

# Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carers,

*I hope that this newsletter finds you all well and a belated Ramadan Mubarak to our families that are celebrating.*

*A thank you to Laura, who alongside a growing team, has successfully relaunched the PTA – now known as 'The Friends of Danegrove'.*

*Please do get involved – it is a great opportunity to make new friends and support the school whilst doing so. It has been a very busy term at Danegrove and the children have been working very hard as they continue to engage with our revised curriculum.*

*I have seen some amazing design and technology this term across the school, with year 3 designing and making arrow holders, they have done a great job. Year 4 have produced some very appealing Roman sandals, and year 6 constructed some very impressive crane structures. It is so great to see our children get involved in the more creative side of the curriculum.*

*Talking of the creative side, year four have just put on two outstanding performances of Hoodwinked, with all the children showing off their amazing singing (some quite outstanding solos!) and acting skills; the West End definitely has competition from our budding thespians! A big well done to all of year four for putting a big smile on our faces, I thoroughly enjoyed the performance and am so, so proud of them all.*

*Not to be out done, our year 6 dance troupe performed a jaw dropping Matilda dance at the Barnet Dance Festival. The dancing ability amongst the group is so impressive; with talent evident in every step. Well done – you made us all proud! Thank you to Lorna and Miss Mouskoundi for their time in supporting our dancers.*

*Hot of the Press! Danegrove girls football team win the league for the second year running! Our amazing girls' team have gone from strength to strength over the season; demonstrating great resilience and determination in every game they have played. Their amazing hard work and team approach really has paid off, they won their last two games, which comfortably saw them take the title. Well done girls – an outstanding result! Thank you to Mr Jenner and Mr McKellow, the team coaches, for such positive support throughout the season. Please see the next newsletter for the full report.*

*After such great news, it only leaves me to wish you all a very Happy Passover to those who celebrate Pesach and Happy Easter to those who celebrate Easter. Have a lovely break!*

Miss Oliver.

Well done to the pupils who participated at LBB Swimming Championship:

Max (3JC), Laila (3JC), Noah (3JC), Nicholas (4AJ), Sabrina (4TK), Sophia R. (4TK), Ariana (5TS), Daniel (5TS), Jasmine (5TS), Mojtaba (5ML), Sara (6LR), Tudor (6JJ)

Well done to Sara who won her race!

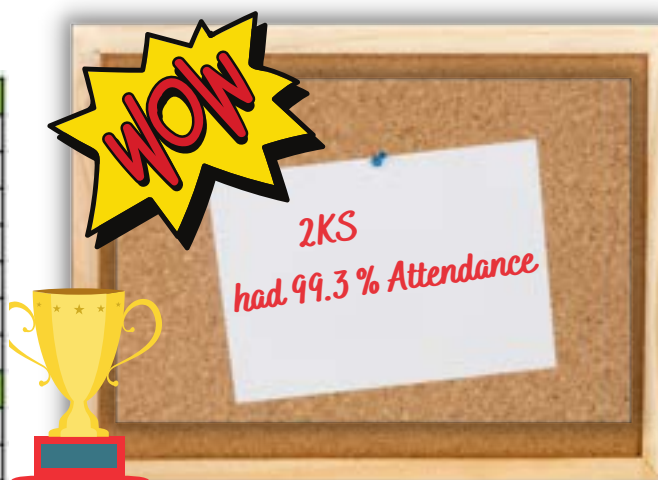
A special thank you to Jasmine's mum for getting a good luck wish note from Rebecca Achieng Ajulu- Bushell, a retired British swimmer, who won the 50m and 100m breaststroke at the 2010 British Swimming Championships.



# Attendance

## Statistics

Class	Percentage
Fox	94.5%
Hedgehog	96.2%
Squirrel	94.3%
1JS	95.0%
1KP	97.6%
1SG	98.3%
2EH	94.5%
2KS	99.3%
2LC	94.0%
3EB	97.0%
3JC	89.5%
3SC	90.6%
4AJ	98.0%
4SI	94.7%
4TK	93.2%
5CB	92.4%
5ML	95.3%
5TS	92.8%
6JJ	96.1%
6LR	96.1%
6RR	96.7%



*Did you know that the Government's  
Attendance Target is 96%?  
Our current Attendance is 92.99%  
Let's try to reach 96%!*



*Today, we had 100 pupils absent.  
Attendance is becoming a major concern.*

## 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.



# Wellbeing



As we approach the Easter break, it is important that we take some time to reflect on the wellbeing of our children. Did you know that there is a strong link between physical and mental health? Research shows that regular physical activity can help to reduce the risk of mental health problems such as anxiety and depression. Here are some tips and suggestions to help you improve your child's mental health and wellbeing during the holiday.

