



Clarity Independent School

28th May 2023

Dear parents and care-givers,

I hope you are enjoying the bank holiday weekend and sunshine at last!

A brief but informative newsletter this time.

Staffing

We welcome our new head of Science, Mr Dearman to the Clarity staff team.

Mr Dearman has a BSc (hons) in Sports Science and QTS. He joins us after over 10 years teaching in SEND and mainstreams schools. Mr Dearman started working with us part time at the beginning of May and is now teaching the children full-time Science and other subjects to Stingrays class. More information can be found on our website:

<https://www.clarity.essex.sch.uk/about-our-staff>

Mrs Yasruddin has now moved back to teaching English as her subject lead, along with other subjects to Horses class. Thank you to Mrs Yasruddin for covering our Science teaching in the interim and doing such a fantastic job at keeping this going.

We also have Mr Hanson join us again as our caretaker. The children remember him fondly from when he worked with us in 2020 - 2021 during the pandemic. Steve joins us to release Miss Wright to spend more time in the classroom, as we are expecting some new pupils shortly.

Children

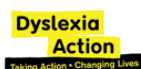
The children have again worked very hard in their lessons and other activities, and have received lovely feedback from staff at Danbury outdoors regarding their positive behaviour and strong teamwork. Well done everybody!

Our older children have completed their Entry Level and Functional Skills examinations recently. Well-done to them for showing resilience and determination to continue to the end, despite this being their first formal exams so far. We wish them all the success for their results in August.

The new-pupil referral process is moving along nicely with other Local Authorities outside Essex, and we are still expecting new pupils sometime in the summer term (subject to LEA completion of SEND paperwork!) We will keep in close contact with you when we know exact start dates for new pupils, so you



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can help us support your children through the transition. This is a very exciting time involving the potential for new friends, but we understand that new children arriving can sometimes also cause ours to feel a little worried. We are all here to ensure a smooth process for everyone concerned.

Events coming up

We have several events coming up, which we will give further details through specific letters nearer the time. But for your diaries:

- Bushcraft on Tuesday afternoons this half term has been replaced with PE and other activities. Bushcraft will resume in September 2023 at Danbury outdoors.
- Swimming on Friday afternoons is now paused until January 2024 and the children are looking forward to football coaching from Coaching Champions in its place for this period.
- Monday 19th June INSET day - non-attendance for pupils, staff training day
- Wednesday 28.6.23 The 2Johns internet safety parent and pupil training session. **Please save the date!**
- Thursday 6th July parents evening 1.15 - 6pm - **please save the date!**
- School summer trip Wednesday 12th July - venue TBC
- Break up for the summer holidays Tuesday 18th July, half day.

Further information

Please find attached information to pass onto you from Essex County Council regarding Autism Central; information, education and coaching for families touched by autism.

All that is left is to thank you as always for your wonderful support for the children, and say have a lovely half term!

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely,



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NPQH in progress