

# THE DANESHOLME DIGEST

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## Message from the Principal



We have been looking at the progress that the children have been making since September and are really pleased with the outcomes of our new curriculum. It is clear that those children who arrive at school on time and attend school every day make the most progress. This is because regular attendance means children have consistency, have regular opportunities to practise new skills and knowledge and they encounter new concepts in a structured learning sequence. Research shows that there is a clear link between regular school attendance and GCSE grades at KS4.

Mrs Rolf

## GAT Story Writing Competition



Some of our pupils recently entered a GAT story writing competition. The children wrote a story using a picture prompt – some of the stories were then read aloud, videoed and uploaded onto Microsoft Flipgrid.

Pupils from The City of Peterborough Secondary Academy watched the videos and chose the winners for each year group across the GAT academies. Ruby in Nicor class was the year 3 runner up and Alex in Jotnar class was the year 6 winner. The children attended a storytelling workshop and prize giving ceremony at Newark Hill Academy where they were presented with a certificate and a bag full of prizes. **Well done** Ruby and Alex!

## A day in the Stone Age

First we went hunting. We were sneaky hunters. Next we made settlements and put them together to make a village. After that we did some cave drawing. Then we sat around a fire and read a story.

*Reporting by Eden & Ivan (Asbru)*

## Year 3 Stone Age Day

Year 3 had a Stone Age day on Monday where we went back in time and experienced life as a Stone Age children and had to go hunting and gathering for our food. This was followed by 'cave painting' in the afternoon using charcoal.



## Football County Finals

On Wednesday 21st January, the Year 5 & 6 boys football team went to the county finals at Moulton football club, Northampton. They played four tough games before getting through to the semi-finals where they lost on penalties. We are officially the fourth best team in the county!



## Lego

On Saturday, The Danesholme Viking Legocoy attended the First Lego League tournament at The Holiday Inn, Corby. There they competed against 10 other schools and had to undergo a series of interviews and challenges based around engineering, science and maths. They also had to programme a Lego robot of their own design to solve missions. It was a great day!

**Well done** to the team: Tallulah Castanha, Amber Plowman, Filip Goik, Lewis Darroch, Daniel Haigh, Jacob Cross, Campbell Clarke, Jack Crawford, Alex Amoah Agyei Jnr & Joshua Goody.



We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting payments online for school trips. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card.

**We have sent home your account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter to get started with ParentPay.**

**If you would like to find out more about ParentPay please visit:**

<https://www.parentpay.com/parents/>



Our whole school attendance target for 2019-20 is **96%**, in line with the Government's recommendation.

Absence in term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and head teachers are not expected to class any term time holiday as exceptional. Penalty notices (fines) can be issued as a result of periods of unauthorised or repeated absence.

**Whole school attendance 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Jan:**

<b>Delling</b>	<b>99.7%</b>
<b>Asbru</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>Nicor</b>	<b>97.1%</b>
<b>Elli</b>	<b>86.9%</b>
<b>Sol</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
<b>Hermoth</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
<b>Oller</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
<b>Loki</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>Mani</b>	<b>93.5%</b>
<b>Embla</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
<b>Jotnar</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
<b>Asgard</b>	<b>97.5%</b>

**Weekly Attendance Update**

Our whole school attendance figure for last week was **99.7%**. The class with the best attendance last week was **Delling** class. Well done!

**PE kits & Jewellery**

Please ensure that your child has their **PE kit** in school with them **EVERYDAY**.

As the weather is getting colder and we are still participating in PE outdoors, please ensure your child has a tracksuit and trainers too.

**ALL** jewellery must be **REMOVED** on PE days.

**Free School Meals**

If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals, you will have to apply for them online at:

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

Please note: You will have to add each sibling to your application. If you have applied for one sibling and not the other, you will have to make another application for **each sibling**.

**Permission to walk home from After School Clubs**

If you would like to change your child's permissions to walk home/walk to the car when leaving After School Clubs, please make the Club Leader aware of this and clarify your arrangements. Thank you.

**Bringing money into school**

Please could we remind you that any cash that is brought into school must be placed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, class & trip/event name. Thank you.

**Important dates for your diary**

Spring 1

29<sup>th</sup> January - Year 5 & 6 Parent pop in – 9am til 9:30am

11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet day

**14<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term**

Spring 2

**24<sup>th</sup> February – School opens**

4<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 & 4 Parent pop in – 9am til 9:30am

5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book day

11<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 & 6 Parent pop in – 9am til 9:30am

13<sup>th</sup> March – Sport relief

17<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 Work share with parents – 3pm

24<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Work share with parents – 3pm

25<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening – 5pm til 7pm

26<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening – 3:45pm til 5:30pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> April – Last day of term**