



## Danson Book Week 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

For the last few weeks at Danson, the children and staff have been immersed in our reading journey and fostering an enthusiasm and love of reading. It has been wonderful to see how actively engaged the children have been in all the different activities that have been taking place.

### Author Visit

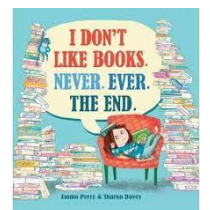
To launch the week, we welcomed author Josh Lacey to the school. He delivered fascinating assemblies for all year groups, talking about his life as an author, the inspiration for his books and the resilience needed in getting your writing published. Josh introduced us to the characters in his stories and read extracts from a range of his books. In each assembly, the children had the opportunity to ask him a huge variety of inquisitive questions about his books and the writing process.

Following the assemblies, Josh led some motivating workshops for Year 5, in which they began to write their own narratives. Through different activities, they developed the characters and setting for their stories and enthusiastically set about writing the opening of their stories. All the children were inspired to continue their stories after the workshop.



### Narrative Writing

During the week, the whole school read a book called, 'I don't like books. Never. Ever. The End' in their classes. The book is about a little girl, Mabel, who does not like books. Until one night, as she settles into bed, the books take charge, flapping around Mabel's head and pulling her into their pages. She is amazed to meet a variety of characters who provide tantalising glimpses of thrilling escapades. She finally realises that stories are a gateway into limitless worlds of excitement, magic and adventure.



The children used the story as a stimulus for writing their own short narratives describing Mabel 's next adventure. Following the writing process, the children planned, wrote, edited and then published their final pieces of writing, which resulted in some brilliant, imaginative stories showcasing their writing ability.

### Reading Buddies

During the week, KS2 and KS1 classes came together and the children paired up to share and read books together. This provided the opportunity for the older children to act as reading role models and for them to support the younger children with their reading. The sessions encouraged lots of conversations about books and reading. All the children found it a really positive, enjoyable experience and they cannot wait to repeat it in the future.