## Get Active

Physical activity is a great way to promote wellbeing. Encourage your child to get outside, go for a walk or bike ride, or play some games in the garden. Exercise helps to reduce stress, improve mood and increase self-esteem. With the longer days and warmer weather, now is a great time to get active.

## Get Creative

Creative activities can also help to promote wellbeing. Encourage your child to draw, paint or make something. These activities can help to reduce stress and improve mood. You could also encourage them to write a story, poem or song. This will help to promote creativity and self-expression.

## Stay Connected

Staying connected with friends and family is important for wellbeing. Encourage your child to stay in touch with their friends, either through phone calls, video calls or organising a fun activity with their friends.

## Take a Break

It's important for children to take a break from schoolwork and technology. Encourage them to take a break from screens and spend some time doing something they enjoy. This could be reading a book, playing a board game or doing a puzzle. It's important for children to have some downtime to relax and recharge.

## Be Mindful

Mindfulness is a great way to promote wellbeing. Encourage your child to practice mindfulness by focusing on the present moment. This could be through meditation, deep breathing or simply paying attention to their surroundings. Mindfulness can help to reduce stress, improve mood and increase self-awareness.

## Get Enough Sleep

Getting enough sleep is important for wellbeing. Encourage your child to stick to a regular sleep routine and get plenty of rest. This will help to improve mood, concentration and energy levels. You could also encourage them to read a book before bed, as this can help to promote relaxation.

There are many ways to promote wellbeing during the Easter break. By encouraging your child to get active, creative, stay connected, take a break, be mindful and get enough sleep, you can help to improve their mental health and wellbeing. We wish you all a happy and healthy Easter break.

Mrs Ghosseiri



## Foundation





# Danegrove Activities

## Year 2 – Jackson Pollock

Year 2 have been learning about the artist Jackson Pollock. The children created Jackson Pollock style 'drip paintings'. They used different tools to drip, pour and splatter paint onto the paper from above. It was a lot of messy fun!



## Year 3

This term in Year 3, the children have been making arrow holders out of textile materials. We used sewing to make our arrow holders with a range of different materials.



# Danegrove Activities

## Year 5 – Boxing Workshop

Year 5 loved their boxing workshop with the wonderful coach Theo. They had a great morning workout, learning foot movements and punching techniques.



## Year 6 – Design Technology and Stem

### DT – Design Technology

Following on from learning about how Docklands has changed over the 500 years, we evaluated, designed, planned and constructed our own cranes. We learnt how to use hacksaws, sandpaper, wood glue and delved deep to find patience in waiting for the glue to dry.

### STEM

Our challenge was to create a bridge out of paper and tape. We were able to fold the paper in any way and then place it between two towers. Weights were then placed on top to see which withstood the most force.





# Spanish at Danegrove

Children have been extremely busy in their Spanish lessons this term.

## Year 3

As part of our unit 'Colours and Animals', Year 3 have listened to the familiar story of 'Brown Bear' in Spanish. Children enjoyed taking part in a wide range of activities using flashcards, soft toys and the interactive whiteboard. They have started to develop an understanding of the noun-adjective order and made simple sentences about the animals.



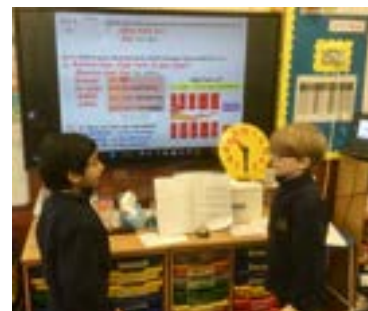
## Year 4

Year 4 have described animals from Camille Saint-Saëns much loved 'Carnival of the Animals' using a variety of adjectives and applying rules of adjective agreement and position. In addition, they have role-played the story of 'Cuatro Amigos' (Four Friends) and created a poster illustrating and labelling the key characters.



## Year 5

Children in Year 5 have learnt how to ask for and tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes in Spanish and talked about their daily routine. They had the opportunity to pick out key information from songs and play interactive games. They worked hard and with great enthusiasm to prepare and act out a short dialogue using previous and new vocabulary.



# Spanish at Danegrove

## Year 6

Year 6 have been studying the seasons and weather phrases in Spanish. Children have worked together to create and present a weather map describing the weather in different parts of Spain. They have paid attention to include weather expressions, compass points and simple conjunctions in their sentences.



