

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

What a jam-packed four weeks! There is never a shortage of events and news at Danemill and this newsletter is no exception.

### Football

Our football teams played in the Danone Cup tournament in October. They showed immense Danemill spirit by battling through all of their qualifiers. They unfortunately got knocked out in the semi-finals but are currently playing fixtures in another cup, so hopefully we will be able to update you soon. Our current Y6 team have been nominated for a sports award within Blaby District Council. They will be attending an awards ceremony in November so, again, keep your eyes peeled for updates on that one.

### Parents Evening

It seems so long ago but we welcomed our parents and families for our first parents evening of this academic year. It was another fantastic opportunity to share the learning that our children are experiencing with you. Many thanks to everyone who came.

### Grandparents Morning

We were blown away by the amount of people who came to our very first Grandparents Day. The children loved showing their grandparents the work that they have been completing in school and working alongside them to further showcase their amazing skills.

### World Mental Health Day & CPR Training

We took part in World Mental Health Day in October which provided the opportunity to celebrate all of the work we do throughout the year to support positive mental health in our children. They children completed lots of activities, such as mindfulness colouring sheets, relaxation activities and many more. Alongside this, all of the children in KS2 were trained in CPR techniques for 'Restart a Heart Day'. It really was a great day with lots of children happily learning new skills as well as consolidating old ones.

### Harvest Festival

Just before half term, we celebrated our Harvest Festival which was fully enjoyed by all. We had record breaking family members, whose attendance was greatly appreciated. The children sang as wonderfully as they usually do and the readings just made it perfect.

### ASHA

Miss Hainsworth and Mr Ball went to teach within the slums of New Delhi in India. It was a life changing experience and they have already brought back to Danemill some of their experiences. All of our children will be completing a topic based around the ASHA charity in summer term and we know that this will be the start of a very fruitful relationship.

### Danemill Week

Last week, the children learnt all about the history of Danemill and our heritage. They spent the week completing various art projects, visiting the local area and even thinking about what Danemill will look like in the future. This is all part of our work that has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Grant; which culminated in a reunion of ex-staff, ex-pupils as well as those currently attending. It was an evening full of reminiscing, seeing how the building has changed and much laughter. This will be an annual event so we hope to see more of you next year.

### OfSTED

Last Thursday we had our visit from OfSTED. Although we do not yet have the report to share with you, what we can share is that your children were a credit to you. They were keen to show off and celebrate the great things at Danemill, as were the staff. As soon as I receive the report I will share it with you.

### Sporting Success

Considering we are so early on in a new year, we have been getting involved in many sporting events. Our runners have started their season in Cross Country, Years 5 and 6 competed in the Quick Sticks competition at Brockington and we even won the DSAT Tag Rugby tournament last Thursday! It is amazing to see so many children get involved in sports as well as representing Danemill.

### Parliament

On Thursday, the Year 5s visited the Houses of Parliament where they witnessed a live debate in the Houses of Commons and met with our local MP, Alberto Costa. They all reported that they had an amazing time and many of them would love a return visit. We will be welcoming Alberto Costa into school in the near future to host a Q&A session where children can ask questions about democracy and running the government in line with their topic.

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

Liam Judge	Charlie Monk	Logan Wykes	Oscar Thompson	Cameron Walbrook-Cleghorn
Cohen Sharpe	Eden Howkins	George Naish	Charlie Fretter	Sam Hollingworth-Handy
Reuben Chana	Paris Rogers	Theo Ardelt	Jack Jones	Alexia Townsend
Madeleine Sykes	Montanna Rogers	Jessica Monk	Rhys Brindle	Charlotte Carr
Jamie Causier	Zak Knight	Nicola Gurska	Liasdean Stubley	Ava Coulson
Lewis Sharpe	Riley Randall	Alex Paget	Marie Maughan	Ted Stokes
Andrew Prince	Tom Healey	Scarlett Meider	Grace Watts	Margarita Maughan
Cory Henderson	Mary-Kate Stubley			

### UPCOMING DATES

**09.11.18** —World War 1 memorial assembly to parents—**PLEASE HAND IN YOUR FORM TO THE OFFICE**

**14.11.18**—Open Day for prospective parents to Pre-School and EYFS—9:30 or 2:30 p.m.

**16.11.18**—DISCOs—Please see FEDS letter for tickets

**19.11.18**—4LB Class Assembly

**21.11.18**—FEDS collecting donations for the Christmas Fair (AM)

**5.12.18**—Whole School trip to the Pantomime—PM

**7.12.18**—Christmas Jumper Day & Decorations Morning

**7.12.18**—3:30—6—Christmas Fair

**10.12.18**— 5IK Class Assembly

**11.12.18**—Open Day for prospective EYFS and Pre-School parents—2:30 only

**13.12.18**—9:30 KS1 Christmas Nativity to parents      2:00 EYFS Christmas Nativity to parents

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**18.12.18**—Christmas Dinner

**20.12.18**—9:30 Pre-School Nativity to parents

**SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR ON FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER. FIRST DAY BACK FOR THE CHILDREN IS TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY.**