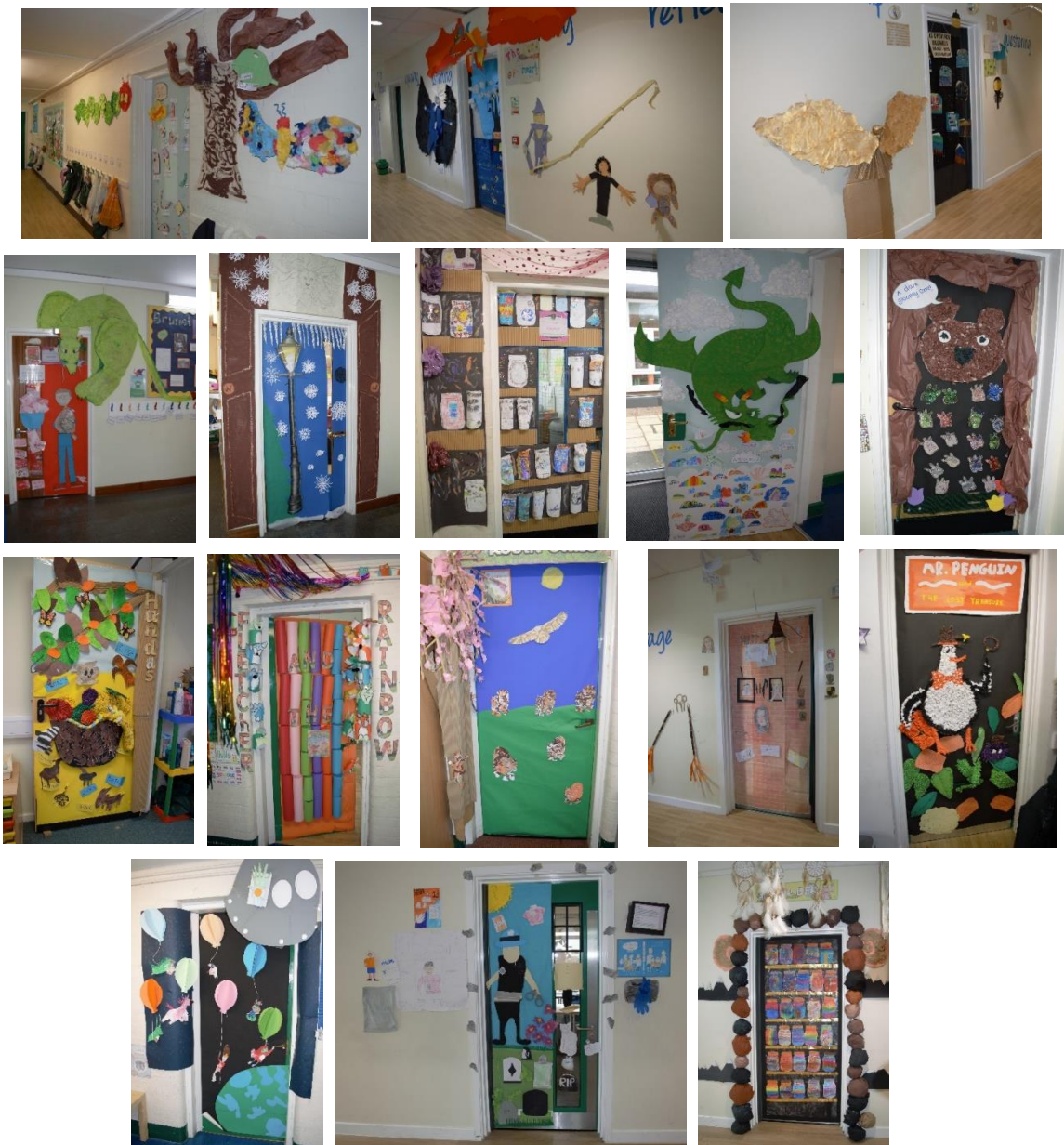


### Classroom Door Competition

As part of Book Week, every class was given the challenge to decorate their door around the theme of a book. The winning doors were able to choose some books from the Book Fair for their classroom reading corners. It turned out to be extremely competitive and the finished doors look amazing! All the classes had the opportunity to walk around the school to view the doors and vote for their favourites. Well done to

Franklin Class for coming third, Hawking achieving second place and Pepys Class for being the overall winners. However, all the classes need to be congratulated for creating such wonderful displays that have certainly been a talking point for everyone that sees them.





### Mystery Reader

For one of our end of day reads during Book Week, the children were treated to a mystery reader. The teachers swapped classes to read aloud to a different year group. The children waited with anticipation to find out who would turn up to read to them.



### 'Book Character Model' Competition

The models created for our 'Book character Model' competition were incredible! The time, effort and creativity that was put in was amazing. Thank you to all parents and carers that assisted their children in constructing these wonderful models. As the children walk through the corridor, they have been a real talking point and the focus of much admiration. Choosing the winners was a real challenge as all of them deserve recognition for the effort taken to create them. Well done to all of the entries!

The winners for each year group were:

**Nursery/Reception:** Olivia

**Year 1:** Aliia

**Year 2:** Kevin

**Year 3:** Beatrice

**Year 4:** Oliver

**Year 5:** Talya

**Year 6:** Jasbir



### Read Your Favourite Book

Thank you to all those that posted their reading videos on Google Classroom. It was wonderful to hear the children and parents enjoying and sharing their favourite books and explaining so clearly why they enjoyed them.



## Book Fair

The Book Fair was held after school from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> March. The children in KS2 were able to apply for different roles to help run the Book Fair. The successful applicants did a fantastic job, demonstrating responsibility and initiative, applying problem solving skills and showing excellent customer service skills. Thank you to all that visited the Book Fair and supported the children. It was a huge success and the school earned over £2000 to spend on new books for the school's library and classroom reading areas. A fantastic result!

There were a couple of competitions being run at the Book Fair.



The number of sweets in the cauldron was 115.

**The lucky winner was Elis in Elm Class who guessed 120.**



The name of the owl was Toffee.

**Congratulations to Sienna in Nightingale Class who is now the lucky owner of the owl.**



## World Book Day

On Friday, we recognised World Book Day by dressing up as book characters. The children and staff all looked brilliant and there were some wonderful costumes on show. It was a fantastic way to conclude all our Book Week activities!

The winners of the 'Best Dressed' were:

	Class Winner	Year Group Winner
Butterflies	Daniel	
<b>Reception</b>		
Ash	Ella	Cece
Elm	Ayla	
Oak	Jiya	
<b>Year 1</b>		
Owl	Beau	Alice
Robin	Cassiopeia	
Sparrow	Diego	
<b>Year 2</b>		
Nightingale	Rob	Oscar

Pepys	Bodhi	
Shackleton	Rhys Bevan	
<b>Year 3</b>		
Barfield	Ivy	Zack
Brunel	Alexia	
Kapoor	Harry	
<b>Year 4</b>		
Blackman	Luke	Aurelia
Dahl	Meher	
Rowling	Tyler	
<b>Year 5</b>		
Elizabeth	Hollie	Rose
Henry	Isabelle	
Victoria	Freya	
<b>Year 6</b>		
Darwin	Elizabeth, Emilia and Lakisha	Noah
Franklin	Sadie	
Hawking	Logan	





It has been a fantastic couple of weeks celebrating a love of reading and books at Danson. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and hard work demonstrated by the children.

Thank you for all your support in making this year's Book Week such a memorable experience!

Mrs Stephens

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