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As a Gold Rights Respecting School, we uphold these key rights (and others) in all that we do.

Article 3: Everyone who works with children should always do what is best for each child.

Article 12: All children have the right to say what they think should happen and be listened to.

Article 28: All children have the right to learn and go to school

Article 29: All children have the right to become the best that they can be



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Message from Chair of Governors

Dear Parent / Carer

As you will see from the termly summaries in the following pages, it has been another busy year at Danescourt Primary School. We are so proud of our pupils for the wonderful achievements they have made - both large and small - across the year. We thank everyone for the continued support seen in the various fundraising events, for the school and for external organisations.

We thank our staff for continuing to show amazing dedication to our pupils, providing such a rich environment in which our learners can grow and encouraging a warm atmosphere in which to flourish.

Our contexts for learning have produced opportunities to explore topics from Nursery to Year 6 and have challenged the pupils - and staff! - to use many techniques to enhance their understanding.

You will see further on in the report that we have new, focus-adjusted School Improvement Priorities for the year 2024/2025. We will continue to make progress on these aims, to the benefit of the whole school community. On behalf of the Governors, I would like to thank you for supporting the school over the last year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Criddle', is positioned below the 'Yours faithfully' text.

Mrs Rowena Criddle

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Governors' Information

Governor Structure 2023/24				
Name	Type	Term End Date	Position	Curriculum
Rowena Criddle	Community	07/11/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science and Technology
Joanne Snaith	Community	13/07/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair • Sub-Committee Chair- T&L Standards • Governor Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLC
Katherine Shearer	Community	05/12/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-Committee Chair - Resources 	
Pauline Parry	Community	07/11/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC • Attendance • Educational Visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellbeing
Marie John	Local Authority	27/11/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition 	
Cllr Sean Driscoll	Local Authority	21/06/2026		
Laura Bennett	Parent Governor	15/10/2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALN 	
Richard Hopkin	Parent Governor	22/10/2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematical Development & Numeracy • Expressive Arts
Mayada Abouelghar	Parent Governor	18/01/2028		
Rhian Edwards	Parent Governor	10/11/2026		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanities
Mark Vaughan	Parent Governor	22/10/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding • Health and Safety 	
Tim Howard	Teacher	08/10/2024		
Jo Deek	Teacher	08/10/2024		
Emma Hedges	Staff /Non-teaching	08/10/2024		
Karen Wathan	Headteacher Ex officio			
Cath Lewis-Davies	Clerk			

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Life of the School

Autumn Term 23

The Autumn Term started with our Year 6 House Captain speeches being written and presented. Our pupils developed their written and oracy skills, presenting to their peers and staff. Following a democratic voting process the house and vice captains were announced and presented with their badges of office, taking on key responsibilities over the coming academic year.

The Autumn saw a number of fundraising events taking place for community and national charities. Our annual Macmillan Coffee morning and Big Cake Sale was held on September 29th with a good turnout from parents and community members. Thanks to staff who donated cakes and a special mention to Mrs Campbell and Mrs Parry, along with Y6 representatives who helped set up and serve during the morning.

In October the School Council led the school Harvest appeal for Cardiff Food Bank. We accepted a range of food and hygiene products and were delighted with the generous donations from our community supporting those in need. October also saw two Danescourt pupils launch a Superhero day, to raise money for Noah's Ark Appeal. The pupils have undergone treatment for cancer and delivered a wonderful assembly sharing their personal stories to help raise awareness and funds. On 27th October pupils and staff dressed up as superhero's and enjoyed participating in fun activities and we were joined by Cath from the charity to support the day.

Special assemblies were held to celebrate personal achievements. Children were presented with certificates from the Summer Reading Challenge 'Ready Set Read' 'Eich marciau Darllenwch!' and weekly celebratory assemblies share our children 'Nurturing, Growing and Thriving' in all aspects of Danescourt life using their Habits of Mind and thinking skills.

Members of the School Council braved the weather to sell poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion. We were joined by Rev.Ian Yemm for our special Remembrance Service. Our children laid their handmade poppies in a poignant and respectful pupil-led service. Parents/carers were invited to see the display and look at the work of the pupils. Mr Howard was accompanied by 2 Y6 pupils to lay a wreath at Llandaff memorial on behalf of the school and community.

November saw 'Odd Sock Day' as part of anti-bullying week to develop confidence; celebrating individuality and it being ok to be different. Pudsey Bear also made a surprise appearance for 'Children In Need Day'.

The PTA have launched our own 'Pre-loved' uniform shop. Supported by teaching assistant, Mrs Campbell, the shop first opened its doors on 25th October 2023 to the community to offer uniform, at no cost. Tea and Coffee is available if parents want to stay and have a chat. The shop, run by the PTA is based in Roots and opens on Wednesday's 3.20-4.30pm once every half term.

