

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that the January edition of our newsletter finds you all well, and I wish you a belated Happy and Healthy New Year.

It has been a good start to the new year with children getting involved with their new topics. Foundation Stage have been learning about transport with Year 1 looking at the history of flight, the year one teachers have made two planes for the children to role play their adventures in. In Year 2, they have been learning about the continents and exploring the different features of the UK. Year 3 have been learning all about deserts. Year 4 have been studying the Romans and are looking forward to their planned trip to the Verulamium park and museum. In our older year groups, we have year 5 learning about the rainforest and year 6 looking at the history of the London Docklands and how the landscape has changed over time.

I am pleased to say that our two new wellbeing rooms are now up and running, they have been met with great enthusiasm from both children and staff. Please see our new wellbeing pages in this newsletter, which will become a regular feature moving forward.

I wish to express my thanks for your support at our Winter Fair – it was great to see so many of our families enjoying the games and snapping up some January bargains. Events such as this are only a success with your amazing support. Thank you to all the parents that gave up their time to help us run stalls and to produce and serve the food/drinks, it really is appreciated.

I have to say a big well done to some of our pupils – our year 5 business Salice & Co (run by some of our pupils) did really well raising £122, after some heavy negotiating we agreed on a 50/50 split of the profits; with them donating £61.00 back to the school. Also well done to Maya in 3SC who also ran a stall, raising an amazing £76.20, with her donating the full amount to the school. I am extremely proud of them all.

I look forward to the rest of 2023 continuing in the same vein as it started: happy, positive and productive!

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Oliver.



Thank you

Thank you to everyone attending the
Winter Fair!
We raised £1,917.96

Wellbeing

Meet the Danegrove wellbeing team

Supporting the development of positive mental health, wellbeing and healthy lifestyles is at the heart of Danegrove Primary School. We aim to increase awareness of mental health and wellbeing, whilst embedding a culture of resilience, acceptance and empathy. Research has shown that children who learn about mental health and wellbeing at a young age are better equipped to handle challenges later on in life. They are also more likely to develop a positive self-esteem and resilience.



Mrs Ghosseiri
Assistant Headteacher - Wellbeing



Mrs Stevens
Learning Mentor

As part of our new wellbeing approach, we are introducing a number of strategies. These include:

- Giving children regular opportunities to talk about their feelings in a safe and supportive environment.
- Incorporating mindfulness and relaxation techniques into our daily routine.
- Teaching children about healthy coping strategies, such as exercise and creative outlets.
- Encouraging children to build and maintain positive relationships through social skills training and friendship-building activities.

We are excited to announce that the two wellbeing rooms; The Rainforest Retreat and The Water Wonderland, are now complete and open, with all children having access either via whole class lessons or small group work. The rooms enable children to reflect and express their emotions in a safe environment, and help them to understand their feelings. They also help promote self-esteem, and develop resilience, which are both essential for positive mental health.



Wellbeing

The awe, wonder and excitement of the children was evident as they saw the wellbeing rooms for the first time. Whilst in the rooms, we asked how the children felt and words such as calm, relaxed, focused, tranquil, peaceful and happy were used in their responses.

Our goal is to provide a safe and supportive environment for all children at our school, and we believe that teaching children about wellbeing and mental health is a crucial part of this. Our new wellbeing rooms, and the development of a new wellbeing curriculum throughout the school will help children to develop the skills that they need to lead happy and healthy lives.

Wellbeing Activities - why don't you try the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CosmicKidsYoga>. (Yoga for children)

https://youtu.be/3j0OpmLcLOM?list=PLasNGIFfkqhwkplLeh8guA_7zfcSPYmin (Make a gratitude jar)

https://youtu.be/dPQGq5YAhW8?list=PLasNGIFfkqhwkplLeh8guA_7zfcSPYmin (Superhero Drawing)

"It makes me feel relieved and makes all my stress go away."

Arlin, 4TK



"The room makes me feel calm and relaxed. I like all of the animals hidden in the rainforest. The breathing techniques help to make my mind feel calm."

Jayden, 5CB

"I thought it was very calming, and after a long day it's nice to relax."

