

## An update from Miss Lawrence (Headteacher) and Mrs Hickinbottom (Deputy)...

### Parents Evening

Thank you for all of the positive comments at Parents Evening. It was lovely to see you all and share the progress of your child's year so far at Danemill.

### Accelerated Reader

We continue to use our Accelerated Reader programme in school from Year 2 upwards. The children get to select a book at their comprehension level as well as a book for enjoyment. We track their individual progress and can challenge or support where necessary.

One of our pupils made a landmark achievement. Jonah was the first child to smash the 2 million word count which means that since the start of term he has read over 2 million words. As a celebration, he received a £10 WHSmith voucher. Well done Jonah. His next challenge is 5 million. Come on Jonah!

### Traffic

We have received advance notice from Blaby District Council that they will be conducting the count for the local elections from 9am on Friday 3 May at Enderby Leisure Centre .

Therefore you may find that the route around Mill Lane is busier than normal between 8am and 9am as staff, candidates and agents arrive. Those attending the count will be advised to walk or park in the Leisure Centre car park as normal and where possible will be asked to car share to reduce any burden on parking spaces.

### Comic Relief

Thank you for your support on Red Nose Day. The children enjoyed their activities and, of course, wearing their noses; we raised a tremendous £268.21.

### Beat the Streets

The children are really enjoying taking part in 'Beat the Streets'. We encourage you all to take part in this initiative but remember that your points won't register unless you tap your first two beat boxes in under an hour. This will run until **10 April 2019**—so get moving :-).

### Thank you

Thank you to all parents who attended the writing workshop and open morning. Both events were a fantastic opportunity to share good practice within our school and the children really enjoyed sharing their learning.

### Chicks

We have had seven new baby chicks in EYFS. All of the children and many of the staff have been watching the eggs excitedly for signs of life. Now we are waiting until the end of the day when the chicks are taken from the incubator and we can finally watch them in their new home. As a proud Headteacher, I have to mention the amazing writing that has been produced as a result of the arrival of the chicks!

### Holi

Several parents and all of our children were telling us that this was the best day ever. We had dance workshops all day for all of the children where they were taught two dances. This resulted in a whole school performance at the end of the day with parents joining in. You were fantastic! This was followed by the tradition of sharing powder paints on each others faces. There were many different coloured faces and jumpers. Do take time to have a look at the pictures on our Twitter account and thank you for your support on the day.

### Celebrations

We have loved receiving news about children's achievements at home. Tyrese (Y6) is now a black belt in Karate. His grading took over 3 days and we are incredibly proud of him. Ruby (Y3) was placed 4th for Blaby District in the county cross country and Sam (Y4) was placed 6th. Both children have showed great determination and resilience throughout the year at each cross country race and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. Tyler (Y5) competed in a gymnastic competition and as well as receiving his Level 3, 4 and 5 proficiency certificates, he came 5th overall in the competition. Well done to all and keep us updated with more celebrations that we can share moving forwards.

### Fundraising

Thank you for supporting the Mother's Day Secret Room fundraising. We hope that you enjoyed your gifts from your children. The children were very excitedly choosing their gifts and enjoyed the fact that it was secret. I'm pleased to say that we met our fundraising target and the children now have their balance boards on order. Along with our new outdoor music system, lunchtimes are getting even better! We will post photos on Twitter when the balance boards arrive.

### Classes

As a leadership team, we have been looking at how to ease transition at the beginning of each academic year. We are changing the way that we organise classes. Children will be able to submit friendship choices at the end of EYFS and Year 3. Once children are in Year 1, they will stay in that class until the end of Year 3 and once the children are in Year 4, they will stay in that class until the end of Year 6. This will enable children to feel settled within their class whilst they make the transition from Year 2 to 3 and also to help them to remain settled during their transition to upper juniors. **Friendship forms for current EYFS and current Year 3 will be sent out after Easter.**

### Brockington Choral Concert

Children from KS2 went to perform at the Brockington Choral Concert on 3rd April . They did a tremendous job and it was the best ever. The children were a credit to us and their behaviour was impeccable. A special thank you to Mrs Higham and Mrs Wetzig who have given up their time over the past few months to organise, rehearse and execute an amazing concert in conjunction with other schools.

### Sports Results

#### **Football:**

14/03 - Girls vs Greenfield - Lost 2-1 (Freya)      21/03 - Y5 vs Badgerbrook B - Won 2-0 (Olly, Harry)

Y6 vs Badgerbrook - Lost 2-1 (Zak)      22/03 - Y5 vs Croft - Lost 3-2 (Harry, Freya)

26/03 - Y6 vs Red Hill - Won 4-1 (Zak, Kieron, Austin, Lewis)      28/03 - Girls vs Hallbrook - Lost 2-0

29/03 - Y6 vs Pastures - Won 4-1 (Zak x4)      Girls vs Pastures - Lost 2-0

02/04 - Girls vs Old Mill - Lost 2-0      04/04 - Girls vs Stokes - Drew 0-0

Y5 vs Stokes A - Lost 2-1 (Harry)

12/03 - Primary Sportsability Event - *We came 5th!*

03/04- Y3/4 Blaby Tag Rugby - *We came 3rd!*

**Well done to all of the children who are representing our school and are a credit to us and to you!**

*Mr Scullion and Mr Murray*

## Children sent to Senior Leaders for fantastic efforts:

Riley Randall	Sam Hollingworth Handy	AJ Davis	Lysand Sinfield	Fabian Clarke
Navena Kaloti	Ethan Woolstencroft	Jed Prince	Charlotte Whitmore	Charlotte Carr
Lyla Lowther	Elland Burchell	Charlie Monk	Sammy Mabbott	Corey-Lee French
Zoya Hussain	Gabrielle Garratt	Logan Wykes	Remelle Carmichael Ross	Walida Abdulhay
Tina Quinn	Zoe Fridlington	Leigh Davey		

### UPCOMING DATES

10.04.19—Easter Bonnet Parade

12.04.19—School Closes for Easter

### **EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB AVAILABLE TO BOOK VIA PARENT PAY FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.**

01.05.19—KS1 SATS testing begin

02.05.19—Family Bingo—6:30—8pm—**BOOK NOW VIA PARENT PAY**

10.05.19—Newsletter

13.05.19—KS2 SATS testing week

20.05.19—Year 5/6 trip to Temple

21.05.19—KS1 trip to the Temple

22.05.19—Year 6 leavers and Sports Group Photos

23.05.19—Year 3/4 trip to the Temple

04.06.19—Book Fair arrives

10.06.19—Y1 Phonics Screening check

10.06.19—2MB Class Assembly

11.06.19—Characteristics Morning

11.06.19—Book Fair collected

13.06.19—5:00 New to EYFS transition meeting