

Danemill Primary School Newsletter  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Week 74

**Head Teacher's Message**

A lovely start to the last half term of the year! The children have returned refreshed and eager to enjoy the start of summer.

We hope that you have had a chance to access our new website (same address), we feel the new site is much more user friendly.

Our Year 6 children have made a start on their annual production and the children are very excited to have the opportunity to showcase their many talents

We sent 15 children to Kibworth on Wednesday to represent Danemill and to learn how to start a School Parliament.

They had a fantastic time joining in with six other schools within our Academy Trust.

Hannah in Year 6 is holding a non-uniform day today in aid of the victims of the Nepal earthquake and she will also be holding a cake stall next Thursday. Apparently she is baking cakes for all 400 pupils—what a busy girl!

Next Tuesday we are having a China Day throughout the school. Lots of different activities have been planned and it promises to be a great experience for everyone. Part of the programme involves saying goodbye to our Mandarin Teacher, Rachel, who leaves at the end of this month.

Have a lovely weekend.

Catherine Winterton

**Diary Dates:**

9th June—China Day

10th June—FEDS meeting at Toby Carvery

15th June—Phonics Screening Tests—all week

18th June—Year 6 to London

19th June—FEDS Non Uniform Day

22nd June—Sports day ~

KS2—morning

KS1—afternoon

26th June—FEDS Non Uniform Day

27th June—FEDS Summer Fayre

29th June—EYFS trip to Warwick Castle

30th June—Governors Meeting

30th June—Yrs 5 and 6 Drayton Manor Trip

1st July—KS1 Conkers Trip

2nd July—Yrs 3 and 4 Twin Lakes Trip

3rd July—Sports Presentation Evening

**LETTERS SENT THIS WEEK**

Twin Lakes

Year 6 Drayton Manor

Conkers

Transition Meetings

Sports Day and Photo Permission Slip

**School Uniform**

Please could we ask you to ensure the children wear the correct school uniform:

**White or red polo shirt, plain shirt or blouse.**

**Grey or black plain trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore dress or leggings.**

**Red jumper, fleece or fleece cardigan.**

**Red and white/red school style summer dress, skirt or shorts.**

**Black shoes, preferably not trainers.**

All items can be ordered online at Marks and Spencer

**Traffic Issues**

Please do not park on the zig-zag areas and please do not reverse into the school gateway when the gates are closed. Both of these practices are extremely dangerous for your children.

**Year 2 Swimming**

The last Year 2 swimming session will be week commencing 29th June.

**CAKE STALL—THURSDAY 11TH JUNE**

Hannah in Year 6 is organising a cake sale in aid of the victims of the Nepal earthquake on Thursday 11th June—lots of lovely cakes available!

DANEMILL  
CHILDREN'S WHOLE SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK 18TH MAY TO 22ND  
MAY WAS:  
**THE TARGET IS 95.50%**

**96.11%**



**WEEKLY WINNERS:** Green Class achieved 97.88%  
KS1 and KS2 Class 6B achieved 99.29%

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE SCHOOL TO ADVISE US WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ILL OR HAS AN APPOINTMENT.**

**Transition Meetings for Parents and Carers**

**New Admissions to EYFS—24th June at 6pm**

**EYFS to Year 1—30th June at 6pm**

**Year 2 to Year 3—29th June at 6pm**

### Premier League Schools' Tournament: The Road to White Hart Lane - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015

Previously...Danemill win the Leicester City in the Community Cup – February 2015. We are the first school to represent LCFC in this tournament at U11s!

Danemill represented Leicester City in the Premier League Schools' Tournament – The Road to White Hart Lane 2015: **12,000 players, 1500 schools, 40 finalists, 20 premier league clubs, 6 premier league referees and 2 winners**; the competition also included the U13s girls' tournament.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30 p.m. we set off from the King Power Stadium to our hotel on the outskirts of London.

Following our evening meal we had a team briefing and gave the children their Leicester City kits.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May was an early start with the coach leaving for White Hart Lane at 7:15am. This meant it was a take-away breakfast on the coach into London with the children all prepared in their kit. We arrived at the ground an hour later; we were allocated our seats and the children all received premier league goody-bags. We were on first so with no time allocated to warm-up or go out on the pitch, it was quite a daunting experience for the children to go out and play for Leicester against Stoke at White Hart Lane at 9:30am. A very special moment for all our pupils was walking out to the premier league anthem, wearing their Leicester City kit, with captain Will flying the LCFC flag

#### Matches

First we played against Stoke. We started cautiously as we adapted to the occasion with a focus of trying not to be defeated in our first game as only top of the group would qualify for the semi-finals. It was a close start with few chances for both teams but it soon became clear that Stoke had an exceptional player in midfield and within three minutes he scored two fantastic strikes past Pat. Our response was excellent as we quickly put pressure on Stoke with both Ewan and Jeevyn going close. Pat scored direct from a goal-kick as Jeevyn blocked the keepers view. Despite the rest of the game being played in Stoke's half we couldn't get the equaliser; final score 1-2. Next we played Sunderland. This was a game we dominated throughout and if Sunderland did counter-attack Antoine was particularly strong in defence. We went 1-0 in front through a great turn and shot through Jeevyn. Sunderland really tried to get back into the game in the last few minutes but every single player played their part in ensuring we won 1-0. We then played Chelsea and although we lost 0-1 this was without doubt our best performance of the tournament. It was a game of the highest calibre of U11 football you're likely to see anywhere in the country: end-to-end, quality football, chances at goal, great saves and fantastic tackles. Chelsea just managed to get the goal that settled a great match.

Although it looked like we would obviously be out of the competition there was a still an outside chance we could qualify but our message to the players was enjoy this opportunity and cherish every moment. Our last game against Everton was synonymous with the game against Chelsea; in the way the game was played...and the final score 0-1. Towards the end of the game Everton scored as they needed a win to secure top of the group. The end of this match was a very proud moment for us as teachers as the players left the White Hart Lane pitch applauding our section of supporters like true premier league players, after a game appreciating their away fans.

Despite our record of W1 and L3 we were competitive at the highest level in primary school football for U11s nationally and everyone associated should be very proud of the achievements of this team.

To quote:

*"I would like to give a special thank you to both schools that represented LCFC at the Premier League School's Tournament. Your children did you, your schools and Leicester City proud and we wish you all the best in next year's competition."*  
Glenn Short - Community Development Officer LCFC.

#### Between Games

Our full experience included far more than just a football tournament. Obviously we got to see a lot of White Hart Lane 'behind the scenes'. This included visiting the Tottenham dressing room and having photos next to the real Premier League Trophy. The children also enjoyed a training session with a football skills expert who gladly passed on a few tips.

We may not have been the winners of the tournament but all of our children, parents and supporters certainly felt like winners on the day. It was an experience that will live long in the memory for all who attended. Another amazing Danemill experience! We would like to say a special thank you to all the parents who travelled with us on this journey and an extra special thanks to all those parents and relatives and governors who made the trip down for the day, we hope you enjoyed the experience.

A great day and a very memorable legendary Danemill football team!