



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 61
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**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR SCHOOL DURING WORLD BOOK DAY,
HELPING TO MAKE IT A FABULOUS SUCCESS.**

ABOUT CHILDREN

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	82.6%	N Tchaikovsky	87.0%	R Lloyd-Webber	92.8%	R Zimmer	93.0%
1 Beckham	97.1%	1 Bolt	93.9%	2 Potter	99.3%	2 Rosen	93.7%
3 Anning	95.6%	3 Attenborough	93.3%	4 Banksy	98.3%	4 O'Keeffe	97.7%

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.

As part of the Sports Relief week - 9th – 13th March 2020, the DILS children will be running / walking a mile each day using the fantastic new lines and markings on our playground! This is a great way to get active, have fun and raise money for Charity. All donations are welcome.



World Book Day – The children looked wonderful in their costumes on Thursday in celebration of World Book Day. The whole school visit to the Grove Theatre was a fabulous event and learning opportunity for the children, and the children of DILS proved that whatever the weather they will never be beaten! Thank you to all our helpers on the day too – it would not have happened without you. We hope this has spurred the children to read even more at home.

A big, big thank you to FOILS who enabled all children from Reception to year 4, to visit the Grove Theatre for World Book Day. It is with the continuous support from our families, which enables the school to offer the children this amazing opportunity. Although a little soggy on our return, it was an inspiring experience for all and a memory we will treasure!

Y4 O'Keeffe Backstage Tour of The Grove Theatre – O'Keeffe had a lovely time going to the Grove Theatre for the second time this week! This time they were given the opportunity to become V.I.P youth consultants! This involved going backstage and finding out more about how the theatre works. They then practised their drama skills and learnt how to project their voices. Then they practised doing this on the theatre stage. Lastly, becoming youth consultants meant that the children were able to give their feedback to the Grove, on how they found the experience. They all really enjoyed it and would go again!

DILS Choir - A musical journey through stories and time – On Sunday 8 March the choir will be taking part in a special performance in a musical celebration of reading. We hope there will be lots of support for our choir in the audience. Tickets can be purchased following the link below:

<https://www.grovetheatre.co.uk/events/a-musical-journey-through-stories-time-concert-2/>

We are listed as 'Icknield Lower School, on the website. Good luck to our choir!

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.



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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.

Class Teacher Award winners this week – Tchaikovsky - Jack and Grace; Newman – Emily and Amira; Zimmer – to be announced next week; Lloyd-Webber – to be announced next week; Bolt – Zack; Beckham – to be announced next week; Rosen – to be announced next week; Potter – to be announced next week; Attenborough – Kayden; Anning – Maisy; Banksy – Taashi; O’Keeffe - Rocco.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y1 Beckham** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **09/03/2020** 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.

FOILS

Crispy **Creme** **Doughnut** **sale**
2 weeks today on Friday 20 March, we will be selling doughnuts for £1 each to celebrate Mother’s Day. There will be stalls in both playgrounds. Please bring the correct change. Doughnuts will also be available to take away.

Easter **Market**
Letters have now gone out for the Easter market taking place on Saturday 28 March. To take advantage of our early bird offer please return your slip and correct money as soon as possible.

World **book** **day**
If you no longer require your world book day costume, please place it in the basket in the school office. We hope to offer a choice of costumes with these donations the following year.

FOR PARENTS

Book Fair – We saw lots of parents/carers and children at our book fair this week. We hope you will enjoy your new books and the teachers look forward to hearing about them from the children. Thank you to Ms McKinlay for organising this special sale and to all who came along to buy books. Money raised from the book fair will be invested back into the library.

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.

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@icknielower.bedssch.co.uk



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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 17th July	Family Fridays – weekly event for children and parents
Tuesday 10 March	Y3 Attenborough Library Tour
Thursday 19th March	Y1 Beckham– Class Assembly to parents – 14:30 – 15:00
Wed 18th – Fri 20th March 2020	Y4 Residential Visit – PGL
Friday 20 March	FOILS Mother’s Day Donut Sale
Thursday 02nd April	Y1 Bolt & Beckham - Pirate Day and Y1 performance to parents 14:30 – 15:00
Mon 06th – Mon 20th April	Easter Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Saturday 28 March	FOILS Easter Market
Thursday 23rd April	Whole School Group Photos
Tuesday 28th April	Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle
Thursday 30th April	Y3 Anning - Class assembly to parents 09:00
Thursday 30th April	Y3 Iron Age House Visit - more information to follow
Thursday 14th May	Y3 Attenborough - Class assembly to parents 09:00

E-mails sent home this week		
E-mail Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Information - Y3 Anning Class Assembly	Y3 Anning	02.03.2020
DILS - Nursery Coverage of works W/C 02nd March 2020	Nursery	02.03.2020
DILS - Action - Y3 Attenborough - help needed for the Library Visit	Y3 Attenborough	02.03.2020
DILS - ACTION - Y2 sewing focus - helpers needed	Y2	03.03.2020
DILS - ACTION - Head lice notification	N - Y4	03.03.2020
DILS - Reminder - Y1 Bolt Mother's Day Assembly	Y1 Bolt	04.03.2020
DILS - Action - Y4 Fashion Show	Y4	04.03.2020
DILS - Action - Y4 Times Table Check to Parents	Y4	04.03.2020
DILS - Action - Book Fair	N – Y4	05.03.2020
DILS - Nursery Coverage of works W/C 09th March 2020	Nursery	06.03.2020