Danecourt School

School Newsletter - July

Message from headteacher

I cannot believe that it is already the end of another year! I am not sure where the last 12 months have gone. As always at Danecourt, it has been another busy and eventful year. We have continued to face the challenges bought about by Covid-19 however; it has been lovely to see things begin to get back to normality in the last few months. This term has been especially busy, with the stay and learn sessions, sports day and the fabulous Year 6 leaver's awards ceremony and it has been great that so many of you have been able to join us at these events.



As another year comes to an end, I would like to congratulate all of our amazing children on their hard work and the resilience that they have shown, particularly as we continue to navigate the disruption caused by the pandemic. The children are an absolute credit to the school.

We are extremely sad to be saying goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils and of course wish them well as they start the next stage of their education at secondary school. We are all confident that they will do exceptionally well and continue to make us very proud.

I would like to thank FADS for all of their continued support – we appreciate all of their hard work and everything that they do for the children at Danecourt. We will be sorry to see Lisa and Clare leaving FADS this year. They have done an amazing job whilst their boys have been at Danecourt, for which we are extremely grateful.

I would also like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and commitment to the school. What we are able to provide at Danecourt could not be achieved if it were not for all of the amazing staff and senior leadership team that work alongside me.

On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you all a very happy summer break and thank you for your continued support throughout the last 12 months.

Cathryn

Term Dates

Tuesday 30th August- Staff Development Day
Wednesday 31st August- Staff Development Day
Thursday 1st September- Term 1 Starts
Friday 21st October- Term 1 Finishes
Monday 24th October - Friday 4th November- Autumn Half Term

Pupils news:

Year 6 Leavers

This year's year 6 leavers, was a wonderful evening that had lots of dancing, singing and tears. There was a BBQ and lots of music, as well as a presentation of awards for each of the children.

Sports Day

Sports day this year was a fun day full of events and refreshments. It was lovely to see the children back together joining in with different sports and activities. We were joined by our parents who watched along whilst the children participated in different sporting activities. The different events included a running race, a relay and obstacles for the different races. The circuits were long jump, javelin, bean bags onto targets and hula hoops.





School Council

This year the school council were able to meet in-person once a term and the representatives from Bligh were able to join online. During the first term the children decided which roles they would like to be responsible for and have enjoyed completing the roles throughout the year. This year we elected a Head Boy and Head Girl for the first time and we would like to thank Sonny and Alyssa for their amazing efforts in supporting children around the school.

We raised money for Children in Need by holding an online disco and decorating cakes and biscuits. Sonny and Alyssa helped FADS to run the Christmas shop and supported the children at the Featherby satellite to choose their presents. For Red Nose day, the school council came up with the idea for children and staff to wear it red and we were able to hold the first in person disco, since covid-19. The children from the school council wrote to FADS to ask for Easter eggs and the school council held an Easter egg hunt. The children were able to participate in an Easter bonnet parade. For RSE day the school council held a bubble disco to celebrate everyone being different. The school council have also used their funds to pay for a celebration day at the end of term. A big thank you to all members of the school council: Maria (Shark class), Olivia (Jaguar class), Esmai (Manatee class), Kenny (Leopard class), Daisy (Seahorse class), Rory (Turtle class), Samuel (Jellyfish class) Eliza (Seal class). Abbie (Starfish), Harry (Orca), Mikey (Octopus class). They have all done a fantastic job this year.

Jo (School council lead) Charlotte and Alice.

Well done Bumblebee Class

They have had a brilliant term.

They have been learning about the 'World Around Us' As part of their learning, we set up a campsite in our classroom, had our own campfire, sang songs and toasted marshmallows.

Everyone really enjoyed their learning experience. Every child had their own tent to sit in during the day, which they helped build. We also made Smores from biscuits and marshmallows which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Message from FADS

FADS would like to say a big thank you to all those Parents/Carers who have supported our fundraising initiatives this term and throughout the last year. FADS have thoroughly enjoyed being able to gradually run more face to face events as restrictions have eased, and look forward to carrying on with these in September! In this last term alone we have been able to run a Father's Day Shop for the children, fundraising stalls to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and saw the introduction of our "Wish List Week" which asked Parents/Carers for outdoor play equipment donations for each class for them to enjoy during this last summer term, so a huge thank you to all those who supported us with this! Finally, an extra special thank you goes to two long standing FADS members Lisa Davey and Clare Barnes who have been committed FADS members for 7 years. This year will be their last here at Danecourt as both their sons will be moving on to start their journey at secondary school come September.

They have both played a huge role in keeping FADS running all these years and have shown so much dedication to the children here at Danecourt and will be sorely missed by all! However, we wish them both and their families lots of luck as they embark on their new school journey. We very much look forward to seeing you all back in September along with welcoming our new Parents/Carers to the school. Have a fabulous summer and see you in September for a FADS refresh!

Emily Field (Chairperson of FADS)



We hope you enjoy your summer holidays.

We look forward to seeing more of you back in September.

School improvements

Recently we have given our sensory garden a mini makeover. We have had many plants donated by the lovely B&Q team that look beautiful in our sensory garden. Another feature that has been added to our sensory garden is the lovely wind chimes that our children love. The plants add a homely nature feel.

Diary dates

Flu Immunisations
Monday 26th September

Harvest Festival
Wednesday 10th October

EYFS AND KS1 Stay & Learn
Wednesday 19th October

KS2 Stay & Learn
Thursday 20th October

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