

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

The nights are getting darker, the weather is getting colder and the nativities are starting which can only mean one thing: Christmas is on its way. There is a lovely atmosphere at Danemill and best of all we can start with very happy news...

### Hellos

We are happy to have welcomed Mr Creese into EYFS as our new learning support assistant apprentice. He has been a great addition to the Danemill team and it already feels as if he has been part of the family forever. Also we have great news from Mrs Irons, Mrs Linstead and Miss Jones who have all had healthy baby boys. Congratulations to them all.

### Diwali

We celebrated Diwali as a whole school. All children at Danemill completed a variety of activities. We particularly enjoyed hearing stories from Mr Ball about how Diwali was celebrated in India when he went to travel over his half term. The children enjoyed a visit from Freddy from ASHA who discussed what it was like living in the slums. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our links.

### Danemill Successes

You may have seen on Twitter and Facebook that Danemill are currently storming in the sporting seasons. Firstly, our Year 5/6 and 4/5 Benchball team came 3rd in their Blaby Tournament and then our current Year 6 football team came runners up in the Blaby District Council Awards for Sports Team of the Year. We sent two teams to the ICT Olympiad competition and we came 1st and 2nd. We will now compete in the finals! Our Year 3/4 girls football team won their tournament in their Blaby tournament without conceding a goal and our Year 3/4 tag rugby team also won theirs! A huge well done to all of the children that represent Danemill—you are a credit to us!

### World War Memorial Assembly

We had another fantastic memorial assembly. The children were incredibly sensible during their learning and created poignant artwork, poems and learnt songs to share with you all. The assembly itself was incredible and we were overwhelmed by the amount of positive comments. Thank you for joining us—we had over 400 attendees!

### Balanceability

All of our EYFS children are currently enjoy their balanceability sessions provided by Blaby District Council. Year One will be having theirs after Christmas. It has been lovely to see the children's development so far and we look forward to seeing more progress in the weeks to come.

### Children In Need

Danemill celebrated Children in Need. We all enjoyed a 'dress down' day and raised £241.07 for a great cause, so thank you for your support in that.

### FEDS News

A huge thank you to all of our FEDS and volunteers who made the DISCOs possible. An incredible amount of effort goes into arranging it and it's an event our children adore so thank you again. We managed to raise £828.78 which means we smashed our target and are now able to have the Willow Dome, which will act as an outdoor classroom and even connect to the Forest School. Thank you for supporting the events. Without everyone, these additional resources would not be possible.

### Class Assembly

4LB shared their learning through the class assembly for 'Road Trip USA' complete with a quiz for the attendees in true 'The Chase' style! They had us smiling, laughing and singing along; thanks to all who made it.

### Fame

Alberto Costa visited our Year 5s for a Q&A session. The children asked thoughtful and challenging questions all about parliament, Alberto's role and how he was supporting their future. Their brilliance inspired him to go to Parliament that afternoon and ask Theresa May a question from our pupils. In her response, she commended our pupils, so here at Danemill we have been watching the video on loop when she mentions us!

### TheatreTrain

Some of you may remember Mr Toole who used to teach here. He offered us free sessions through his company 'Theatre Train' so our Year 2 and 4 children were able to access dance and drama workshops. They really enjoyed having a taster of the Arts and we hope to welcome back the company in the future.

### Lost Property

We are having more and more lost property in school. We cannot return it to its owner as the majority of items are unnamed. Please can you ensure all school uniform and PE kits are named.

### Parking

Thank you for your support in trying to address the ongoing parking problems outside. We work closely with Highways and our local Police Force. You may have noticed the signs go up outside that the zig-zags will be mandatory. From December 3rd, they will be made mandatory and fines will be issued to those parked during the times specified. If you see somebody parked on the zig-zags, do not approach them. Simply take a photo of the number plate and the parked car then forward to the office email ([office@dsatdanemill.org](mailto:office@dsatdanemill.org)) and we will forward to our local police officer who will be able to take action.

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

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Cameron Randall | Samuel Martin    | Alex Winsper          | Jacob Clarke         | Oscar Thompson          | Alfie Hughes  |
| Emilee Bennett  | Ryan Griffin     | Walida Cheik Abdulhay | Talisa Rogers        | Remelle Carmichael Ross | Darcy Di-Mola |
| Eden Hawkins    | Fabian Clarke    | Max Townend           | Ethan Woolstencroft  | Maxwell Novis           | Noah Wyllie   |
| Alexia Townsend | Sian Fairbrother | Zoe Fridlington       | Isabelle Boyall Love | Jessica Judge           |               |

### UPCOMING DATES

**5.12.18**—Whole School trip to the Pantomime—**Return to school is approx. 5:30 p.m.**

**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

**14.12.18**—9:30 EYFS Christmas Nativity to parents      2:00 KS1 Christmas Nativity to parents

**18.12.18**—Christmas Dinner

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

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