

Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

I can't believe how quickly this half term has been and can't wait to share below all the wonderful events that have been happening in school. Before I begin I would like to give a special mention and congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs last week. We were so very proud of your determination, resilience and perseverance during the week. Thank you so much for trying your best, you are all stars!!!

Deaf Awareness Week

Danson celebrated Deaf Awareness Week in April. We were lucky enough to have an assembly hosted by Emma; a member of the Hearing Impairment Team from Oxleas NHS. Our assemblies were followed by year group workshops in which our children learned some British Sign Language. The children were brilliantly motivated and engaged throughout and could teach others the skills they had learnt. All of the children and staff who took part in this special event really enjoyed it and the children learned a huge amount. Most importantly, communication access is a fundamental human right for everyone, regardless of their hearing ability.



NatWest Workshops

On Friday 19th April, volunteers from NatWest supported lessons all about money in different year groups across school. As Danson is part of the Centre for Financial Excellence, we regularly learn about money and financial life skills to prepare children for real life situations and experiences. The workshops that took place were enjoyed by all the children and gave them an opportunity to practise their maths and money skills. Key Stage One children thought about their 'needs and wants' when thinking about how we use our money. In Year Two, pupils even had the chance to think about what ingredients they would use to make a super smoothie! In Key Stage Two, children had to think about what items they would want to take to a party and plan their budget accordingly. They also had to investigate a financial crime scene and figure out who had committed fraud!



RSE Workshops

Thank you to all those parents that attended our RSE workshops. Mrs Stephens discussed the importance of the RSE curriculum and why we teach it. The content of statutory requirements of the RSE curriculum were explained and an overview of the curriculum at Danson was shared. The content of lessons that the children will be taught in the second half of the Summer Term were presented and resources to support parents were shared. The presentation that was shared during the workshop can be found under the PSHE/RSE tab on the school website.

Life Education Workshops

At the beginning of the Summer Term, Life Education brought their LifeSpace to Danson. Children in Years 1,2 and 3 took part in some fun, interactive workshops focused on mental health. Year 1 participated in a workshop about taking care of their feelings. They explored different emotions and looked at a range of mindful techniques to manage these. Year 2 learnt about the feeling of gratitude towards others, about ourselves and the natural world around us. Year 3 explored the concept of accepting what we can't control and managing our feelings at such times. They thought about how they can accept themselves as they are and how they might be able to change things so that they can be their best selves. In the same way, they also learnt about accepting others as they are. The children really enjoyed the workshops and took away lots of ideas to support their mental health.



Miss Sims was delighted to pop into some of the children's history lessons this week and chat to the children about their learning. In the Year 6 lesson, they were chatting about their job as historians and how they used primary sources. Year 5 were keen to share their learning from their Crime and Punishment topic. The children were horrified by some of the punishments from earlier periods of history. In Year 4 children were learning about the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. One child recognised 'hept' in Heptarchy and linked it with seven because of heptagons. In Year 3 the children were using pictures of artefacts to infer information about Rome and discussing how some artefacts are more reliable than others. In Year 2 children were comparing hospitals now with hospitals just over 100 years ago, linked to their unit on famous historical nurses. Year 1 children spoke about the differences between toys they played with and those their parents and grandparents played.

Well done to all our children who have been taking part in lots of fantastic sporting activities, please see more information in Mr Corley's Sporting update below.

It was lovely to see so many parents for our Open Afternoon today. The buzz in the corridors with the children sharing their learning was just wonderful!!

We hope you have a fantastic half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd June.

Mrs Casey and Mrs Allen

Our new DT and Art Displays

Thank you to Miss Landick and Mrs Foskett for showcasing the wonderful learning of our children in these new displays





Sporting Update

Mini Tennis Yr 4

The summer term saw the return of the Tennis Competition for Year 4 children, playing in a festival format against other local schools. The children were amazing throughout, winning four games and only losing one, overall finishing an impressive 2nd place. Well done to all the children involved!

Children in KS2 have been playing tennis in the curriculum this term and I have seen a real enthusiasm for tennis throughout the school. With the recent redevelopment of all Bexley tennis courts, we hope that many children continue to play throughout the summer.