### Revised Uniform from Summer 2023

As a reminder, from the summer term, all children (with the exemption of year 6) are expected to now wear:

- White polo shirts
- Grey pinafores, skirts, trousers, or school shorts
- Summer dress (light blue and white checked dress)

Please note that we do not expect parents to buy a new jumper/cardigan with the new logo, as the coloured-in logo will naturally work its way through the school as uniform is replaced.





# Danegrove Has Talent!

## Year 4 and 5

A huge well done to all of Year 4 for an outstanding performance of 'Hoodwinked'. The singing, dancing and acting was formidable. We await David Lloyd Webber's invitation to perform at the West End!



## Year 6 – Dance Festival

### Dance Festival 2023

On Friday 10th March, 17 children in year 6 took part in the annual Barnet School's Dance Festival at the Arts Depot. The children performed their dance 'Revolt Children' from the musical Matilda. The performance was incredible and we are very proud of the children! Thank you to Lorna from Dance Wright and Mrs Mouskoundi for teaching the children.

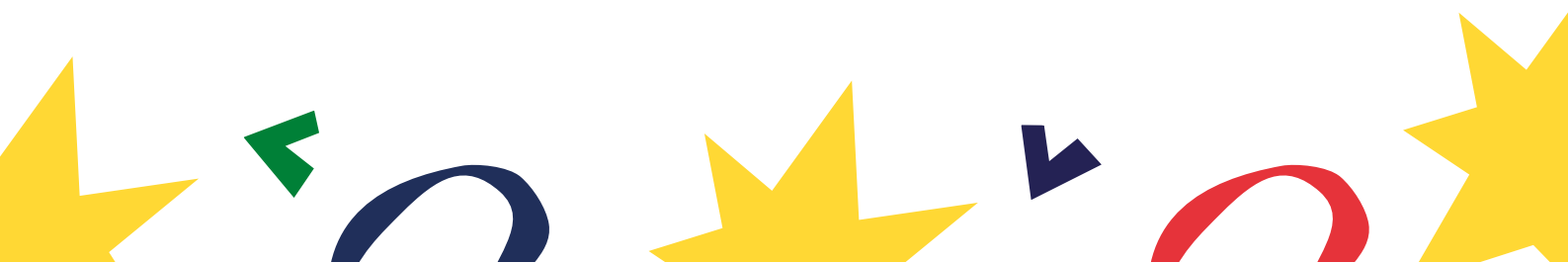




# Danegrove 2023 – 2024 Term Dates

## 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 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	School opens for pupils



# Easter Egg Raffle

## The winners of Reception and Year 1 Easter Egg Raffle

Anna Karina (Hedgehog)  
Hannah (1JC)  
Eloise 1SG  
Kevin Arthur (Squirrel)  
Harry (Fox)  
Samuel (1KP)

## The winners of Year 2 to Year 6 Easter Egg Raffle

Olivia (2LH)  
Erisa (5CB)  
Ellie (6LR)  
Ayla (3SC)  
Nasi (5ML)  
Mia (2LC)  
Froiland (6RR)  
Isabelle (3EB)  
Ore (5TS)  
Ema (3JC)  
Pantea (2KS)  
Borislava (2LH)  
Francis (6JJ)  
Artin (4SI)  
Alex (4TK)  
Ella (4AJ)





## Friends of Danegrove – PTA

The Friends of Danegrove have had a fantastic start to the year with the women's confidence workshop raising over £200! A massive thank you to Sunita for running the workshop, it was a great evening full of brilliant advice and tips. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the evening.

We also had a get together over coffee & some cakes. It was great to meet everyone and we are looking forward to the next coffee morning.

Want to know what else we have planned? Come and find out what's coming up and how you can get involved at our next Friends of Danegrove catch up which is taking place on Wednesday 19th April at 8pm over zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82092298546?pwd=Rzdkd0JnWkViQ3RqZmNhMFEvdTFodzO9>

Meeting ID: 820 9229 8546

Passcode: 946559

Upcoming events:

**Friday 28th April – 9am – 10:30am Coffee morning**

**Saturday 10th June – 11am – 3pm Summer Fair**



## Community



## HAF Programmes

Offered during Easter Holidays.

We offer various activities, including Sports, Arts & Crafts, IT, Nutrition and Parent Engagement.

Venue: NLBP (Primary), Oakleigh Road South, N11 1NP

Date: Tuesday, 11th April - Friday, 14th April

Time: 10 am - 2:30 pm

Ages: 5 - 12

Contact and more information:

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