Danegrove Primary School

Newsletter





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Dear Parent/Carers.

I hope that the November edition of our newsletter finds you all well. It has been an exciting month at Danegrove with houses being selected by the pupils and history being made by the appointment of our first Head Boy and Head Girl.

First to the houses; with a runaway number of votes the children of Danegrove have selected Planets as the houses they wish to represent. Now comes the task of allocating 630 pupils to Neptune, Saturn, Jupiter, Venus and Mercury! We hope to have the house system up and running at the beginning of the spring term. Once pupils are allocated to houses our year 6 pupils will select two house Captains for each of the five houses. We look forward to seeing who they will be.

Last week saw our first Head Boy and Head Girl Elections. In total thirteen, Year 6 Prefects ran for 'Office!' - seven boys and six girls. This involved them in presenting to the whole school why they should be selected for the available positions. All thirteen children were absolutely amazing, they spoke with such confidence; demonstrating courage, resilience and determination. All their speeches were so aspirational, as they persuaded their young audience with many great ideas for our school.

The wait was then on as the whole school voted for who they thought would be best suited to the roles. Every child (Windsor Drive) and adult in school cast a secret vote which were then counted (and recounted) to ascertain our winners

On Friday 25th October you could cut the tension with a knife, as anticipation around the school grew more excited by the minute. It was a very close run contest for all of the roles; resulting in the decision by SLT to appoint two deputy Head boys and two deputy Head girls. Finally, the results were announced!

Many congratulations to our newly appointed team – we are extremely proud of you.

Head Boy - Toby Head Girl - Ayla Deputy Head Boys - Alex & Froiland Deputy Head Girls - Paris & Lena

Congratulations must also be given to the other children that stood for election as all the presentations were outstanding. A well done to Ashlee, Alfie, Kuzey, Robert, Francesca, Ariana and Selma for your determination and confidence in your presentation speeches, you did an amazing job.



In some lovely other news, we would like to send our love and congratulations to Miss Montagna who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl at the end of October, both mum and baby are doing very well. Martina has made her first visit to school where she received numerous cuddles - she took it all in her stride!

We look forward to a busy December full of performances, singing, Christmas DT projects, quizzes, food and fun, alongside continuing with our new autumn term curriculum.

Look out for our end of term newsletter to see what we have all been up to! Have a good few weeks, keep safe and take care, Miss Oliver

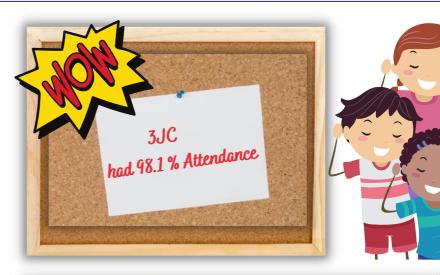




Attendance

Statistics

Class	Percentage	
Fox	97.6%	
Hedgehog	82.0%	
Squirrel	96.1%	
1JS	96.9%	
1KP	90.5%	
1SG	92.3%	
2EH	89.8%	
2KS	94.5%	
2LC	91.9%	
3EB	95.8%	
3JC	98.1%	
3SC	89.0%	
4AJ	68.5%	
4SI	96.1%	
4TK	89.5%	
5CB	91.1%	
5ML	94.6%	
5TS	96.7%	
6]]	88.9%	
6LR	94.5%	
6RR	92.0%	



Did you know that the Government's
Attendance Target is 96%?
Our current Attendance is 94%
We really need to improve this!





Today we had 47 children absent from school, representing 7.2% of the total number of students. It is essential that children attend school every day including the last day of term.

Present!

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. **The aim should be to attend 100% of the time.** Pupils who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and find it difficult to catch up.

As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- Friendships
- Social skills
- Team values
- Life skills
- · Cultural awareness

Reminder!

The school day on W/D starts at 8.50am – children may enter the classroom from 8.40am. On R/Ave the school day starts at 9am.

Any child that arrives between 9–9.15am on W/D and 9.10– 9.25am on R/Ave will receive a late mark (L). If your child arrives after these times they will marked as late after the register closes.