Sophia R, 4TK



"I like the sounds and textures around the room, and it makes me feel relaxed. The breathing and mindfulness calms me down when I am having a bad day."

Sade, 5CB

Attendance

Statistics

Class	Percentage
Fox	94.0%
Hedgehog	90.7%
Squirrel	91.7%
1JS	92.6%
1KP	90.3%
1SG	94.1%
2EH	92.1%
2KS	89.0%
2LC	90.7%
3EB	97.4%
3JC	95.7%
3SC	95.7%
4AJ	95.9%
4SI	96.6%
4TK	95.7%
5CB	95.9%
5ML	99.3%
5TS	96.1%
6JJ	98.7%
6LR	97.7%
6RR	96.8%



*Did you know that the Government's
Attendance Target is 96%?
Our current Attendance is 93.7%
Let's try to reach 96%!*



Today we had 45 children absent from school, representing 7.3% of the total number of students. This is an improvement from the last newsletter so let's keep it up Danegrove!

Present!

To avoid disrupting your child's education, you should arrange (as far as possible), appointments and outings:

- after school hours
- at weekends
- during school holidays

By law, all children of school age (aged four to sixteen) must receive a suitable full-time education.

Once your child is registered at a school, you are legally responsible for making sure they go regularly attend.

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 be marked as late after the register closes.





Achievements

Danegrove Readers



Name	Date	25 books read	50 books read
Rafaella Vargiu 3JC	9/01/23	x	
Oscar Southall 3JC	9/01/23	X	
Oliver Southall 3JC	9/01/23	x	
Maya 3SC	9/01/23		x
Sammy Curzon	9/01/23		x
Myra 4TK	9/01/23		x
Emi Finch Foster 3EB	24/1/23	x	
Ronnie Godly 3EB	24/1/23	x	
Veronica 3EB	24/1/23	x	
Thomas Smallbone 3EB	24/1/23		x

Year 5 & Girls Football Tournament

Last Thursday, seventeen girls across year 5 and 6 participated in the annual Barnet 6-aside tournament where there were 25 competing teams. The girls played tremendously well, demonstrating the skills they have learnt at their football club on a Friday with Mr McKellow and Mr Jenner. Despite their best efforts (winning and drawing a game), our yellow team narrowly missed out on qualifying through to the knockout stages.

However, our blue team went one step better and qualified through to the knockout stages (scoring eight goals in the process). They beat Summerside 2-0 in the quarter finals before narrowly losing to Livingstone school 1-0 in the semi final to finish in 3rd place.

Well done to everybody who took part.



Dick Bailey Cup

Congratulations to our mixed football team who have progressed into the next round of the Dick Bailey Cup with a hard fought 1-0 win against Underhill with Sebby Lake grabbing the winner with a great strike from outside the box. Well done to everybody who played.



Danegrove Activities

Reception – Stickman

The children had been studying the story book 'Stickman' who tries to get back to his family tree. But after hearing that 'Stickman's' house blew down in the wind, the children were eager to use the school's new outdoor loose part resource to try and build him a new house. The children worked together, and were successful in building him a new home. Once finished, the children listened to the story in the newly build home and also had a picnic there.



Year 1 – Wheels and Axles

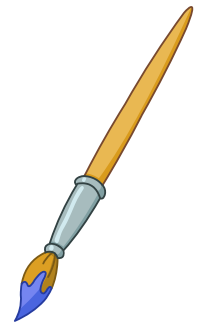
This half term, as part of our unit on moving mechanisms, Year 1 has learned all about wheels and axles. Children displayed great collaboration skills and thoroughly enjoyed working together to create their very own prototypes of wheels and axles.



Danegrove Activities

Year 2 – Colour Mixing

Unleashing their inner artists, Year 2 pupils are diving into the world of colour with a focus on mixing, theory, and creating colour wheels using both primary and secondary hues. It is a colourful learning experience that is sure to be a blast!



Year 5 – The Ecuador, tropics and rainforest

In their Geography lessons, Year 5 have been studying the equator, tropics and rainforest since the start of the year. They loved learning about the different layers of the rainforest and were fascinated by the amazing vegetation and animals that can be found in each layer!



