Norse language and the significance of runes, which were used to form the Viking language. One of the highlights was making traditional bread, using simple ingredients and techniques similar to those used over a thousand years ago.

The excitement continued as we took part in re-enacted battles, discovering how Viking warriors planned attacks and defended their settlements. We explored the importance of leadership and diplomacy by negotiating a treaty, learning how conflicts could be resolved without fighting.

The trip offered a perfect blend of history, teamwork and outdoor adventure. Year 4 returned with enthusiasm, new knowledge and plenty of stories to share.



### Special visitors to our Reception classes!

What an incredible visit from Rocky's Animals! Children were able to look at and hold a variety of animals such as chickens, rabbits, frogs, hedgehogs and even snakes! Some of the children were extremely brave and had the snake around their necks.

They learnt lots of new facts about what the animals need to help them survive and what type of environment is best for them. At the end children were given the opportunity to feed the chickens and ducks. Everyone was engaged and fascinated by all the animals. What an amazing experience.



### Year 3 Visit to Hever Castle

Year 3 recently enjoyed an exciting trip to Hever Castle to support their upcoming History topic on the Romans. The children immersed themselves in the beautiful Roman gardens, where they learned how the impressive statues were created and discovered fascinating facts about Roman gods and goddesses. They learned about the importance of aqueducts and even made their own! They also took part in an informative tour around the castle, exploring its rich history and grounds. To finish the day, the children had great fun attempting a cheeky escape through the famous maze! It was a wonderful day full of learning, exploration and adventure.



## Year 5 Native American Experience

Year 5 were delighted to take part in a Native American Workshop where children got to sing traditional songs and listen to stories. Children enjoyed role-playing the stories and learning about the key morals. At the end of the day, all three classes took part in a performance where they got to showcase what they'd learnt and all thoroughly enjoyed. The energetic finale was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and pupils alike, capping off a highly successful day of experiential learning. Thank you to visiting expert Alex for the amazing workshop!



## Life Education Workshops

The Coram Life Education & SCARF team visited Danson with their specially designed Life Space tent. Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 took part in some fun, interactive workshops which are designed to help them understand the importance of physical and emotional health and learn some vital life-skills.

Year 1 took part in a workshop all about 'My Wonderful Body'. They learnt about the major food groups and looked at an interactive body model to learn how food, water and oxygen get into the body to give it energy. They also looked at the Healthy Wheel and considered the different things we need to be happy and healthy.

Year 2's workshop explored the theme of 'Feelings'. They began by considering what their bodies need to stay physically and emotionally healthy using SCARF's Healthy and Wellbeing Wheel. Following this, they discussed the safe use of medicines and learnt about the body using an interactive body model. To end, they became 'Feelings Detectives' and looked at the importance of friendships.

In Year 3, the children took part in a workshop called 'Meet the Brain'. They explored the Wellbeing Wheel and referred to its five ways to emotional good health throughout the workshop. They considered how to ensure online behaviour was both healthy and balanced. Then, using interactive techniques, the children considered the importance of each body organ before meeting the classroom brain. They learnt how a brain sends and receives signals through nerves and how it controls movements.



# Sporting Update

After school clubs have gone from strength to strength this year, with football being delivered across all year groups. It has been fantastic to watch the children develop their skills, confidence, and enjoyment of sport throughout the sessions.

We are now looking forward to an exciting summer term, with Sports Week and Sports Days fast approaching, alongside upcoming cricket competitions for our pupils to take part in.

## Girls Football

Congratulations to the girls' football team who, for the first time in Danson Primary School history, won the girls' football league title.

The girls have worked incredibly hard throughout the season and this achievement is fully deserved.

The final day saw the top two teams from the South and North leagues meet to decide the overall winner.

In the semi-final, the girls showed their class with a commanding performance against Bedonwell, comfortably winning the game and scoring some excellent team goals.

In the final, they faced Sherwood, the team that had previously beaten Danson in the cup, so we knew it would be a close and competitive match.

Despite being the stronger side and creating the better chances, Danson could not break the deadlock and the game finished 0-0. The league title would therefore be decided by penalties and, to add even more pressure, it would be a sudden-death shootout.

Danson took the first penalty and unfortunately missed, leaving it looking as though the girls' dreams could be over. However, Isla stepped up with a crucial save to keep the game alive. Eadie then calmly slotted home her penalty to give Danson the advantage.

Isla then demonstrated her excellent reflexes once again with another outstanding save. As the final whistle blew, the girls were crowned Bexley champions.

Congratulations to all the girls involved: Isla, Eadie, Meadow, Isobel, Betsy, Cataleya, Nelly, Evie, and Ivy.

You will forever be part of Danson history and we wish you all the very best in your future football journeys.



**Congratulations to Riley who competed for Europa Gymnastics Club on the floor and vault.**



**Congratulations to Daniel who represented Bexley in the Judo London Youth Games and contributed to the team ranking 3rd out of 27 boroughs.**



**Huge congratulations to Thomas who was awarded the Bexleyheath and Belvedere Hockey u10 player of the season!**



**Congratulations to Eadie and Isobel for being part of the winning team in the Bexley District Super Cup.**



***We are SO proud of you!!***

## Attendance

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Every School Day Counts!

### Highest attendance this term

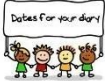
Congratulations to **Owl** for having the best attendance of **97%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Blackman** for having the best attendance of **98.4%** in Key Stage 2.

### Best punctuality this term

Congratulations to **Elm, Owl and Sparrow** for having the best punctuality of **99.8%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Franklin** for having the best punctuality of **100%** in Key Stage 2.



## Dates For Your Diary



**Children return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**Art Week**  
W/C 1<sup>st</sup> June

**PTA Crazy Hair Day**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Multiplication Tables Check - Year 4**  
**Phonics Check - Year 1**  
W/C 8<sup>th</sup> June

**Elm Class Assembly**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 9:05am

**Year 6 Bikeability**  
W/C 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Ash Class Assembly**  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 9:05am

**PTA Inflatables Day**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

**Health and Sports Week**  
W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> June



**Hot Weather Reminder**



Now we are in the Summer Term and the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child brings a water bottle and a hat to school. Polite reminder that sun cream must not be brought into school and should be applied at home in the morning.