



DILS News

Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 59
14th February 2020



SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY FROM MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY – We wish our families a safe and restful break.

Happy Valentine’s Day to all of our families – a day to celebrate all of the people in our lives who love and care for us and a sign that Spring is just around the corner.

How much do you know about the origins of Valentine’s Day?

<https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2>

ABOUT CHILDREN

Did you know that an attendance rate of 85% means your child has missed a full 6 weeks of learning in a year?

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	84.8%	N Tchaikovsky	88.4%	R Lloyd-Webber	95.9%	R Zimmer	97.3%
1 Beckham	97.9%	1 Bolt	93.8%	2 Potter	93.7%	2 Rosen	98.0%
3 Anning	91.1%	3 Attenborough	95.7%	4 Banksy	94.7%	4 O’Keeffe	93.8%

Nursery - Tchaikovsky and Newman classes have had a fabulous Friday celebrating the end of our Traditional Tales topic. The children looked fantastic in their story character costumes. It has been magical to see how the children display such a love of stories. There has been so much learning; we have retold familiar stories through dance and drama, talked about key characters and how we can help them to make good choices, and made up our own stories. A FANTASTIC finish to an inspiring topic. Thank you to all our parents for their continuous support.

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/>

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.

Pioneering Partnerships Programme (PPP) – DILS is proud to announce that we have secured a place on PPP. We will be working with two other schools and some local culture providers to ‘test’ and ‘review’ educational experiences for school children. 3 Attenborough and 4 O’Keeffe have been chosen from a hat to be involved in the first trials. Letters have been sent to parents/carers today.

Footwear in School – As part of our school uniform all children are to wear plain black covered shoes to school every day. Boots are not to be worn in school. If your child wears boots to school during wet or snowy weather, please pack their school shoes in their bag so they can change indoors.

Pupil Achievements:

- Congratulations to Joseph in Nursery for receiving the Player of the Week Certificate at Rugby Tots!
- Congratulations to Fionn in Y3 for successfully passing his Bronze Stage 3 Rookie Lifeguard with a lot of hard work and determination. Good luck in Stage 1 Silver now!

Learn, Believe, Achieve



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 59

14th February 2020

Class Teacher Award winners this week – Zimmer – Olivia; Lloyd-Webber – Lawrence; Bolt – Spencer; Beckham – Oliver; Rosen – Lana; Potter – Emily; Attenborough – Hisha; Anning – James; Banksy – Lily; O’Keeffe - Connor.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y2 Rosen** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **24/02/2020** 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

Leap Year Quiz Night - Following on from our quiz night letter tickets are selling out quickly. If you would like to join us for a fantastic evening full of laughter and pizza, please return the correct money and slip to the office ASAP as places are limited.

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 2-4 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

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.

Government Music Education Survey – All parents/carers and teachers are invited to take part in a Government survey on views and opinions of music education in schools. <https://consult.education.gov.uk/curriculum-implementation-unit/music-education-call-for-evidence/>

Parent Drop-in Sessions with an Educational Psychologist (EP) – If you have concerns about your child’s development, their emotional wellbeing, challenging behaviour, learning, your relationship with your child or any other concerns, the Central Bedfordshire Educational Psychology Team is holding bookable drop in sessions for parents of children between 0-12 years old. Please see attached poster for information on booking and attending a session at the Houghton Regis Children’s Centre - Tithe Farm.

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@ickniieldlower.bedsch.co.uk



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 59
14th February 2020

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
Mon 17th – Fri 21st February 2020	Half Term – School closed for children
Saturday 29th February	FOILS – Leap Year Quiz Night
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
Friday 6 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 - parents meeting 05.02.2020 15:30 –16:00
Friday 20 March	FOILS Mother’s Day Donut Sale
Thursday 02nd April	Y1 Bolt & Beckham - Pirate 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
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 - Action - Art Club	Y1 - Y4	10.02.2020
DILS - Action - Lego Club	Y3 & 4	10.02.2020
DILS - Action - Gardening competition	N - Y4	11.02.2020
DILS - Action - Y2 Rosen - Pyjama Party	Y2 Rosen	11.02.2020
DILS - Important - New Lunch Menu as of 24.02.2020	R - Y4	11.02.2020
DILS - Action - World Book day - Grove Theatre Visit 05.03.2020	R - Y4	11.02.2020
DILS - Action - Y3 Attenborough Library Tour	Y3 Attenborough	14.02.2020
DILS - Action - Y4 O’Keeffe Grove Theatre Tour	Y4 O’Keeffe	14.02.2020