Danegrove Activities

Share a Story at Danegrove

Ridgeway Avenue Site



We would love to invite you into the library (and your child's classroom) to simply enjoy books with your children. You will have the opportunity to come in from 9am or 2.50pm for half an hour. Grandparents, aunts, uncles or other family members are very welcome to attend if you can't.

Younger siblings are also very welcome and there will be some toys to keep them occupied as well as all the books.

Date and Time	Class	Date and Time	Class
Wednesday 18 th January 2023 2:40-3:05	1JS	Wednesday 22 nd February 2023 2:40-3:05	1JS
Tuesday 17 th January 2023 2:40-3:05	Hedgehog	Tuesday 21 st February 2023 2:40-3:05	Hedgehog
Wednesday 25 th January 2023 2:40-3:05	1KP	Wednesday 8 th March 2023 2:40-3:05	1KP
Tuesday 24 th January 2023 2:40-3:05	Fox	Tuesday 7 th March 2023 2:40-3:05	Fox
Thursday 2 nd February 2023 9:10-9:35	1 SG	Thursday 16 th March 2023 9:10-9:35	1SG
Tuesday 31 st January 2023 2:40-3:05	Squirrel	Tuesday 14 th March 2023 2:40-3:05	Squirrel

We can't wait to enjoy books with you, your child and their younger siblings!

Share a Story at Danegrove

Windsor Drive Site



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Class/Date	Class/Date
3JC Tuesday 17 th January, 9 - 9.30am	4TK Tuesday 21 st February, 2:50 - 3:20 pm
3EB Tuesday 24 th January, 9 - 9:30am	4SI Tuesday 7 th February, 2:50 - 3:20 pm
3SC Tuesday 31 st January, 9 - 9.30am	4AJ Tuesday 14 th March, 2:50 - 3:20 pm
2LC Tuesday 24 th January, 2:50 - 3:20 pm	5ML Tuesday 21 st February, 9 - 9.30am
2 KS Tuesday 31 st January, 2:50 - 3:20 pm	5CB Tuesday 7 th February, 9 - 9.30am
2 EH Tuesday 7 th February, 2:50 - 3:20 pm	5TS Tuesday 14 th March, 9 - 9.30am

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Spring Term 2023– Diary Dates

Day	Date	Event
Thursday	9 th February 2023	Year 3 Performances at 6:30pm
Friday	10 th February 2023	Year 3 Performances at 1:30pm
Monday	20 th February 2023	INSET Day – school closed for children
Monday	20 th February 2023	Year 6 residential trip; back on Thursday 23 rd February 2023
W/C	6 th March 2023	World Book Week
Monday	27 th March 2023	Pupil Progress Evening (Parents' Evening) 4pm – 6pm
Tuesday	28 th March 2023	Pupil Progress Evening (Parents' Evening) 4pm – 7pm
Thursday	30 th March 2023	Year 4 Performances at 6:30pm
Friday	31 st March 2023	Year 4 Performances at 10:00am

Spring Term – Class Assemblies

Friday 3 rd February 2023	5TS
Friday 3 rd March 2023	2LC
Friday 10 th March 2023	2LH
Friday 17 th March 2023	2KS

Spring Term 2022 – Share-a-Story Sessions

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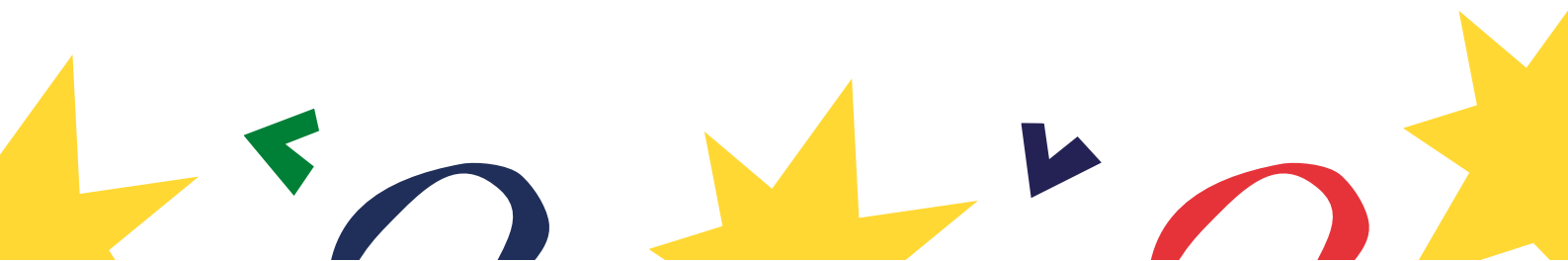




