

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

We hope that you had a lovely half term and are ready for the second half of Autumn Term.

As usual we have had a great time in school with lots of events happening. October saw a class assembly from Mrs Moore's class. They retold their tales from PGL with lots of hilarious pictures which had the children laughing. The very next day we had a visit from our CEO, Paul Stone and David Williams, the Chair of our Trust. As we showed them around our fantastic school, the children confidently shared their learning and talked about life at Danemill. Both visitors were very pleased with our school, the confidence within our children and the atmosphere.

We had our first parents evenings in October giving us another chance to meet our new families and catch up with existing families. You will have noticed Mrs Watson had an E-Safety stall. Thank you to all those who engaged with the stall; your questionnaires not only help us to identify where we can support you at home but also informs our E-Safety curriculum for the children. We will share some of the findings in coming newsletters.

Sporting success was rife in October with both teams getting through to the semi-finals of the Danone football cup. The girls team made it to the finals. Both teams showed so much of the Danemill spirit and played incredibly well but unfortunately didn't get the crown of tournament winners, however they all got medals so there were lots of smiles in assembly.

EYFS and Year 1 had their handwashing sessions from the school nurse who commented how knowledgeable the children were on cleanliness.

Miss Lawrence provides training to trainee teachers for behaviour and we welcomed several students around school. They were overwhelmed with the children's ability to discuss their learning and didn't want to leave the fantastic EYFS provision as they took on the role of the giant in Jack and the Beanstalk.

You may have seen our pictures on the Twitter feed of when we dressed up to support the #HelloYellow theme for World Mental Health day. We had a thought-provoking assembly from Mrs McIntosh and Miss Hainsworth when we looked at what mental health was, how we could support others as well as ensuring our own positive mental health.

On the final Friday before half term we had an informative Harvest Festival assembly led by Mrs Hickinbottom, Jerry from our local church and some enthusiastic Year 6s. The singing was amazing as described as the best school by Jerry. We reminded him that only our best was good enough ;-).

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

Cross Country News...Part one!

Danemill runners have been storming in every race. We like to celebrate all successes so wanted to share their places with you. The next race took part at the Vipers:

Year 3 girls: Summer O'Connell (8) Ava Coulson (27)

Year 3 boys: Sam Lewitt (1) Louis Spadaccini (27) Charlie Dundee (30) Ashton Simmonds (49) Theo Ardelt (50)

Year 4 boys: Frank Ferris (36)

Year 5 girls: Libby Simmonds (24) Piper Allsopp (26) Zakeya Senesie (20) Isla Smith (16) Jessica Slade (25) Charlotte Carr (37)

Year 5 boys: Austin Benfield (35) Rhys Coulson (20) Fin Dundee (TBC)

Year 6 girls: Katie Heald (4) Evie Spadaccini (24)

Year 6 boys: Oliver Harris (25) Harry Chapman (9) Warren Masters (30)

As you remember we had a very successful MacMillan fundraiser and we wanted to inform you that the total raised was £568.69. Thank you all for your support.

Last week Year 4 had the RSPB come to support their work on habitats. They had a lovely afternoon searching the school grounds with the additional knowledge of our visitor.

On the theme of animals and insects, our Year 2 and 6 classes were visited by Zoo Lab which was kindly funded by our FEDS. They had the opportunity to look at and handle various animals including lizards and snakes! There were various 'eeks' and 'arrrrrghhh's' and all of the children had a fantastic time.

On Monday we had our next class assembly from 6KO. They told us all about their topic week when they learnt all about Darwin's adventures and research. Thank you to all of the parents that attended.

On Thursday we had our next parent workshop focused on our way of teaching Mathematics. It was led by Mrs Hickinbottom, Mrs O'Connell and Miss Wren and provided practical examples of helping children with their learning. We were overwhelmed by the amount of eager parents attending and we do hope that you are able to join us for the next open morning.