Achievements



Maths

Once a fortnight, we have a maths assembly to celebrate achievements in maths across the Junior classes from year 3 to year 6. On Monday, our first day back after half term, these children received certificates in recognition of their great work.

Well done everyone!

Sport at Danegrove

It has been a busy half term for sport at Danegrove, with our school participating in a number of different events including Football, Gymnastics and Indoor Athletics!!

Congratulations to our Athletics team who finished in 4th place on their first visit to the competition.

Our Mixed and Girls football team have also been in action, playing in over six matches this term. Congratulations to everyone who played, in particular the girls who have progressed through to the semi final of the East Girls with a 6-O victory against Ashmole.







Danegrove Activities



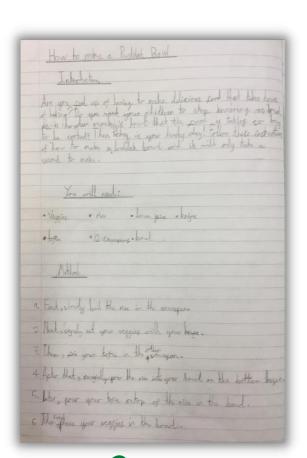
Barnet Bar No 1

A group of our wonderful students attended the Barnet Bar No 1 sporting event at Hendon leisure centre this term. They had a fantastic time playing new age curling, golf, bowling and volley ball amongst many many others! New age curling was a definite hit as were the rowing machines!

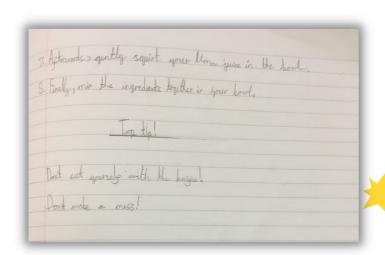
Well done team!

Buddha Bowls

This term Year 3 have been learning about Buddha Bowls in their DT lessons. We have learnt about where they originated from and why they are so good for you. In addition to this, we looked at the different components of a Buddha Bowl and created a design for us to use when we made it. Once we made the bowl we wrote up the instructions in our English lesson. Below are the instructions if you want to have a try at home!











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Monday	5 th December 2022	Danegrove - Open Day for prospective parents
		1:30pm – Ridgeway Avenue
Tuesday	6th December 2022	Christmas Performance – Year 2
-		10:00am - Ridgeway Avenue
Tuesday	6th December 2022	Christmas Performance - Foundation stage
Section Revision # (i)		2pm – Ridgeway Avenue
Wednesday	7th December 2022	Christmas Performance - Foundation stage
		9:30am – Ridgeway Avenue
Wednesday	7th December 2022	Christmas Performance – Year 1
		2:00pm - Ridgeway Avenue
Thursday	8th December 2022	Christmas Performance – Year 1
		9:30am – Ridgeway Avenue
Thursday	8th December 2022	Christmas Performance – Year 2
		2:00pm – Ridgeway Avenue
Thursday	8th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day – in support of Save the
		Children
Monday	12th December 2022	Christmas Extravaganza – time to be confirmed
Tuesday	13th December 2022	Christmas Lunch

PTA Parents Teacher Associations Meetings 2022

Tuesday 10^{th} January 2023 - 5pmThursday 9^{th} February 2023 - 5pm







Christmas Jumper Day, Thursday, 8th December 2022

The School Council have decided to support the UNICEF, Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day therefore children can come into school wearing a Christmas Jumper with their school uniform.

Please note that the school does not expect you to go and specifically buy a Christmas Jumper for this event.

If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, any Christmas accessory is fine (eg. tinsel, hair accessories etc.)

Donations for £1 or more will be gratefully received.

All money collected with be sent to UNICEF, Save the Children Fund.









Danegrove Christmas Market



Community News





PETER PHILLIPS CRICKET

HOLIDAY COACHING COURSES FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 - 16



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CRICKET COURSE MONDAY 19TH - FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER



FULL WEEK OR INDIVIDUAL DAYS

Absolute beginners to established club players
Everyone is welcome!
With fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities it's ...

NON STOP CRICKET WHATEVER THE WEATHER!

Working Mums and Dads? Early bird drop off and late pick up available!

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