Danegrove 2023 – 2024 Term Dates

Danegrove Primary School

Term Dates 2023 - 2024	
Autumn Term 2023	
Monday 4th September 2023	INSET DAY - School Closed for children
Tuesday 5th September 2023	INSET DAY - School Closed for children
Wednesday 6th September 2023	School opens
Friday 20th October 2023	INSET DAY - School Closed for children
School Holiday (Half Term)	Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023
Monday 30th October 2023	School opens
Thursday 21st December 2023	School Closes for Christmas (early finish 1:30 p.m.)
School Holiday Christmas Break	Friday 22nd December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024
Spring Term 2024	
Monday 8th January 2024	School opens
Friday 9th February 2024	School closes for half-term
School Holiday (Half Term)	Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024
Monday 19th February 2024	INSET DAY - School Closed for children
Tuesday 20th February 2024	School opens
Thursday 28th March 2024	School closes for Easter Break (early finish 1:30 p.m.)
School Holiday Easter Break	Friday 29th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024
Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15th April 2024	School opens
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May 2024	School closes
School Holiday (Half Term)	Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024
Friday 28th June 2024	INSET DAY - School Closed for children
Monday 3rd June 2024	School opens
Wednesday 24th July 2024	School Closes for Summer Holiday (early finish 1:30 p.m.)
Wednesday 3 rd September 2024	School opens for pupils



Road Safety

Engine idling is against the law.

Also known as stationary idling, Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 prohibits leaving your engine on when it is not needed. This act enforces Rule 123 of the Highway Code, which states "you must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road".

If you do leave your engine idle, you could face a fine upwards of £20, or £80 in areas of London – as per the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations of 2002.

Air pollution – Please turn your engines off!

According to the UK's leading respiratory charities more than a quarter of all British schools and colleges are located in areas which have dangerously high levels of air pollution.

Research commissioned by Asthma UK and the British Lung Foundation found that 8,549 educational establishments (27% of all schools and colleges) are situated in areas where levels of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) are above guideline limits recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

We want our children to breath cleaner air please don't leave your engine running!



Community



Holiday Playscheme

Danegrove Primary School

Price:
£40/day
£25 half-day (any four hours)

Opening Times: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Debbie O'Connor Telephone: 07795147411



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- Camp Games
- Tournaments

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FEB HALF TERM & EASTER CAMPS 2023

Feb Half Term:

(EB 27th Jan)

13th Feb - 16th Feb

Easter:

(EB 17th Mar)

Wk 1: 3rd Apr - 6th Apr

Wk 2: 11th Apr - 14th Apr

COST

(All prices inclusive of VAT)

EARLY BIRD

(If booked & paid by the 'EB' date stated)

REGULAR

Single day

£32

£38

4 day camp

£116

£140

Camps will only proceed if a minimum of 15 children book - parents will be informed of any cancellation, with a minimum notice period of 7 days.
Cancellation Policy: We will require 7 days notice for a full refund and a minimum of 24 hours notice for your booking to be moved to an alternative date/credit on account.

WHAT TO WEAR/BRING TO CAMP

Comfortable sports clothing, a healthy snack, packed lunch and a drink in a refillable container. On hot days, sun cream should be applied before Camp.

EQUIPMENT

All equipment supplied for each and every child

SESSIONS

Single days/Full weeks

DISCOUNTS

Early Bird Discount (EB)

Book and pay by the 'EB' date stated, for each Camp, to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

Sibling Discount

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