



## An update from Mrs White (Executive Headteacher), Miss Lawrence (Head of School) and Mrs Hickinbottom (Deputy)...

What a fantastic month at Danemill and as we have started to see leaves falling off the trees with the start of Autumn, the children are working as hard as ever. At the beginning of the month Year 6 took part in Bikeability training where they learnt how to be safe when using their bikes on the road. All children that took part are now qualified and able to ride their bikes to school. If you want a cycle permit then please speak to the Office who can arrange this.

Danemill have been recognised for their work within Maths Mastery and have been selected to take part in a prestigious Maths Teacher Research Group. Mrs Todd and Miss Wren will be working with teachers from all over the East Midlands to research the most effective ways of teaching our children deeper thinking skills. We will keep you updated on their progress and I'm sure that the children will come home and start telling you all about their deeper thinking.

5RH were the first to do their class assembly and they taught us all about their 'Stargazers' topic. Children shared their facts about Space and we were even treated to a snippet of David Bowie! 6MM are next to have their class assembly on the 2nd October.

On the 13th we were recognised again for our work with Mathletics and chosen as a school that they wanted to use and feature in the promotion materials so the children dusted off their Mathletics skills and showed the film crew their best whizz skills. We have had really positive feedback from our slimming down of homework expectations and am glad that we are able to support family life in this way.

On the same day we also celebrated Roald Dahl Day. Assembly was full of Oompa Loompas, Matildas, Crocodiles and even a Willy Wonka or 10! It was as if we had transformed into the books themselves. The children had terrific fun working on their various activities and those chosen as 'best dressed' even won their very own Wonka Bar!

Year 2 enjoyed a Bug Hunt with the RSPCA who came in and taught the children how to identify different minibeasts as part of their topic on 'Wriggle and Crawl'.

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to PGL and took part in many activities including Quad Biking and Water Rafting! Miss Lawrence particularly enjoyed hearing the tales of Mrs Ellis and Mrs Moore capsizing! Both the leaders and teachers were quick to report that it was a pleasure taking the children and that it was the best group that they had ever taken. No pressure Year 5s.

P.T.O for more Danemill News...

## Cross Country News...

Danemill runners enjoyed their first Cross Country race of the season at the Vipers Rugby ground. They showed resilience and motivation securing amazing places:

**Year 3 girls:** Summer O'Connell (9) Ava Coulson (28)

**Year 3 boys:** Sam Lewitt (1) Charlie Dundee (27) Louis Spadaccini (23) Theo Ardelt (54) Travis Benfield (26)

**Year 5 girls:** Libby Simmonds (24) Piper Allsopp (26) Zakeya Senesie (15) Isla Smith (13)

**Year 5 boys:** Austin Benfield (28) Rhys Coulson (20) Fin Dundee (38)

**Year 6 girls:** Katie Heald (11) Evie Spadaccini (22)

**Year 6 boys:** Oliver Harris (19) Harry Chapman (6)

We were astounded with these finishing places. Well done to all taking part. You have made Danemill proud!



Our Senior Leaders have been working in lessons to look at learning. Children are confidently talking about their learning with us as well as their peers. They have been proud to show us their learning within their books and are recognising their own improvements in presentation.

Patricia from TESCO has been in to work with Mrs Raxworthy. Some of you may already know that we are setting up a Forest School provision for EYFS initially then spreading this throughout the whole school. However, the first task is to cut back the overgrown forest! We will keep you up to date with the developments both here and on Twitter.

The Rotary club have been in to launch the shoebox appeal. Every year they fill shoeboxes for the children in various countries to add a little something special to their Christmas. We urge you to join us in this appeal and return your shoeboxes to school as soon as they are ready. There are empty tables in the hall awaiting their arrival.

Mrs Moore and Miss Hainsworth led our first parent workshop on Phonics/Handwriting and Grammar on the 21st. It was well received with parents taking the time to come and offer positive feedback, such as, 'That was amazing!', 'It's fantastic that we get to come in and learn how it's taught before we join our children.' We thoroughly enjoyed working with you on the evening and do hope you join us for the next. Event. This will be Maths on November 2nd 5.00pm—5.45pm.

Our first open day for prospective parents in EYFS and Pre-School was busier than expected with parents coming from all over to see our provision. They enjoyed a tour of the school with time for tea and cake at the end. Some brought their children with them who didn't want to leave at the end. A good sign for next year!

We continue to support a variety of charities and this month was the turn of Macmillan. This charity sits at the heart of many of us at Danemill and we are proud to do all that we can to support. Firstly, there was a very competitive Staff 'Bake Off' with several entries including a Unicorn and cakes with various surprising fillings. A group of eager children were our judges and they awarded 1st place to Miss Hockley!

We also welcomed you to our Open Morning and Coffee Morning on Thursday where the children were so eager to share their new learning with you. The coffee morning was a great chance to hear that instant feedback and, of course, a great chance to network. We will tweet the final total raised for Macmillan as soon as we've counted the pennies.