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Mrs Hockey continues to lead Forest School on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Ling lead sessions for the Early Years. To support the wellbeing of pupils experiencing trauma or demonstrating high levels of dysregulated behaviours individual or small group sessions was introduced as a pilot running on Monday afternoons. The provision will be reviewed in the spring term.

Teams of pupils represented Danescourt at a football competition at Whitchurch Primary School. Thanks to Mrs Rees and Mr Howard for taking the children.

Parent consultations were held on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November providing parents/carers with updates on their child(ren)s attitude and engagement with learning, wellbeing and attendance.

The end of the Autumn term saw the retirement of our school crossing patrol officer, Monica Stockwell. Monica has been a wonderful asset to the community for the past 16 years. We will all miss her dedication to our community but wish her every happiness for a happy retirement.

Spring Term 24

Danescourt was selected as part of a Joint Inspection of Child Protection Arrangements (JICPA). This is a cross inspectorate review of how well safeguarding partners work together to protect children. The bodies involved in the JICPA were Estyn, Health Inspectorate Wales (HIW), Child Inspectorate Wales (CIW) and the Police (HMIC). HMI Mr Kevin Davies visited the school and met with the Headteacher followed by a meeting with a pupil focus group.

Danescourt hosted a Thinking Matters Metacognition Meet on January 25th. Thanks to Miss Lawton and the 'Think-Tank' team for organising the successful event which showcased Danescourt's metacognition journey with pupil's work, a school tour with 'live' classroom drop-ins and our curriculum overviews with colleagues from Wales and beyond.

Danescourt has participated in a range of competitive sports fixtures. Our Y5 & 6 girls and boys football teams hosted Whitchurch Primary School and teams have visited Whitchurch for a cross-country event and played netball matches with Howell's school. Pupils have been recognised for their team spirit and sportsmanship when playing against local schools. The PTA supported the football meet selling hotdogs and teas and coffees.

Our Digital Leaders led assemblies and promoted Safer Internet day on 6th February. Members from the Cardiff Curriculum team have led class activities for Yr 3 with Lego coding and Y6 with an interactive AI workshop, supporting our young learners to keep safe online, supporting them to become ambitious, capable learners.

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Supporting Maths and Thinking, 4 Y6 pupils joined with pupils from other cluster primary schools at RCS for a Royal Institute (RI) Maths masterclass. We were very grateful for a kind donation of £100 from the Chesters family to purchase additional chess sets and clocks for our popular chess club.

Mrs Hockey provides individual wellbeing sessions for identified vulnerable learners. This compliments the wellbeing offer including Thrive sessions, forest school and My Space provision. My Space has been reviewed and provides opportunity for identified pupils to access daily activities during the lunchtime. Personal invitations invite pupils to take part in activities tailored to pupil's Thrive assessments and support pupil's social and emotional wellbeing. Sessions run Mon-Friday (excl Wednesdays) in Roots 12.30-1pm.

The musical culture of Danescourt continues. Ys 4, 5 & 6 were treated to a cello demonstration by Jennifer Quinney with 8 pupils registering to have weekly lessons. Miss Walters, co-ordinates with Cardiff Music Services and we currently offer brass, woodwind, string, singing and guitar (Rock Steady) to our pupils. Y3 are currently engaging in the P-Buzz initiative which introduces brass techniques in a fun and intuitive way.

We welcomed, Richard Akrill an elder from Heath Evangelical Church to lead pupil assemblies for Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 and further develop links with local churches and parishes.

Our Nursery held an Open Evening on Monday 19th February. Promotion flyers were distributed in local businesses and wrap around care providers in addition to social media.

The GB RSE working party met on Tuesday 20th February. Miss Haynes provided an overview and update of the new resource 'Discovery Education' to support Strand 2 of the RSE curriculum. The working party agreed a timeline for information sharing regarding the RSE strands:

1. Relationships and Identity
2. Sexual health & Well-being
3. Empowerment, safety and respect.

Actions	
Parent Leaflet created and circulated	Spring 2/Summer Term 1
Parent/Carer information session	Summer Term 1 Date TBC

We celebrated our wonderful Eisteddfod on 1st March. Pupils participated in Welsh prose, legends and song and celebrated our Welsh culture and heritage. A highlight were the original performances, artwork and home-school tasks using our context for learning 'Innovation Generation' supporting our children to grow as Ethical, Informed Citizens.

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The day culminated in the annual 'Chairing of the Bard' with our druids and flower dancers leading the ceremony. Llongyfachiadau to Elena (pen name Grandpa) on being crowned the 2024 Bard for her poem 'Capacious Cedar' and to Ty Melyn who took the coveted House prize. The behaviour and atmosphere was exemplary and a true celebration of our Cynefin.

