

## Danson Primary School Newsletter

### Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been another fabulous autumn term at Danson. The children have been busy in their learning and it has been wonderful to see them showing great determination and perseverance when coming across new topics and challenges, well done everyone.

I would like to congratulate our Pupil Leadership Group and House Captains for being outstanding tour ambassadors when showing our prospective Reception parents around the school. Listening to you share your experiences of school and your learning was just wonderful!

### Year 3 Class Assemblies

Year 3 took everyone on a bus journey around the United Kingdom, show casing their learning along the way. The children started by demonstrating their fabulous rhythm skills they had been learning in their music lessons. Next stop, we learnt about Stonehenge and the Stone Age and they even managed to include some science work on magnetism. On their bus trip, Year 3 demonstrated their geographical knowledge and told us many facts about the human features around the UK, including the Eden Project and the Angel of the North. Along their packed journey, they managed to share their RE, PSHE, French and English learning, which included the reading of some fabulous diary entries based on the text, 'This Morning I Met a Whale'. Brunel finished their assembly with a great performance of 'You've got a Friend in Me'. Barfield's final song was a wonderful growth mind set song called 'I have a Go,' and Kapoor concluded with a super song called 'Being a Friend'. All the children in Brunel, Barfield and Kapoor should be extremely proud of their brilliant performances and well done to Mr Welsh, Mrs Corley, Mrs Green, Mrs Lucas-Aptekar and Mrs Gasiorek.



### Author Visit

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, we were delighted to welcome the author, Sasha Parker to Danson. She came to share her wonderful new book, 'The Land of Telleny' that educates the reader about the nutritional benefits of fruit and vegetables through entertaining, imaginative rhyme. Sasha read some of the chapters from her book and talked to the children about her journey to becoming an author. Her engaging presentation inspired many thoughtful questions from the children about her book and the writing process. Children who had purchased her book were able to have their copies personally signed.



## A.I.M. High Writing Day

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, a group of Year 5 and 6 children were given the opportunity to go to Bexleyheath Central Library for an author's workshop with other local schools. The popular author Neal Zetter led the day. During the inspirational workshop, the children had the opportunity to listen to several of Neal's entertaining poems from his books and find out about what inspires him and the journey to publishing a book. The children created their own fantasy creature and then wrote a poem about their character using different writing devices. This proved to be quite a challenge but the children all showed great resilience and produced some fantastic poems! It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to express their creativity and develop their poetry writing skills.



## Anti-Bullying Week

During the week 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November, we recognised Anti-Bullying Week at Danson. This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week was 'Make a noise about bullying.'

On Monday, the children came to school in Odd Socks to celebrate that we are ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. During Monday's assembly, the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors presented a short presentation to KS1 and KS2 assemblies. This informed the children about what bullying is, the types of bullying, the roles involved in bullying, why people bully and how we can make a noise about bullying. They also told the children what was happening during the week.

On Tuesday, Bigfoot Arts Education came in to deliver an assembly to KS1 called 'It's Good To Be Me!' which explored self-esteem, friendship and respect. After the assembly, Year 2 took part in some drama workshops, which used story, movement and puppetry to explore celebrating our differences and using their imaginations to consider the different ways we do and should treat each other.



On Thursday, KS2 had the opportunity to watch a filmed version of Bigfoot Arts Education 'Choose Respect' programme which takes an in depth look at how we form respectful relationships. The interactive assembly utilised filmed footage of a variety of character's stories to explore how we can manage our behaviour, language and actions in order to respectfully interact with each other.

The children were invited to take part in a competition to design an Anti-Bullying logo for Danson Primary School that should communicate Danson's message about bullying and being kind and respectful to others and how we can make a noise about bullying.

Well done to everyone who submitted some fantastic entries. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors had a difficult decision in selecting the winning entries. Congratulations to the following winning designs!



EYFS - Myah



Year 1 - Riley



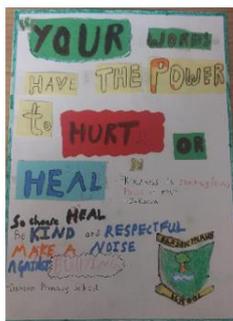
Year 2 - Vedanshi



Year 3 - Iveta



Year 4 – Amelia



Year 5 – Yosha



Year 6 - Emilia

## Sporting Update

### First Place in Blackpool!

We are very pleased to share some fabulous news from two of our Year 4 pupils, Mathew and Nicole. They recently competed at the Blackpool Grand Finals and achieved 6<sup>th</sup> place in their Couples Latin, 4<sup>th</sup> place in their Couples Ballroom and Matthew won his Jive category. Congratulations to them both; we are very proud of you!



