



DILS News

Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 62

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK: School continue to follow Government advice for educational settings. We will inform parents if there are any changes. For links to more information go to the parents' section of the newsletter.

ABOUT CHILDREN

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	87.0%	N Tchaikovsky	91.3%	R LLOYD-Webber	93.4%	R Zimmer	91.3%
1 Beckham	97.9%	1 Bolt	94.3%	2 Potter	98.7%	2 Rosen	95.3%
3 Anning	96.1%	3 Attenborough	97.5%	4 Banksy	98.0%	4 O'Keeffe	98.1%

Sports relief 2020 inspires the nation to raise life changing amounts of money and take on some of the world's most pressing problems through the power of sport.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Sport Relief challenges this week. We would like to set children and parents/carers a new daily challenge for every morning. Instead of entering the playground and standing in one spot, use the track to keep walking. Follow the direction of the footsteps and walk (no running) until the school doors open. Let's make the most of every opportunity to keep our bodies moving.



Book fair Competition - Just a reminder about our competition running this month. What's the most unusual place you can read a book in? Photos of children should be no bigger than A5 size please and sent to Miss McKinlay. A prize will be awarded to one child from every year group. Closing date is 31st March. So far, we sadly have not received any entries.

DILS Choir - A musical journey through stories and time – Mrs Stirling was fortunate enough to be able to be in the audience on Sunday and found herself sitting with a huge grin on her face for the entire performance. It was such an amazing opportunity for the children to be on stage with a full, live orchestra. Huge appreciation to the Amptill Concert Orchestra for their part in the event and for being so willing to dress up for the occasion. Thanks also to the hard work and organisation of Inspiring Music, and we too hope that there may be similar events and collaborations in the future.

Y3 Attenborough Library Tour – On Tuesday 10th March, Y3 Attenborough had the opportunity to visit Dunstable Library. The children (and adults) had a great time finding out where the different genre of books are within the Library and completing a quiz to show they had understood. The children were delighted to meet Robbie the Robot and see him breakdance amongst other moves! They also discovered lots of other activities and clubs that the Library offers for children. So please if you haven't already discovered what the Library has to offer, then go along with your child they'll be able to show you around!

Y1 Fantastic Finish - As part of our pirate topic we would like to do a fantastic finish. This will involve the children coming into school dressed up as pirates for the day. Throughout the day we will be doing a variety of pirate themed activities to celebrate the learning we have done this term. Our pirate day will be Thursday 2nd April, the same day as the year one performance. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the year 1 team.

Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle - As part of next terms topic, Year 2 will be visiting Warwick Castle on Tuesday 28th April. We will be exploring the castle, learning about its history and what life was like in medieval times. A letter with all the information has been sent home.

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Class Teacher Award winners this week – Tchaikovsky - Quinn; Newman – Marshall; Zimmer – Alice and Alexandru; Lloyd-Webber – Percy; Bolt – April; Beckham – Anayah; Rosen – Rasper and Melodie; Potter – Alfie and Harry; Attenborough – Ethan; Anning – Kevin; Banksy – Dara; O’Keeffe - Riley.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y1 Bolt** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **16/03/2020** they should come to school a little earlier, enter school through the front door and meet in the Library area at 8.40am. Remember there is a free car park on West Street where parents can park for drop off and pick up to also support this initiative and encourage a short walk to school.

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Quiz night - A massive thank you to all that attended our quiz night. It was such a great evening and we raised an excellent £600. We are looking forward to the next one!

Crispy Kreme sale- A week today we will be selling doughnuts in the big playground (2 stalls) and the reception/nursery playground from 3pm. We are expecting it to be very busy so please bear with us! As there is a max order that we can place with crispy Kreme, we ask that each person buys no more than 5 doughnuts. This will help ensure we don’t disappoint anyone!

Easter market - Thank you to all the replies we have had so far for our Easter market. The event is going to be a jam packed 2 hours! We have a range of different stalls, an Easter hunt, food and games to keep you and your child entertained. Entry is free with each ticket brought for the Easter bunny or 50p per child at the entry gate if you do not wish to see the Easter bunny. If you have any questions, please email us at: dilspta@gmail.com

FOR PARENTS

Polite Notice – In order to avoid any accidents, please could children park their bikes and scooters in the EYFS playground on arrival to school and not ride them while waiting for the doors to open. This area is very busy both at the beginning and the end of the day. It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure the safety of their children whilst waiting to enter the school.

Coronavirus – The school are following government advice about the current outbreak of Coronavirus. At the moment the best way to limit the risk of catching the virus is to wash hands frequently, use tissues to cover your mouth and nose when you cough, sneeze and blow/wipe your nose and then put the tissue in the bin. Parents can support school by reminding children how and when to do this at home. School will inform parents if there are any changes to this advice. We have been sharing some upbeat videos for children in school to promote good hand hygiene:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJAIST-OIAU> *Can you do the handwashing dance?*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg&safe=active>

The Department for Education Coronavirus helpline – have now launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVI-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Where to find the latest information:

Updates on COVID-19: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

The DfE has also stressed the following:

- The importance of hygiene - personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19.
 - Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

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A BIG thank you for helping us keep the Coronavirus away by sending your children to school with hand Sanitiser, we cannot be too careful. However, please can you remind children the Sanitiser gel is for hands only, and if misused, can be very irritant to eyes. Therefore, if children will be found playing with or misusing the hand sanitiser gel, it will be confiscated and given back to the Parent/Guardian at the end of the day.

Family Fridays – In order to make the reading experience more enjoyable for the all children and parents, we would kindly request parents not to bring siblings into school. Due to Health and Safety risks buggies are **NOT** to be brought into the school on Family Fridays.

Reporting an absence - If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on 01582 663709 before 08:45 to notify us.

School Vacancies:

- **Midday Supervisors** – We have opportunities for relief lunchtime work at our school. You will be supervising children in the dining hall and be responsible for ensuring the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the midday break. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please call the school office on 01582 663709 and ask for Mrs White, or email our school office on dunstable@icknieldlower.bedssch.co.uk

Key Dates for Term 2	20 term dates are available on the Central Bedfordshire Council website and our own website. Dates are subject to change so please refer to CBC regularly.
Every Friday until Fri 17 th July	Family Fridays – weekly event for children and parents
Thursday 19 th March	Y1 Beckham– Class Assembly to parents – 14:30 – 15:00
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March 2020	Y4 Residential Visit – PGL
Friday 20 March	FOILS Mother’s Day Donut Sale
Thursday 02 nd April	Y1 Bolt & Beckham - Pirate Day and Y1 performance to parents 14:30 – 15:00
Mon 06 th – Mon 20 th April	Easter Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Saturday 28 March	FOILS Easter Market
Thursday 23 rd April	Whole School Group Photos
Tuesday 28 th April	Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle
Thursday 30 th April	Y3 Anning - Class assembly to parents 09:00
Thursday 30 th April	Y3 Iron Age House Visit - more information to follow
Thursday 14 th May	Y3 Attenborough - Class assembly to parents 09:00

E-mails sent home this week		
E-mail Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Action - Zimmer Class Reward	R Zimmer	11.03.2020
DILS - Reception Coverage of works W/C 16.03.2020	Reception	12.03.2020
DILS - Action required	Nursery - Y4	12.03.2020