Parents/carers were invited to the Dance club's performance. The performance combined dance, gymnastics and music. Well done to all those involved and a special mention to Mrs Rees and Mrs Stevens for supporting the children during their after-school club during the Autumn and Spring term.

We enjoyed a scrumdiddlyumptious evening of the Drama club's performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at St. Cryres School Penarth on Thursday 14th March. Thanks to Mrs Capel, Miss Walters, Mrs Morris and the production 'backstage' staff for their contribution to a wonderful event.

Summer Term 24

The Summer Term was very busy with a wide variety of curriculum activities, educational visits and sporting events. Danescourt has welcomed lots of visitors.

Ys3 & 4 visited Bristol Aquarium which ended their context 'Innovation Generation'. Lower Key stage 2 have investigated plastic pollution and the effects on sea life. This inspired a pupil to write to the Prime Minister raising her concern and asking for action on reducing plastic. Danescourt is definitely growing 'ethically, informed citizens!' Y5 & 6 followed their environmental theme with visits to Forest Fach with Coes Caerdydd supporting planting trees, preparing soil and replanting.

Science week saw pupils participating with lots of amazing experiments. Mr Howard co-ordinated science week and careers and work-related experiences which involved visits from parents/carers working in the science/technology sector. Doctors, members of the Welsh Fellows, delivered a 'Teddy Bear Clinic' to our reception pupils. We were also joined by Welsh Blood Service, Pharmacy, Audiology, a Consultant Cardiovascular surgeon and Cardiff University faculty of engineering delivering engaging workshops and interactive presentations. We hope to have inspired the next generation of medical professionals and science pioneers, breaking gender stereotypes and supporting aspirations.

The Science of Sport came and gave an amazing show to KS2 pupils and Cardiff Commitment have supported our curriculum offer through interactive workshops for Ys 5 & 6 looking at how Cardiff can be a greener, healthier place to live. Pupils took part in a planning game for Flat Holm and looked at energy use in our school.

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To support inclusion and diversity, South Wales Police represented by one of our parents visited to share how the force accept, support and celebrate people of different faiths and beliefs. Pupils in Ys 3 & 4 looked at Hinduism in more depth, looking and handling religious artefacts, festivals, food and joining in with traditional dance and dress. It was a colourful and interactive series of sessions enjoyed by all.

In addition to the human visitors Y1 welcomed some visitors of the feathered variety! 10 eggs arrived in their incubator and the pupils were fascinated to watch them hatch and grow supporting their understanding of life cycles and 'metamorphosis'. When they were big enough we made sure that they were safely returned to the farm.

A visit from Sparks Lab gave a workshop including making seaweed and seed bombs and exploring a wormery. Foundation Phase used these skills back in the classroom.

Rubicon Dance visited Ys 3 & 4 supporting our context 'Metamorphosis' through the AoLE Expressive Arts – developing 'Good ideas' through sequencing, performing and appraising dance. Pupils created beautiful interpretations of the stimulus and showed skills of collaboration and teamwork.

We continue to develop our community links and have enjoyed visits from the emergency services. South Wales Fire and Rescue shared about the importance of fire safety and PC Woodhall shared the importance of safety on-line and stranger danger. We were grateful to Tongwynlais Dental Centre who came to share with Year 1 how we should look after our teeth as we grow up.

Developing resilience saw Year 5 experience a day of activities in Margam Park. This supports the development of pupils' skills and experiences in preparation for the Year 6 residential to Manor Adventure in beautiful mid Wales. Y6 pupils pushed their boundaries and scaled new heights in packed schedule of 14 activities ranging from archery, fencing, stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking to high elements to name a few. Thanks to the Governing Body who support disadvantaged pupils through a financial contribution to support the costs and ensure equity for all our learners. Additionally, Y5 pupils successfully completed a two-week block of swimming lessons at Fairwater Leisure Centre.

Thanks to Mrs Rees & Mr Evans for organising after-school sporting fixtures for our netball and football players. We have welcomed teams from Radyr, Whitchurch and Bryn Deri Primary Schools.

Our fabulous Sports Day brought the community together and we were proud to see our children support and encourage each other. Llongyfarchiadau i'r Ty Gwyrdd. Pencampwyr 2024!

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Not to be outdone... Nursery Sports Day saw our youngest learners showing excellent listening skills and physical development, completing their races with enthusiasm with the highlight being the teddy bear race! There were lots of smiles from everyone involved.

We were treated to a musical extravaganza of music at our 'Last Night of the Proms'. The eclectic programme brought together all sections of the orchestra and choral groups performing the traditional to modern. For the first time our young learners from Y1 participated and we welcomed our cellists who are new additions to the suite of options for music lessons at Danescourt. Families enjoyed post performance drinks and canapes in the school grounds. Thanks to all the school and peripatetic staff who supported this event and especially to Miss Walters for organising and leading such a special evening.