Thank you for your continued support.

We elected our 2017—18 school council. The children prepared and gave their speeches as to why they should be a member of the school council and the following individuals were elected:

Jonah Moger 3LM Brooke Cooper 5RH Martin Cybulski 5LM

Freya Hirons 4HW/EH Noah Howard McDevitt 4SJ Mya-Lese Barker 6KE/HOC

Marissa Dean 6MM Olexia Johnson 3LB Anais Hirons 2GC Ted Stokes 2ET

These may well be our politicians of the future!

### Newsletter Dates...

We are aiming to move to an electronic newsletter in 2018 so please ensure that the office have an up to date email address:

03/11/17    01/12/17    20/12/17

### Dates For The Diary ...

2nd October —6MM Class Assembly

4th and 5th October—Parents Evening—3.45—6.30 p.m. This will take place in the Hall.

7th October—DSAT recruitment fair

10th October—World Mental Health Day—children can wear yellow

13th October—Wilton Baking Challenge—First Round and School Closes for Half Term

23rd October—**TEACHER DAY. Children are not in school until Tuesday 24th October 2017**



## FEDS update...

Our FEDS (Friends of Enderby Danemill School) have been working tirelessly to fundraise for our school over this past year and had their first meeting of the year to decide how to allocate the funding. The children are already enjoying the gymnastic equipment that FEDS funded from last year in our new club! So far in this year alone, FEDS have donated an outside bench to support outdoor learning in Year 1, funding for one of our two Christmas Pantomimes for the children, funding for all children in Years 3—6 to have a Christmas dinner as well as Christmas Crackers for all, a set of reading books for each year group to support our new approach to whole class reading and funding for each class to have an enrichment activity. Without the FEDS, Danemill would not be able to have these additional enrichment opportunities for our children so a huge thank you for your continued efforts. Also without our fantastic parents who attend all of the events, this would also not be possible so thank you again!

The FEDS have also agreed dates for events this year:

**3rd November** — Autumn Disco — Years 1–3 4.30–5.30 p.m. Years 4–6 5.45–6.45 p.m.

Food will be available for all years on pre-order.

**8th December**— Christmas Fair— 3.30–6 p.m.

If you are able to help with this then please can you speak to the Office and they will pass your number onto the FEDS.

**27th April**— Spring Disco— EYFS, Years 1 and 2—4.30–5.30 p.m. Years 3–6 5.45–6.45 p.m.

Food will be available for all years on pre-order.

**6th July**— Summer Fair— 3.30–7 p.m.

### Children sent to Senior Leaders for fantastic efforts:

Eva Navaratne (1EH)	Lysand Sinfield (5LM)	Skyee-Louise Batson (2ET)	Joshua Holt (4SJ)
Kaydon Mason (1EH)	Ellis Murrell (6MM)	Kaelan Ball (2ET)	Carl Ray (4SJ)
Gideon Moger (1EH)	Henry Watson (5LM)	Ashton Glossotis (6KE/HOC)	Liasdean Stubley (4SJ)
Fabian Clarke (5LM)	Martin Cybulski (5LM)	Warren Masters (6MM)	Corey Lee French (4SJ)

### Specialist Leaders of Education

We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Cole is now a Specialist Leader of Education in English. This is a prestigious qualification and provides us with the expertise within school as well as her support in other schools. This now takes us to 4:

Miss Lawrence—Behaviour

Mrs Todd—Maths

Miss Hockley—Computing

*'Only the best is good enough'*

### Dinner Money

Unfortunately we are having to do a lot of calling for owed dinner money. This means that not only do we waste valuable time in the school day having to ring but also this money is coming directly from your child's education and shouldn't be. Please ensure that dinner money is paid in advance in a named envelope to the Office on a Monday. Meals are £2.20 a day.



## **DISCOVERY SCHOOLS ACADEMY TRUST**

# **RECRUITMENT EVENT**

- ✓ **Are you interested in your next career move?**
- ✓ **Would you like to work in one of our Schools?**
- ✓ **Are you considering a career in Education?**

Come and join us at Parkland Primary School on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to speak to our staff about current and future roles, and how you can become part of our team.

The event will include a range of opportunities to discuss with our schools your next potential career move and you will be able to ask questions about what it is like to work in a school within our partnership.

Discovery Schools Academy Trust is a partnership of 13 schools working within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We would like to welcome current teachers and school leaders, as well as those considering a career in education, including apprenticeships to join us for our recruitment event to find out more about working within our Trust.



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workshops for  
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about how to apply  
for vacancies**

**Find information  
about teaching,  
leadership &  
support staff roles**

**Talk to us about  
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**7<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**10:00 – 1:00pm**

**At Parkland Primary School,  
St Thomas Rd, Wigston,  
Leicestershire  
LE18 4TA**

To register for our event please  
visit

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