

Dear Families,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this new academic year. As we move ever closer to darker nights and chilly mornings it seems a good time to celebrate the children and everything they bring to Dame Janet. Seeing so many enjoying their clubs this term and joining in with learning so enthusiastically has been really lovely to see.

Many children are reading more than ever and taking their quizzes to earn a token for their class; if your child hasn't yet earned a token for their reading please do encourage them to finish their book and take a quiz to get 5/5 so they can help their class win a prize. Their joy in assembly at winning is always a pleasure.

Thank you to everyone who attended our curriculum open afternoon, it was great to see so many parents sharing their children's learning and joining in with fun activities.

Finally, Mrs Sherwin is recovering well and looks forward to returning after half term, healing permitting.

Mr S. Atkinson

Executive Headteacher

PE kits

Thank you for your support with PE kit over the last term. We are seeing a much improved effort from the children to wear the correct PE kit. We will continue to use the reminder letters over the academic year to keep our standards high.

Children still change prior to the lesson and children should wear their house colour t-shirt (please speak to Mrs Walker in our lower office if you need a new one). Dark shorts/ jogging bottoms must be worn.

Uniform

Here is a reminder of our approved uniform list:

- ◆ Dark grey skirt, trousers, shorts or pinafore dress
- ◆ White polo shirt
- ◆ White, grey or black socks or tights
- ◆ DJPA purple school sweatshirt or cardigan
- ◆ Purple and white gingham dress
- ◆ Optional school jacket
- ◆ Black shoes

Leggings and coloured/patterned tights are not part of our school uniform.





Governors

I am delighted to have been elected as Chair of the Governing Body at Dame Janet Primary Academy. I have a long association with Thanet; my father was born in Godwin Road, Cliftonville and, although he moved away we returned nearly every year for a two week holiday whilst I was growing up - I am old enough to remember the donkey rides on Margate Sands! Even after I had a family of my own, we would frequently return to visit family in the area.

I moved to Thanet permanently when I retired in 2016 after 35 years in teaching, the last 20 of which were spent as a secondary headteacher. I am pleased to be able to "give something back" to education by volunteering as a governor. I fully support the school's aim to help every child to learn to read and to develop a lifelong love of reading and believe that learning does not just take place in the classroom. I hope your child will be able to take part in some of the many after-school activities provided.

The governing body has a role in monitoring what happens in the school. We meet formally at least three times a year and visit the school regularly. There are seven governors at the moment; myself as the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the headteacher, two staff members and two governors appointed by the Trust.

There are also two vacancies for parent governors so if you would like to volunteer for the role of parent governor, please let Mr Atkinson know and he can provide you with more details.

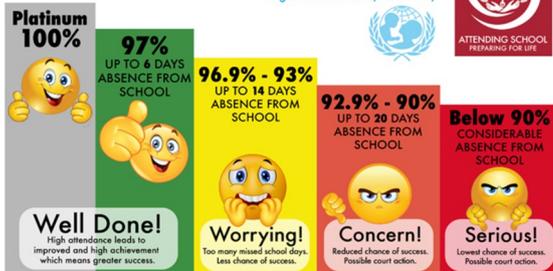
I wish you and your child a happy and successful year.

Vanessa Ray

Attendance

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?

Right to education (Article 28)



There are 175 non school days a year.

That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

Niko

Woof!

It's a happy half-term from Niko who continues his training as a therapy dog and continues to make everyone smile who meets him on his work days at Dame Janet.

He is a key part of our safeguarding team alongside Mrs Lawrence and if any children ever want to just talk he is an excellent listener. If any child is nervous around dogs then Niko is an excellent pup to meet because of his nature and patience and the training he is receiving.

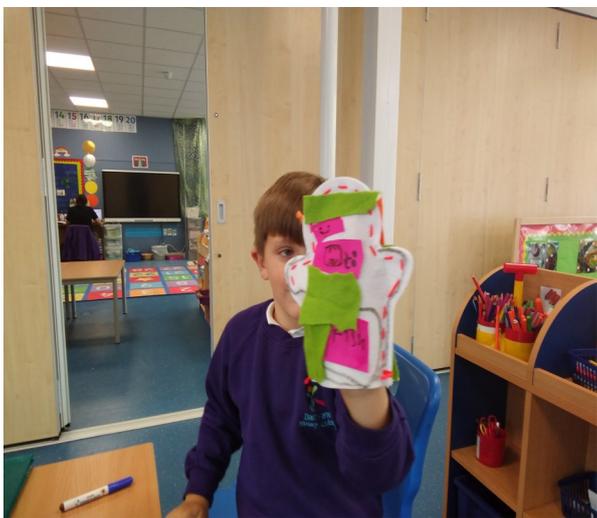
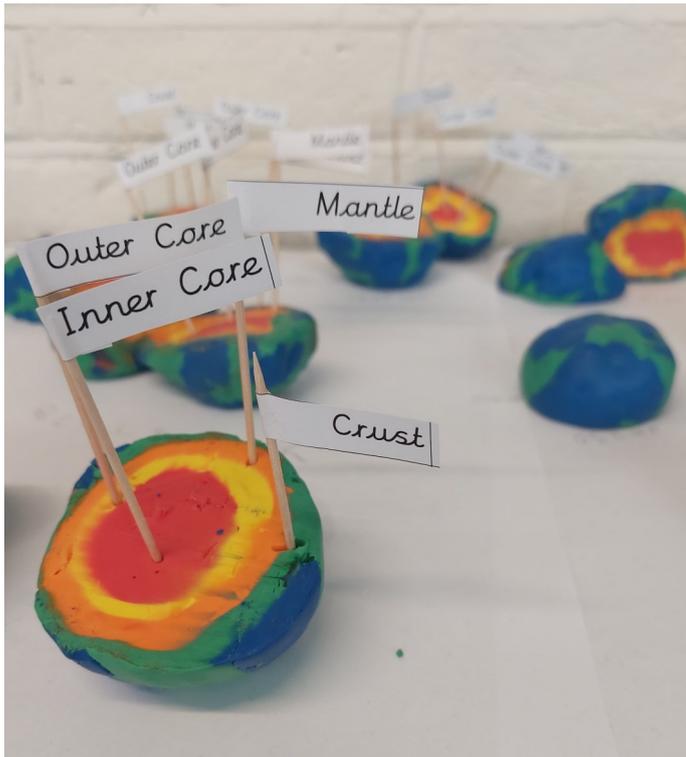
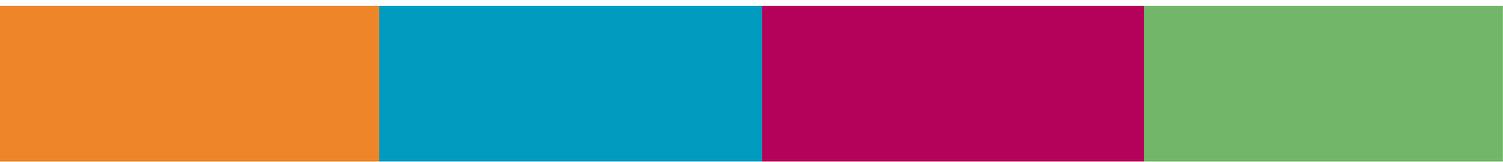
When you next see Niko on one of the gates please say hello!



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is a busy and popular part of our school day, please help us by paying on time for this important service.





Have a wonderful half-term break! Thank you for your continued support .