



## Danson Primary School Newsletter

### Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break. Thank you for all your support over the last year, it is so good that we now can all meet at school events again. I know that the recent performances and our Sports Days were very well received by you. Thank you to those of you that took the time to send messages of thanks and support to staff, who as you have recognised, work so hard to make this school a great place to be part of. Those messages are always received with appreciation.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being here working with Mrs Hunter and School Leaders to look after the school in the absence of Miss Casey. Danson is still very much in her thoughts and she enjoys hearing about all the good things that are happening, and how well the children are doing.

I look forward to welcoming you back in September along with our new Nursery and Reception children.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Allen

### Platinum Sports Award

We are pleased to announce that Danson has been awarded the Platinum Sports Games award. Congratulations to Mr Corley and all the staff and children on this fantastic achievement!



### Travel Plan Award

We have also received a Bronze accreditation due to our work completed in Bikeability, secondary transition on public transport and road safety lessons.





## Maths 24 Challenge



On Wednesday 6th July, Mrs Beazley and Miss Jesney took six Year 6 pupils to the annual Maths 24 Competition in Bexley. Rocco, Caylan and Caroline were in Team A and Balpreet, Aarush D and Dhisha were in Team B. Players had attended Maths 24 Club with Mrs Beazley throughout the year; some had even been playing the game, and practising, since Year 4 when COVID struck and the competition was cancelled!

Both Danson teams had to compete in six-minute rounds, where they faced fierce opponents from other schools to make the total of 24 using all the numbers on the card. Players had to say their equation aloud and be extremely speedy to produce the correct calculation before their rivals could say an answer! If a pupil made 24 the fastest, they earned either 1, 2 or 3 points, depending on the level of difficulty of the card. Pupils played to earn points as part of their team and for individual awards.



We are extremely proud to announce that a break due to COVID did not stop Danson's winning streak. Team B played superbly and came joint 5th out of 16 teams from the borough! However, Team A were an unstoppable force who came first in the team rounds! Many pupils from other schools were blown away by the performances of our players.

a fantastic score and Rocco came first after his phenomenal display of maths agility! Joan Woodham (Head of Strategic Education Partnership, School Improvement, Early Years and Inclusion for Bexley) handed out the winners' medals and asked the players for their top tips. Rocco and Caylan both mentioned that finding factors of 24 was the key.

If you like the sound of winning a medal, and improving your maths skills, why not join the club next year?

Otherwise, you can practise with the online version at: <https://www.coolmathgames.com/0-number-solver>

Well done to all the participants in the competition!





## Year 6 PGL Trip



### Reviews from Year 6's recent trip to PGL

PGL was a great experience! We did many activities such as archery, rock climbing, buggy building, Jacob's Ladder, trapeze and abseiling. I loved everything we did as I tried different things that I'd never heard of, or done before. It was enjoyable in the evening because we got to spend time with our friends. The food was really nice! My favourite meal was hotdogs for lunch! They were really nice. I wish I could go back!

Head Girl

Cali Cato

PGL was a great time. There were so many amazing activities to take part in. I'm going to go over my top three things that I personally enjoyed the most. These were: the abseiling, the food and of course spending time with my friends.

There were many incredible PGL activities such as Jacob's ladder, the trapeze and rock climbing. However, there was one that was, in my opinion, a breath-taking experience. This was the abseiling. In the middle of the camp forest was where the abseiling station was situated. When you walked up the stairs towards the top it was very exciting. You stood at the stop sign waiting for your team's name to be called. After you were given the briefing, it was time to go down. I think the best thing was the fact that you could go so fast. I zoomed down and once I reached the end, I wanted to go again. It was a life experience I shall never forget.

Though the food is a strange thing to enjoy when all these activities around you were so exciting, it was excellent. I think they may have had an over stock on sausages as we had them every day, but they were cooked to perfection. On our first day, when we arrived, the dinner was sausage and mash. We were all very tired, so we needed something to give us some energy for the remainder of the day. It served its purpose, and we were all ready for the first night at PGL. Overall, I was very pleased with how the meals turned out.

The main idea of PGL is to have fun with your friends and be given responsibilities before secondary school. I felt proud to have to do things on my own. Not only this, it was with my friends. The feeling I felt was unreplacable. I could not ask for anything better.

Head Boy

Rocco Boulger



## **Rock Steady Concert**

Last Wednesday, 13th July, Danson Primary School held their very first Rock Steady concert, featuring the newly formed bands "Queen Bee Jr, King Phoenix, The Rocking Clouds, and Creamy". Both invited guests and staff were thoroughly impressed with all the performances and every single one of our rockers did themselves and the school so proud. We were treated to renditions of 'We Will Rock You, Another One Bites The Dust, Roar and Human' and the show was the result of all the hard work that Charlie, the band leader, and all the children have put in over the past 10 weeks.

Rock Steady will continue in September with a full day at Danson. We look forward to hearing even more music down the corridors and watching even more bands perform at the next concert. Congratulations again to those 36 children who performed so successfully at the concert who really stepped out of their comfort zone and put on the most excellent and amazing show. We couldn't be more proud of you all.



## **Bedrock Winners**

Congratulations to our Bedrock winners who received the highest point scores across their entire year groups. Each winner was awarded with a special Bedrock certificate and a £10 Amazon voucher.

**Year 3 – William D    Year 4 - Lorenzo C    Year 5 – Fiona W    Year 6 – Ami O**

Bedrock can continue to be used over the summer holidays for children in Key Stage 2.

## **Young Money Challenge Winners**

Two of our pupils were also runners up in the Young Money Challenge for their fantastic creative entries into the challenge to demonstrate ways to help people safely manage their money.






**Congratulations to Amelia T and Penelope H.**

### Use of mobile devices/cameras

Mobile phones and tablets should not be used to take photos 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.

 <b>Key Messages</b> 	
<p><b><u>Safeguarding-E-Safety</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> 	<p><b><u>School Uniform</u></b></p> <p>Trousers are grey Skirts and pinafores are green. Oversized bows in hair are not permitted.</p> <p><b><u>Trainers are not permitted to be worn as a school shoe.</u></b></p>
 <p><b><u>Sickness</u></b></p> <p>If your child has had sickness and diarrhoea they can not return to school until 48 hours after the last event.</p>	<p><b><u>Scooters</u></b></p> <p>Please ensure your child walks their scooters when on school site.</p>
<p><b><u>Safeguarding-Medical Information/Medicines</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> 	<p><b><u>Injury/Breakage</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b><u>Dates for September</u></b></p> <p><b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September – INSET DAY</b> <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL</b></p>	