



DILS News



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ABOUT CHILDREN

Thursday 5 March is World Book Day – which book will you pick up and read next week?

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	94.6%	N Tchaikovsky	93%	R Lloyd-Webber	80.7%	R Zimmer	90.7%
1 Beckham	98.6%	1 Bolt	92.9%	2 Potter	96.0%	2 Rosen	93.3%
3 Anning	96.4%	3 Attenborough	91.1%	4 Banksy	99.3%	4 O'Keeffe	98.6%

Book Fair - As you may already be aware World Book Day is next week. We have lots of exciting activities planned during March and your support would be welcomed. Next week we are holding another book fair in school at the end of the school day. I'm sure it will again be very busy and as it is going to be held in the library, our space is limited. We would therefore like to ease the congestion and make it an enjoyable experience for everyone; so organisation and timings are as follows:

- **EYFS and Year 1 only** - Wednesday 4th March 3.30pm-4.30pm
- **Years 2,3 and 4 only** - Thursday 5th March 3.30pm-5pm
- **Open for All** - Friday 6th March 3.30pm- 4.30pm

World Book Day tokens may be used for money off the books. Cash and card payments welcome. You can also purchase gift vouchers online at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/giftvouchers before the book fair whereby you can earn an extra 20% free, meaning for example spend £5 but you would get a gift voucher for £6. Simply print out your voucher and bring it along to the fair.

In collaboration with the book fair we are holding a Book Bingo Challenge to promote the love of reading, but it also gives the children an opportunity to win prizes for themselves and/or the school. Please find the challenge sent home today in your child's book bag. Once the challenge is completed please post to the address provided on the challenge form.

The final challenge will also come with a prize for 1 child from each year group. What's the most unusual place you could read a book in? The challenge is for your child to have their photo taken reading a book in the most unusual place they can think of. All entries should be printed no bigger than A5 size please and sent to Miss McKinlay who will also be using them for display. You have until the 31st March to enter. Good luck, we look forward to seeing them!

World Book Day - We have a fantastic production to help celebrate **World Book Day 2020 on Thursday 5th March** at the Grove Theatre. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote live storytelling to young children through drama, singing and visualisation as well as exploring new ways of looking at classic fairy tales. The performance will encourage the children to use their imagination and join the characters on their wonderful adventure. After the performance, the Grove will be handing out prizes for two of the best dressed World Book Day attendees who will win a family cinema ticket for a screening of their choice.

Many thanks to **FOILS** who have covered the cost of this amazing Artsmark experience.

Playground Improvements – This week the children returned to school to see the playground had been transformed with new markings over the half term break. Thank you to the school councillors who led the way in the playground design and sharing information with their classmates. The track which goes all the way around the playground can be used in the daily mile – 15 laps and your mile is complete!

Alzheimer's Society is transforming the landscape of dementia forever: "Until the day we find a cure, we will create a society where those affected by dementia are supported and accepted, able to live in their community without fear or prejudice." People in our community have been painting and distributing these beautiful stones for Alzheimer's Society to spread awareness and raise money. This stone was found by Effie on her way to school!

DILS Choir - A musical journey through stories and time - Our school choir 'Voices of Hope' has been given an exciting opportunity to perform at the Grove Theatre on Sunday 8th March 2020. Our children will need to arrive in the main foyer at 3.30pm where they will be met and directed upstairs to their school area. Parents will be led into the Auditorium from 4.15pm and the concert will start at 4.30pm and finish at 5.20pm. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased using the following link:

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

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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 2nd April, the same day as the year one assembly. 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.

Six minutes a day keeps the stress away! - With mental health issues on the rise amongst children and young people (What kids think about Mental Health, CHILDWISE, 2020), research by Mindlab International at the University of Sussex (2009) found that just six minutes of reading a day can reduce stress levels by 68%. Dr Lewis, who conducted the test, said: "Losing yourself in a book is the ultimate relaxation."

Class Teacher Award winners this week – Zimmer – Alexandru; Lloyd-Webber – Reuben; Bolt – Suven; Beckham – Onik; Rosen – Noah; Potter – Siyara; Attenborough – Reuben; Anning – Katie; Banksy – Owen; O’Keeffe - Sebastian.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y2 Potter** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **02/03/2020** 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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Mother's Day doughnut sale - On Friday 20th March we will be holding a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale straight after school. There will be a stall in both playgrounds, and we will be selling them for £1 each (please bring the correct change). You will also be able to take them away for family and friends!

SAVE THE DATE! - We are very excited to announce that on Saturday 28th March between 2pm-4pm the Easter bunny will be visiting our school! Further details to follow shortly. If you are able to help at all at this event or would like to hire a stall, please email us at dilspta@gmail.com. We are only able to put on such events with your support.

FOR PARENTS

THANK YOU - Footwear in School – As we battled through the snow to get to school on Thursday it was wonderful that so many children came to school prepared to change out of their snow boots independently and into suitable indoor shoes. Thank you for your support.

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
Saturday 29th February	FOILS – Leap Year Quiz Night
Wednesday 04th March	Book fair - Foundation Stage and Year 1 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 05th March	Y1 Bolt– Class Assembly to parents – 09:00 – 09:30 (<i>Change of time due to World Book Day Event</i>)
Thursday 05th March	World Book Day – Grove Theatre trip - Activity for children from Reception to Y4
Thursday 05th March	Book Fair - Years 2,3 and 4 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 6th March	Book Fair for everyone to attend 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 6th March	Y4 O’Keeffe Grove Theatre Tour
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 assembly 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 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 - Nursery Coverage of works W/C 24th February 2020	Nursery	25.02.2020
DILS – Information - Reception Coverage of works W/C 24.02.2020	Reception	26.02.2020
DILS - Action - Y1 Pirate Day	Y1	27.02.2020
DILS - Action - Y2 Warwick Castle trip	Y2	27.02.2020
DILS - Information - Y2 Potter	Y2 Potter	28.02.2020