



Danson Primary School Newsletter

Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

Parents' Evening

I would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who attended our Spring Parents' Evening. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you into school and to have the opportunity to share your child's progress, achievements, and next steps.

These conversations are incredibly valuable in strengthening the partnership between home and school, and your support plays a vital role in your child's success. We truly appreciate the time you took to meet with our staff and engage in these important discussions.

School Discos

We wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire PTA for organising such successful school discos. The children had a truly wonderful time and will undoubtedly have made many special memories. Events like these mean so much to them, and it's clear how much thought, effort, and care went into making everything run so smoothly. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Year 2 Nightingale Assembly

Nightingale class did a brilliant class assembly sharing some of their exciting things they have been learning this year. They took us back to London in 1666 and talked about the Great Fire of London, explaining how the fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane. The children also celebrated their learning during Book Week by performing a poem together and shared their learning from the book Poles Apart. The children expressed their enjoyment of the story and learning all the different places the characters traveled to. The children worked hard to remember all their lines, speak clearly and perform with confidence. Well done to all the children of their amazing assembly.

Year 2 Shackleton Assembly

Shackleton Class delivered a brilliant assembly showcasing their learning from the year so far. They took us on a journey back to 1666 and explained what happened during the Great Fire of London through spoken word, songs and acting. Children waved chiffon scarves to symbolise the fire spreading, whilst other children pretended to be the wind that caused the fire to spread further. In amongst their storytelling, Shackleton Class displayed their artwork and provided an excellent poetry performance of Pirate Pete, which they had learned during Danson's Book Week. Some children read some of their own written work aloud and all children handled the mic like professionals. Huge congratulations to all of the children for a great class assembly.



Year 2 Pepys Assembly

Pepys Class presented a wonderful class assembly, full of energy and enthusiasm. Their singing was a real highlight, with confident actions and great teamwork as they performed a number of songs. Their rendition of their class song, *Try Everything*, was particularly lively and enjoyable. Their ocean song was especially impressive, as they used their hands to show where the different oceans are around the world, demonstrating clear understanding through their actions. Throughout the assembly, the children spoke with clarity and confidence, using expression to bring their words to life. They also performed a poem about the morning rush with strong rhythm and clear articulation, keeping the audience engaged from start to finish. A big well done to Pepys Class for such a confident and entertaining performance!



Enrichment in our Curriculum

Reception Freshwater Theatre Story Hunt

Elm, Ash and Oak Class were taken on an amazing adventure to Fairy Tale Land with Alisha. We had to hunt out clues to help us find the stories we were going to experience.

We had to use our senses to find clues to help us guess which story we were going to hear. We then listened to 'The Gingerbread Man', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', 'The Ugly Duckling' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

The children loved joining in with the repeated phrases in each story. We had a great time and did not want to leave Fairy Tale Land!



Year 1 Trip to Cutty Sark

Year 1 went on a trip to the Cutty Sark. We travelled by coach and had a tour of the ship, where we learned all about its fascinating history. We heard interesting stories about life on board and discovered the different animals that travelled on the ship.

During our visit, we explored many parts of the ship, including the cabins and the area where the captain would sit. We also went up onto the deck, where we enjoyed looking out over Greenwich.

One of the most exciting parts of the trip was using our senses to smell tea, just like the cargo ship used to carry. We passed around different artifacts to help us better understand what life was like on board.

It was a fun and memorable experience that helped bring our learning to life!



SWAC

Danson was visited by Lizzie from Bexley's Schools Waste Action Club who facilitated a variety of interesting and engaging sessions across all year groups in the school.

From whole school assemblies about waste and recycling to rubbish relay races for years 1 and 3 and scavenger hunts for year 2, Danson pupils learned a great deal about how we can be more environmentally friendly. Children in year 6 took part in a climate education workshop whilst our Reception children discovered the wonderful world of worms up close.

As part of Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean, children in years 4 and 5 were taken over to Danson Park to do litter picking in the local community. After helping to clean up our local streets last year, we were ready to take part in this initiative again and make our litter-picking pledge. Overall, Danson pupils collected 40 bags of litter. We are proud that we could make such a positive contribution towards our local environment.





Bexley Music Festival

On Thursday 19th March, children from the Year 3, 4 and 5 choir had an exciting opportunity to perform at Fairfield Halls in Croydon. The group travelled by coach to the venue, where they took part in a couple of rehearsals throughout the day to prepare for the evening performance. At lunchtime, they enjoyed some time in the park, which helped them release energy and settle any nerves. In the evening, the children performed brilliantly alongside a live band from Bexley Music. They proudly represented Danson as part of a massed choir with around 15 primary and secondary schools from across Bexley. Between songs, they also enjoyed watching performances from other schools and the Bexley Music band, including some impressive harp and trumpet solos. The children behaved exceptionally well throughout the day, and we are incredibly proud of them.



Rocksteady Concert

The children who attend Rocksteady lessons gave a fantastic performance to their parents demonstrating the musical skills they had been learning. The children have shown great resilience in learning their instruments and have worked hard at playing together as a band. They should all be extremely proud of themselves. Well done everyone!



Sports Update

Girls' Football Team Triumph!

A huge congratulations to our girls' football team! This season, they dominated every match in the league, winning every single game. Their hard work, teamwork, and determination have paid off, and they'll be heading into the finals next term. Well done to Eadie, Evie, Ayla, Ivy, Isobel, Betsy, Meadow, Nellie and Cataleya.

We're all incredibly proud of their amazing achievement—good luck to the team as they aim for victory in the finals!

Sporting Achievements



Congratulations to Eadie and Isobel who are represent Bexley Girls' district side and have progressed to the final.

Everyone at Danson wishes the girls all the best!

Congratulations to Lilly who has become a finalist in the NATD medalist of the year competition in Blackpool Empress Ballroom Winter Gardens in July.

Lilly will be competing against hundreds of competitors over a two-day period! Wishing you good luck from everyone at Danson!



We are SO proud of you!!

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Every School Day Counts!

Highest attendance this term

Congratulations to **Sparrow** for having the best attendance of **97.3%** in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and to **Blackman** for having the best attendance of **97.8%** in Key Stage 2.

Best punctuality this term

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

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 22nd April @ 9:05am
Owl Class Assembly

Thursday 23rd April
Class Photographs

Wednesday 29th April @ 9:05am
Robin Class Assembly

Monday 4th May
Early May Bank Holiday



Wednesday 6th May @ 9:05am
Sparrow Class Assembly

Thursday 7th May
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR POLLING DAY

Wednesday 20th May @ 9:05am
Oak Class Assembly

Friday 22nd May
Parents' Open Afternoon