Tonight is our School Disco! We do hope to see many happy faces dancing and having fun with their friends. All funds raised by FEDS helps to enrich your child's education so please support.

Finally, we are working towards changing to an online newsletter and phasing out our paper ones after Christmas. Today you will be receiving this in paper form but we will also be sending a copy to your email addresses for the first time. If you do not receive the email then please can you contact the School Office with your correct contact information.

Cross Country News...Part two!

Our next race was on Saturday 30th September at Prestwold Hall. There are so many more competitors and our children showed great stamina with all crossing the line with happy faces. Thank you to all of the parents who took the children and Mrs Smith for organising it all:

Year 3 girls: Summer O'Connell (79)

Year 3 boys: Sam Lewitt (4) Theo Ardelt (213)

Year 5 girls: Libby Simmonds (104) Piper Allsopp (105) Zakeya Senesie (74) Isla Smith (61)

Year 5 boys: Rhys Coulson (61)

Year 6 boys: Warren Masters (135)

Well
Done!

Newsletter Dates...

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Dates For The Diary ...

10th November —TEMPEST Portraits and Family Groups photos.

10th November—2.30p.m.—World War 1 assembly to parents/carers

13—17th November—Anti Bullying Week

15th November—Open day for prospective EYFS and Pre-School parents—9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

17th November—Children in Need

20th November—5MM class assembly—2.50 p.m.

FEDS dates...

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.

Thanks again to all those that give up their time to help us to raise money to enrich the children's education but also to those that attend these events and give up their hard earned money.

Cross Country News...Part three!

The next race was at Vipers on 9th October and the children turned out in droves. Here are their finishing places:

Year 3 girls: Summer O'Connell (15) Ava Coulson (26)

Year 3 boys: Sam Lewitt (2) Theo Ardelt (70) Louis Spadaccini (30)

Year 4 boys: Frank Ferris (36)

Year 5 girls: Libby Simmonds (17) Piper Allsopp (31) Zakeya Senesie (21) Isla Smith (16) Jessica Slade (29) Charlotte Carr (38)

Year 5 boys: Rhys Coulson (12) Austin Benfield (29)

Year 6 boys: Warren Masters (19) Harry Chapman (3)

Year 6 girls: Katie Heald (10)

Children sent to Senior Leaders for fantastic efforts:

WOW!

Jaimee Burchell	Ruby Guiney	Elise Shackleton
Tanai-Leigh Street	Jasmine Hiscott	Cameron Randall
Fabian Clarke	Ethan Woolstencroft	
Evie Spadaccini	Corey-Lee French	Emma Clark
Bethany Tanner	Eden Wyllie	Advik Abhyankar
Layton French	Sam Hollingworth Handy	
Dominic Buckley	Warren Masters	Matty I'Anson

Charlie Monk	Riley Potter	Nicola Gurska
Walida Cheik-Abdulhay		Tyler Clarke
Marcos Rodriguez De Abreu		
Ola Pawul	Oscar Thompson	
Nathan Kennedy	Lilly Nixon	Alex Paget
Marie Maughan	Gwyn Journeaux	Fletcher Brown
Milan Hall	Rock Heald	

School Council ...

Our School Council met to discuss their initial ideas. They were full of enthusiasm, energy and ideas which is just what we want at Danemill. First on the agenda was Children in Need. They have decided to decorate the school in spots! They will be leading a dance-a-thon for the children and having a non-uniform day. They are working with the dining supervisors to improve lunchtimes by adding to the activities available and fundraising for additional resources. They are also thinking about how we can be a more eco-friendly school focusing on reducing our carbon footprint and the amount of energy the school uses.

Extra News...

- * Martha Moger is our new Parent Governor for the Advisory Board :-)
- * We are on the look out for spare toys for Wrap-around Care. Please hand in any spares you have to the Office.
- * Enderby Heritage Group are having an exhibition on local history and schools including DANEMILL. Please see their Facebook page for more details.