Rock Steady gave a rousing performance demonstrating skills which was enjoyed by KS2 children and families.

Supporting our commitment to a greener, sustainable future, thanks to Mr Fryer for a successful 'Bike Week'. The bike and scooter shed has never been so full. Children were able to use their wheels at break/lunchtimes. Congratulations to Dosbarth Hawthorn on winning the award for the highest number of journeys made.

Danescourt hosted an inaugural chess match with Radyr Primary School. The behaviour and sportsmanship were exemplary. We hope that there will be many more matches to come and we can develop this in our cluster.

In a final farewell, two long serving members of staff left Danescourt at the end of this academic year. Mrs Jenkins retired having been part of the school team for the past 30 years as both teacher and latterly for the past two years as a Teaching Assistant in Foundation Phase. With 29 years' service Mrs Pardoe left us to explore other opportunities within the education sector. Both Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Pardoe have provided dedicated service to the school community and we are so grateful for their experience, care and commitment to the many children they have taught, colleagues and our community.

Mrs Nicholas also left at the end of the term having been a part of Danescourt for the past two years. She is continuing with her Master's degree researching Dyslexia. We are grateful for her contribution to Danescourt and wished her well for her future.

Fundraising

We are grateful to our pupils and community supporting our School Council's chosen charities and raising much needed funds to support important causes.

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Autumn Term 23	
MacMillan Coffee Morning and Big Cake Sale	£427
Noah's Ark Appeal 'Superhero day'	£363
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£264
Children In Need	£316

Spring Term 24	
Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal	£164.44
Go Green for Cystic Fibrosis 22/3/24	£326.00

Summer Term 24	
Mini – Marathon	£753.70
Scholastic Book Fayre	TBC
UNICEF Soccer Aid	£257

PTA

The PTA meets half termly to discuss and plan fundraising events. The PTA work in partnership with staff to organise fundraising events which benefit our children. In challenging financial times, we are extremely grateful to everyone in the school community supporting events.

Landscapes for Learning installed our bird hide and mud kitchen following the generous £5000 donation from the PTA. £3000 supported the curriculum by purchasing mTiny coding robots to support the digital curriculum in foundation phase and resources for the nursery/early years.

The Eco Committee joined in partnership with the PTA to organise a World Book Day costume shop to recycle pre-loved costumes to support reducing waste and reduce costs for parents/carers. The Pre-loved uniform shop opens half termly for parents/carers to select uniform items.

Curriculum for Wales

Autumn 23

The Autumn Term 'Context for Learning' has focused on 'Quest' through the lead lens of humanities. Year groups enjoyed rich, authentic learning experiences. The thread of curiosity and questioning continues throughout the termly contexts.

The context continues to build on the 22-23 cycle building on knowledge, skills and experiences in a progressive way. Practitioners map coverage with staff Inset continuing to reflect and evaluate and inform our next steps on our Curriculum 2022 journey. The curriculum is driven by the four purposes and threaded through all aspects of active learning experiences.

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Quest started with an Immersion Day in Yrs 1 & 2 full of experiential learning with surprise visits from a mysterious pirate with problem-solving sea adventures, whilst Nursery and Reception went 'On a Bear Hunt' and explored different habitats using the outdoors using lots of bear stories to deepen learning. Ys 3 & 4 enjoyed a visit from Welsh explorer Torri James sharing real-life expedition experiences and motivational speaking to be empowered to push personal boundaries. Ys 5 & 6 used literary rich texts from Kensuke's Kingdom, The Boy at the Back of the Class and Shakespeare's The Tempest to explore characterisation through a variety of drama approaches. Pupils have also accessed 'special choice' learning of sea, land and air.

The Autumn Term saw Learn with me Events for parents/carers in Y3-6 in KS2 to participate and share in their child's learning in a real-life context. We continue to take parental and staff feedback to inform the development of future 'Learn with me' events.

Spring Term 24

The Spring Term 'Context for Learning' has focused on 'Innovation Generation' through the lead lens of Science and Technology.

Pupils in Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 enjoyed an immersion day, asking questions, thinking flexibly and being curious. Physical installations and activities provided a vehicle for eco innovation with creative thinking through a range of media e.g. art, poetry and dance. Year 2 parents/carers have been invited in for sessions to share and play the games the children have made as part of their learning.

Due to the length of the Spring term (10 weeks) the context will be extended for the first two weeks of the summer term. To link with World Earth Day, an open afternoon/evening on Friday 19th April showcased pupil's work and the progression and development of skills, knowledge and experiences.