### Boys B Team Danson vs Pelham

Danson's boys B team started off with a Christmas Cup qualifier. Playing at home against Pelham Primary School. The team started the game on the right foot and got off to a positive start going 1-0 up in the first half. In the 2nd half Danson turned on the style scoring 5 more goals in an impressive performance with the game finishing 6-1 to Danson. The boys representing the school for the first time should be very proud.

Congratulation to Hudson A , Lorenzo C, Frank G, Luca D, Jack F, Riley B, Noah S, Logan W and Denny T.

### Boys B Team Danson vs Belmont

Danson's boys B team then played in a league match against Belmont. The game started with going into an early two goal lead. The pitch was very heavy after a rain shower before kick-off. In the 2nd half the game changed with Belmont going downhill they got the momentum scoring some goals in quick succession Danson tried all the way to the end but unfortunately lost 4-2 to a strong Belmont side. Congratulations to the team who played two games in a week and did a great job.

Congratulations to; Noah S, Riley B, Lorenzo C, Luca D, Jack F, Frank G, Noah S, Denny T, Logan W and Hudson A.

### Netball League Game

The Netball team started league action against St Stephens at home in a very competitive game. Danson showed great determination playing a match for the first time for many pupils. Children rotated around playing in many different positions which was a great experience for all. The final result was 5-4 to St Stephen's which even though the team were disappointed, I was very proud of the team.

Congratulations to; Harry B, William B, Katie-Anne C, Lexi C, Frankie H, Asees K, Harley P, Darcy P, Nancy W.

### Indoor Athletics Competition

Danson took part in the annual Indoor Athletics Competition at Beths Grammar School. The team took part in various activities including throwing, jumping and running events. The team who did a great job throughout the competition, were awarded the passion award for trying their best. The team finished in 3rd place overall, congratulations to everyone who did a great job representing the school. Harry B, Riley B, William B, Katie-Anne C, Billy-Taylor F, Frankie H, Louis K, Eliza B, Asees K, Denis K, Anya M, Zoey M, Harley Devon P, Darcy P, Cooper R, Nancy W and Eloise ZW.

## Handball Festival

At Danson we value giving children opportunities to represent their school in sport at this festival which took place at Bexleyheath Goals. It gave children who love sport but haven't had the opportunity to represent the school, an opportunity to play a new sport and make friends. The children took a while to warm up as it was very very cold but eventually grew into the game playing some excellent handball and scoring some fantastic goals over all they finished in 3rd place which was a great achievement. It was so nice to see the children having fun and learning a new sport. Congratulations to all the team involved, you made the school proud.

Congratulations to; William D, Reggie D, Joshua H, Tawhid I, Temidayo M, Leo M, Lyla M, and Yosha S.

## Girls' Football

The girls football team started off the league season on a cold Tuesday evening at Goals. Playing 3 matches against local schools the girls played some brilliant football. Winning two matches first against Brampton 2-0 then winning against Peareswood 6-2. Finally, the girls played against Old Bexley in a high quality 1-1 draw.

Congratulations to the girls who currently sit joint top of the table after the opening games. Eliza B, Katie-Anne C, Lexi C, Joanna J, Harley P, Darcy P, Sadie P, Elsie S and Nancy W.

## Boys' Football

The boys team started off their league campaign at Bexleyheath Goals on Friday playing against an athletic Christchurch team the boys played some outstanding football and ended the game winning 7-2. Congratulations to the team on their victory.

Congratulations to Harry B, William B, Archie F, Frankie H, Louis K, Elliot M, Cooper R, and George W.

Our Carol Concerts got off to full swing this week. I look forward to sharing more information with you as we come to the end of our Autumn term. Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

*L Casey*

## Residents

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



## Dates for your Diary



**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am – Year 1 Christmas Production**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10am – Reception Christmas Production**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 1 Christmas Production**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am – Year 3 Christmas Production**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Reception Christmas Production**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1:45pm – Year 3 Christmas Production**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**  
**(in exchange for a donation to our Christmas Hamper Raffle)**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am – Nursery Christmas Production**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and Pantomime**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Parties**

**Last Day of Term**

**21<sup>st</sup> December**

**Last Day Collection Times**

**Nursery – 11:30am      Reception – 12:30pm      Year 1 & 2 – 12:40pm**  
**Year 3 & 4 – 1:00pm      Year 5 & 6 – 1:00pm**

# Our New Environments