Congratulations to the team! Evie, Tia, Arnik and Mason



Girls' Football

The girls' team had an exciting end to their season, reaching the Semi-Finals against Dulverton. Unfortunately, despite the team's best efforts, Dulverton progressed to the final. The team still had the league finals day to play, which would see the team face Dulverton again in a very close game. Dulverton again progressed to the final. The team then would play in a 3rd/4th playoff fixture, which saw the girls win convincingly crowning them the 3rd best team in Bexley which is a fantastic achievement. This team has been excellent all season with great determination and passion for the game. If it wasn't for Dulverton, probably one of the best girls' teams I've ever seen. I believe this team would have won both cup and league titles in most years of girls' football.

Thank you to all the players who have represented the school throughout the season. The players have worked incredibly hard, I would also like to thank the parents for their commitment and support.

Congratulations to Darcy, Joanna, Eliza, Nancy, Harley, Sadie, Katie, Lexi, Elsie.



Boys' Football

The final term for the team saw them feel a rollercoaster of emotions with some lows, but some great highs. Firstly, the boys won the Bexley 5-a-side competition held at Goals. Beating a very good Burnt Oak Primary School in the final 2-1, with the winning goal coming from Elliot. On Monday the team would face Burnt Oak Primary School again, but this time in the 7-a-side Kevin McCarthy Cup Final. In a great game of school football, with Danson taking an early lead, then finding themselves behind with only minutes remaining, the team showed fantastic resilience to equalise. The game then went into extra time and with both teams unable to find a goal, it was looking to be a shared cup final. With only seconds remaining, Danson conceded a goal that saw Burnt Oak win the cup. Credit to the team who kept their heads held high, I was so proud of them.

The team then took part in a league title game. We were delighted to have some of the Year 5 team step into the breach to represent their school. The team went off to win an unprecedented fourth Bexley trophy, winning 4 out of 5 available trophies.

The team played some amazing football staying unbeaten throughout and only conceding a goal in all fixtures. Clearly this was due to the talented players and inspirational coaching from Mr Bowers. Danson Boys had become league champions!!

For many in the team they have played their last game for the school. I would like to thank the players for all their hard work and dedication. Hopefully this will provide motivation for all boys and girls at Danson. Also, I would like to thank the parents who have been so supportive throughout. I hope their football journey is remembered as one of joy and happy memories.

Congratulations to the team members: Archie, George, Louis, Harry, Alex, William, Hudson, Elliot, Denny, Cooper, Billy, Albie, Frankie.



Danson Boys 23/24

Bexley 7-a-side Champions
Kent 7-a-side Champions
SE Regional Finalists
Kevin McCarthy Runner Up
Bexley 5-a-side Champions
Bexley League Champions
Charlton Athletic EFL Champions
Represented Charlton Athletic EFL South Finals

Former Pupils

It has been wonderful to hear some amazing news regarding two former Danson students. Mason Hunter and Mikey Moore were both excellent students who captained the Boys' football team and won the Outstanding Achievement award in Sport which will again go to a year 6 student this year.

Mason Hunter

Charlton Athletic U18s recently sealed their spot in the Professional Development League 2 play-off final with a 5-3 triumph over Barnsley. Mason has been working hard as a scholar and we wish him luck earning his professional contract.



Mikey Moore

Mikey recently became the youngest ever player to represent Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier League at 16 years, nine months and three days. Mikey represented the school in various sporting events at his time at Danson. Mikey now plays for England u17s in the European U17s Championship.



Boys' Team 2017



Attendance

Highest attendance this week

Congratulations to **Shackleton** for having the best attendance of **99.6%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Darwin** for having the best attendance of **98.2%** in Key Stage 2.

Highest attendance this half term

Congratulations to **Shackleton** for having the best attendance of **98.8%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Blackman** for having the best attendance of **98%** in Key Stage 2.

Attendance Matters



25th June at 9:30am - LKS2 Sports Day

25th June at 1:30pm - UKS2 Sports Day

26th June at 9:30am - Reception Sports Day

26th June at 1:30pm - KS1 Sports Day

27th June at 9:30am - Nursery Sports Day



6th June-Elm Class Assembly
w/c 10th June - Phonics screening
w/c 10th June – Year 4 MTC
w/c 10th June - KS1 Assessments
12th June - Oak Class Assembly
20th June - Ash Class Assembly

Sports Week
w/c 25th June

INSET DAYS 2024-2025

2nd September 2024

3rd September 2024

4th April 2025

21st July 2025

22nd July 2025

Contact Details-Safeguarding

Please ensure to inform the School Office if your contact information/phone number has changed. This is to ensure the School Office can contact you if there was an emergency or in regards to your child's welfare.
Many thanks in advance for your co-operation.