Danescourt is excited to be working in partnership with Cardiff Commitment and 'Our Classroom Climate' in a citywide project to develop pupil's knowledge and skills using spirulina algae to grow liquid trees and investigate the effects of global impact of climate change. We have received £1500 worth of science kit and access to the OCC learning platform.

Summer Term 24

The Summer Term 'Context for Learning' focused on 'Metamorphosis through the lead lenses of the Expressive Arts and Science and Technology.

Pupils in Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 enjoyed an immersion day, asking questions, thinking flexibly and being curious. They have visited Danesbrook House to support intergenerational understanding of change and also visited Lidl as part of their super smoothie inventions.

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Nursery and Reception classes have enjoyed many role play experiences from Vets, Tesco and The Hair Salon experiencing authentic learning. Foundation Phase will share their learning with parents/carers at our planned 'Learn with me Events' before the end of the summer term.

As a link to World Earth Day, an open afternoon/evening was held on Friday 19th April showcasing pupil's work and the progression and development of skills, knowledge and experiences. Feedback from parents/ carers was very positive and welcomed the opportunity to view progression from nursery to Yr 6.

Danescourt continues to work in partnership with Cardiff Commitment and 'Our Classroom Climate' in a citywide project to develop pupil's knowledge and skills.

Mrs. Wathan and Miss. Haynes attended a cluster meeting to discuss and plan for the next stage in cluster working. Science and Technology AoLE will share examples of work at the agreed Cluster Inset scheduled for October 4th, 2024 supporting assessment and progression. Mr. Howard will continue to lead this aspect of our work.

The RSE policy and parental guides are live on the website. Parents/carers of KS2 pupils were shared information of curriculum coverage of Strand 2 Sexual Health and Wellbeing with lesson content, vocabulary and the dates of the lessons. An arranged after-school drop-in session to discuss any queries/concerns.

Lesson Study was undertaken by KS2 staff, led by the phase leaders, supporting pedagogy and reflections on the impact on learning. Evaluations were presented by the teams. The success of the pilot will see the expansion in 24/25 to include all year groups as we move into the next Monitoring, Evaluation and Review cycle.

Welsh as a Second Language - Language, Literacy and Communication

Danescourt Primary School is an English medium school where lesson instruction is given through the medium of English. However, we are very aware of our role, as a school in Wales, in promoting and developing the use of Welsh as a living language.

We are passionate about the local community and are committed for pupils to feel proud of their local and Welsh heritage and have a secure grasp of the Welsh language. Our school is made up of a diverse group of families and we are respectful of different cultures which make our school a rich and inclusive learning organisation.

Our aim is for all pupils to develop strong Welsh language skills who are confident and proud to be Welsh speakers. The teaching of Welsh as a second language is a statutory requirement from the Welsh Government therefore Welsh language skills are taught in every class.

Throughout the school, teachers incorporate the Welsh language into their lessons and during non-directed time. Staff encourage pupils to use Welsh for everyday routine questions and requests as well as to hold simple and more complex conversations with other pupils and adults. Opportunities are given to develop pupils' oracy, reading and writing skills in all aspects of school life.

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We aim to create a Welsh ethos through introducing to children the history, art, music and geography of Wales. Within the school we have a Ciriw Iaith, a group of children chosen to help promote the use of the Welsh language and culture. In May 2022 we were awarded the 'Cymraeg Campus' Bronze Award. The aim of the Language Charter award is to inspire our children and young people to use their Welsh in all aspects of their lives. We are working towards our silver award.

ITE – Schools as Learning Organisations

Danescourt's Learning Hub has been used to support training facilitated by Miss Haynes for SLT/clinical practice for 12 PCGE students during the 23/24 academic year. All students successfully graduated and now become part of the next generation of the educational workforce. Thank you to Miss Haynes who leads the programme, Mrs Deek and Mrs Ford as Senior Mentors, Miss Lawton who oversees the Research and Enquiry and the staff who are the student's class-based mentors.

Assessments

Summative assessments are taken across the 3 terms. Outcomes are analysed and targeted support/interventions reviewed for pupils to access and support learning.

Assessment	AoLE	Year Gps
Benchmarking	LLC	Rolling cycle 3x year
Salford	LLC Reading	Intervention groups
MALT	Mathematics & Numeracy	Y1-Y6
Nessy	LLC Reading and Spelling	Targeted pupils
Personalised Assessments (summer)	Reading Numeracy Procedural Numeracy Reasoning	Y2-Y6

Baseline -on entry assessment – Nursery & Reception

In line with Priority 5 'To review & strengthen systems of Progression and Assessment aligned to Curriculum 2022 to improve learner outcomes' work has been undertaken to develop a new baseline for nursery pupils from September 2024. Using assessment arrangements for non-maintained settings pupils will be assessed against the four mandatory areas of assessment

- Well-being: social and emotional development
- Well-being: physical development
- Literacy
- Numeracy

The new baseline will be a pilot for 2024/25.

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Additional Learning Needs ALN

OA	OA+	IDP	CLA
88	34	21	5

OA = Ordinarily Available

OA+= Ordinarily Available +

IDP = Individual Development Plan

CLA = Children Looked After

Nursery pupils all access WellComm as universal provision

Overview of ALN task/work steam 23/24

Referrals/ Request for Support/ Meetings/Applications /Involvement	Number of Pupils	
	JD ALNCo	RF ALNCo
LA Inclusion Service Advice and Support		
Emotional Health Well-Being	12	2
ASD team	7	4
Learning Support Team	2	9
Speech and Language specialist team/speech therapy	5	5
Early Years Forum	2	3
Educational Psychology EP - Requests for assessments	8	2
Alternative Provision – Specialist Resource Base- SRB	1	1
Visual Impairment VI and Hearing Impairment HI Specialist Teams	3	2
CAMHs	2	0
Occupational Therapy OT	4	2
Neurodevelopmental Pathway NDP	9	8
Neuro Development Assessment Unit NDAU	1	10
Parent meetings to share NDAU reports	0	10
School Nurse/Health Visitor/ALN Health Visitor	6	2
Person Centred Planning PCP Meetings	13	10
Completion of paperwork following PCP meetings (IDP new or update, risk assessments, referrals, dysregulation behaviour plan, one page profile, etc)	13	9
Team Around the Family TAC	6	2
Family Gateway Service	3	5
2talk2 referral	2	1
Children Looked After reviews	3 x 2 a year	2 x 2 a year
Prioritisation meetings for specialist support	6	6
Disability Living Allowance DLA Report	1	0
Thrive/My Space/Quiet lunch group	19	16
ACEs/bereavement	9	5
Therapies/Counselling/Advocacy/Children Services	8	4

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School Improvement Plan

SIP Priorities 23/24

	Priorities
1	To continue to embed processes which demonstrate a positive impact on pupils' wellbeing, equity and inclusion.
2	To further develop Curriculum 2022 to provide rich, authentic learning experiences driven by the 4 purposes.
3	To review and embed the Foundation Phase ethos, principles and pedagogy to support independent learning experiences and raise attainment.
4	To develop provision and process in Mathematics and Numeracy. (Year 2)
5	To review & strengthen systems of Progression and Assessment aligned to Curriculum 2022 to improve learner outcomes

SIP Priorities 24/25

	Priorities
1	To develop systems of Progression and Assessment aligned to Curriculum for Wales to improve learner outcomes. (Year 2)
2	To review curriculum offer including the development of cross-cutting themes and Welsh language.
3	To enhance and expand current practices which demonstrate a positive impact on pupils' wellbeing, equity, inclusion and diversity.
4	To continue to develop Foundation Phase ethos, principles and pedagogy to support independent learning experiences and raise attainment. (Year 2).
5	To develop consistency in the provision for challenge in Mathematics and Numeracy.

Pupils on Roll

<u>Number on roll</u>	
Actual September 2022	
Rec-Y6	405
P/T Nursery am & pm	36
	441
Projected September 2023	
Rec-Y6	408
P/T Nursery am & pm	64
Total	472
Actual September 2023	
Rec -Y6	383
P/T Nursery am & pm	50
Total	433
Actual January 2024	
Rec -Y6	383

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P/T Nursery am & pm	63
Total	446
Actual July 2024	
Rec -Y6	382
P/T Nursery am & pm	64
Total	446
Projected September 2024 Rec -Y6	
Rec -Y6	383
P/T Nursery am & pm	42
Total	425

July 2024		Class size
Nursery am	Oak	32
Nursery pm	Oak	32
Rec	Beech	23
Rec	Birch	22
1	Cedar	24
1	Cherry	23
2	Spruce	25
2	Sycamore	26
3	Magnolia	29
3	Mulberry	30
4	Hazel	31
4	Hawthorn	30
5	Larch	30
5	Lime	30
6	Elder	30
6	Elm	30
Total		446

Transition

Secondary School places

Secondary Allocated School 24	Pupil Numbers
Radyr Comprehensive School	46
Cantonian High School	4
Whitchurch High School	3
The Bishop of Llandaff CIW High School	4
Fitzalan High School	1
Cardiff West Community High School	1
Whitmore High School Vale of Glamorgan	1
Total	60

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Class & Staff Organisation 2024/25

Headteacher Mrs K Wathan		Deputy Headteacher (Mon-Thurs) Miss K Haynes	Acting Deputy Headteacher (Friday) Miss C Lawton
Year Gp	Class	Teaching staff	Teaching Assistants
Nursery	Oak am	Mrs S Pascoe	Mrs E Hedges Mrs E Rusinski
Nursery	Oak pm		
Reception	Beech	Mrs J Deek SLT/ALNCo Mrs R Ford SLT/ALNCo	Mrs J Ling TA TBC
Reception	Birch	Miss J Thomas	
Year 1	Cherry	Miss J Walters	Mrs B Wilson-Jones/ Mrs L Cheesman Mrs K Bowen Mrs A Anousheh Miss B Gold
Year 1	Cedar	Mrs D Diment M. S. Bell	
Year 2	Spruce	Mrs. S. Davies Mrs J Ellis	Mrs L Stevens Mrs B Lyons Mrs K Creighton Pritchard Mrs L Irwin
Year 2	Sycamore	Mrs E Capel SLT	
Year 3	Magnolia	Mr T Fryer	Mrs M Whitehouse Mrs K Martin Miss L Van Steelan
Year 3	Mulberry	Miss C. Lawton SLT	
Year 4	Hazel	Miss C Knowles (Mrs Morris- Maternity)	
Year 4	Hawthorn	Mr C Evans	
Year 5	Lime	Mr D Lewis	Miss E Hall Mrs S Campbell
Year 5	Larch	Mrs L Jackson Mrs E Roberts	
Year 6	Elm	Miss R Kelly	
Year 6	Elder	Mr T Howard SLT	
Cross Year Groups	PPA cover PE & Wellbeing	Mrs M Rees Mrs L Stevens Miss K Haynes Mrs Deek Mrs Ford	Superstars Coach
Wellbeing / Forest School			Mrs R Hockey
Thrive Practitioners			Mrs K Martin Mrs R Hockey Miss E Hall
Interventions KS2			Mrs J Johnson (Mon-Wed) Mrs M Whitehouse (pm only)

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Attendance

23/24 Whole school Target 95%

Academic year	Whole school incl Non-Statutory School Age	Statutory School Age
2021 - 2022	92.2%	92.7%
2022 - 2023	92.9%	93.3%
2023 - 2024	93.4%	94%

Stage 1 letters are issued to parents on a rolling programme where attendance is below 85%. Improved attendance letters and continued monitoring are issued on review. Meetings are held with Mrs Wathan supported by Mrs Scott, School Attendance Officer (SAO) to discuss continued concerns and offer support to families.

Attendance trophies are presented to the class with the highest weekly attendance in FP & KS2 during celebration assemblies on a Friday.

Attendance remains a school priority for improvement.

Exclusions

	Number of pupils	Occasions	Number of Days
2022-2023	3	7	18.5
2023-2024	3	5	8.5

Pastoral Support Plans

Autumn Term	0
Spring Term	0
Summer Term	2

Safeguarding

2023-24	
MARF Referrals	7
Care & Support	1
CP Registration	0
Children Looked After	5

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Autumn Term 23 After School Club offer

Club Name	Staff Member/s	Age Range
Cycling	Mr Fryer	Ys 3 and 4
Lego	Mrs Pardoe Mrs Campbell	Ys 3 and 4
Lego	Mrs Davies	Ys 1 and 2
Football	Mr Howard	Ys 5 and 6
Netball	Mrs Rees Mrs Ling	Ys 5 and 6
Drama	Miss Walters Mrs Capel Mrs Morris	Ys 3 - 6
Mathletics	Miss Lawton	Ys 1 and 2
Cymraeg	Mrs Morris	Ys 1 and 2
Junior Choir	Miss Thomas	Ys 2-4
Dance	Mrs Rees Mrs Stevens	Y6
Feel Good	Mrs Deek Mrs Ford	Ys 1 and 2

Spring Term 24 After School Club offer

Club Name	Staff Member/s	Age Range
Lego	Mrs Davies	Y1 and 2
Art and Nature/Celf a Natur	Miss Haynes	Y2
Cooking/Coginio	Mrs Pascoe Mrs Hedges	Ys 3 and 4
Netball/Pêl-rwyd	Mrs Rees	Ys 5 and 6
Lego	Mrs Pardoe	Ys 3 and 4
Cycling/Beicio	Mr Fryer	Ys 5 and 6
Drama	Mrs Capel Miss Walters Mrs Morris	Ys 3-6
Feel Good/Iechyd a Lles	Mrs Ford Mrs Deek	Ys 1 and 2

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Cymraeg/Welsh	Mrs Morris Mr Lewis	Ys 3 - 6
Chess/Gwyddbwyll	Mr Howard Mr Evans	Ys 5 and 6
Dance/Dawns	Mrs Rees Mrs Stevens	Ys 4 - 6

Summer Term 24 After School Club offer

Club Name	Staff Member/s	Age Range
Construction/ Adeiladu	Mrs Diment Mrs Bowen	Ys 1 & 2
Art and Nature/Celf a Natur	Miss Haynes	Y2
Art/Celf	Miss Lawton Mrs Jenkins	Ys 3 & 4
Code Breakers/ Torwyr Cod	Mrs Johnson	KS2
Feel Good Club/Clwb Lles	Mrs Ford Mrs Deek Mrs Cheesman	Ys 1 and 2
Junior Choir/Côr	Miss Thomas	Ys 2, 3 and 4
Football/Pêl Droed	Mr Evans Mr Howard	Ys 5 and 6
Netball/Pêl Rwyd	Mrs Rees Mrs Ling	Ys 5 and 6
Netball/Pêl Rwyd	Mrs Jackson	Yr 4
Cookery/Coginio	Mrs Pascoe Mrs Nicholas Mrs. Hedges	Ys 2 and 3

Superstars deliver 2 after-school clubs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. **Cost per session £2.50**

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Autumn Term 23 Lunchtime Clubs offer:

Club Name	Staff Member/s	Age Range
Card Games	Miss Kelly	Ys 3- 6
Cross-country	Mrs Rees Miss Hall	Ys 3-6
Football	Mr Evans	Ys 3 and 4
French	Mrs Ellis Mrs Bell	Y 1 and 2
Senior Choir	Miss Walters	Ys 5 and 6
Ball Skills	Mrs Rees	Ys 3 and 4

Spring Term 24 Lunchtime Clubs offer:

Club Name	Staff Member/s	Age Range
Cross Country/ Traws Gwlad	Mrs Rees Miss Hall	Ys 3-6
Card Games/Gemau Cardiau	Miss Kelly	Ys 3 - 6
Français/French/Ffrangeg	Mrs Ellis Mrs Bell	Ys 1 and 2
All Sports/ Chwaraeon	Mrs Rees	Ys 3 and 4
Senior Choir/Côr	Miss Walters	Ys 5 and 6

Summer Term 24 Lunchtime Clubs offer:

Club Name	Staff Member/s	Age Range
Football/Pêl Droed	Mr Lewis	Ys 3 and 4
Athletics/Athletau	Mrs Rees Miss Hall	KS2
Senior Choir/Côr	Miss Walters	Ys 5 and 6
Young Leaders/ Arweinwyr Ifanc	Mrs Rees	Ys 3, 4 and 6

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Eco club/ School Council/Digital Leaders continue to meet on a two-weekly rota.

Healthy School Team meet with Mrs Rees every Tuesday

Finance

	Spend (£)
Employee Related Expenses	
Total Staffing costs	£1,916,579
Premises Related Expenses	
Repairs and Maintenance	£15,471
Energy Costs	£45,507
Rates	£31,030
Water	£8,607
Cleaning and Cleaning materials	£47,712
SLAs	£16,004
Supplies and Services Expenses	
Teaching Resources & general resources	£14,161
Communications	£1,664
Gross Expenditure	
Total Funding for the Financial Year 23/24	£1,775,603
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	£1,794,803
Total Balance of 31 Mar	-(£19,200)

A full breakdown of financial spending can be provided upon request. All requests to be submitted to the Chair of Finance committee.

Premises, including toilets

The school premises are in good condition and maintained by the Estate Manager.

Age appropriate toilet facilities (including their décor) are in place for nursery, reception, Ys 1-2 and KS2 Ys3-6. There are 3 disabled toilets located in Ys1-2, next to staff toilets (office corridor) and in KS2. Changing facilities are available in the nursery setting. The school currently pays into an SLA with the Local Authority for cleaners. This arrangement will be reviewed to come 'in house' for the financial year 25/26.

There are adequate toilet facilities for staff.

Additional cleaning is provided for reception and Ys 1-2 toilets following the lunchtime.

The cleaners have designated zones and clean across the school each day, including the toilets.

The Health and Safety link governor, join the estates manager and H&S officer for a termly site inspection.

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Breakfast Club

Following the agreement of the Governing Body to make changes to the Breakfast Club provision, registration and payment plans have been established for 24/25.

School Lockdown Procedures

Danescourt's lockdown procedure document has been completed. The plan was fully tested with staff and pupils on Thursday 27th June, following staff briefings with updated arrangements for notifications, register call and communication. Evaluation and lessons learned are recorded and an evaluation form submitted to the Local Authority.

Term dates 24/25

Term	Start	Half-Term	End
Autumn	02/09/2024	28/10-1/11/2024	20/12/2024
Spring	06/01/2025	24-28/02/2025	11/04/2025
Summer	28/04/2025	26-30/05/0225	21/07/2025

INSET Dates 24/25

Monday 2 nd September 2024
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Friday 4 th October 2024 (Radyr Cluster)
Monday 6 th January 2025
Monday 28 th April 2025
Monday 21 st July 2025