



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 56
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ABOUT CHILDREN

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	89.7%	N Tchaikovsky	86.6%	R Lloyd-Webber	93.4%	R Zimmer	90.0%
1 Beckham	96.9%	1 Bolt	96.6%	2 Potter	95.0%	2 Rosen	95.3%
3 Anning	96.4%	3 Attenborough	95.6%	4 Banksy	97.3%	4 O'Keeffe	98.6%

School Photos – We are proud to announce that DILS in association with Braiswick Photographic, have raised £67.00 for Cancer Research UK through the school photos!

Y1 – Y4 Enrichment day - Friday 31st of January is going to be a school enrichment day about 'Healthy Living' so all children from year 1 to year 4 will need to come in dressed in their PE clothes.

Jewellery during PE lessons - Due to serious Health & Safety risks, children are not permitted to wear jewellery, including pierced earrings, during PE lessons. Teachers are not allowed to take out or replace children's earrings therefore we strongly advise earrings are removed or covered with plasters for the entire day before coming to school on PE days. Please be advised that the school is not responsible for any lost personal items brought into school, including jewellery.

Winter weather and boots - As part of our daily school uniform, all children wear black shoes. If children come to school in wellingtons or boots, they should change into their school shoes indoors.

After School Activities for Term 2 – A reminder that this term the following activities are still available for children to sign up:

- Y4 PE club – Monday** 15:20 – 16:20 – between 06th January – 30th March 2020– spaces available, sign up online
- Street dance – Monday** Y1 & Y2 lunchtime 12:15 – 12:45 - between 06th January – 30th March 2020 – spaces available
- Y2 PE club – Tuesday** 15:20 – 16:20 – between 07th January – 31st March 2020 – spaces available, sign up online
- Tennis – Wednesday** 08:00 – 08:45 – between 08th January – 01st April 2020 – spaces available
- Street dance – Thursday** Y3 & Y4 lunchtime 12:15 – 12:45 - between 09th January – 02nd April 2020 – spaces available
- Zumba – Thursday** 15:20 – 16:20 - 16th January – 2nd April 2020 - spaces available
- Hotshots – Thursday** 09th January – Thursday 02nd April – Spaces available, for details call Mark on 07776286666
- Y3 PE club – Friday** 15:20 – 16:20 – between 10th January – 03rd April 2020 – spaces available, sign up online

Clubs only take place when school is open. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office.

Plea for donations - If you have any toys your children no longer play with eg cars, garages, farm/zoo small world sets, puzzles (up to 50 pieces), educational games, role play items eg items for a shop, kitchen etc, dressing-up (not superhero) the reception team would be very grateful for any donations! If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the reception team. Thank you.

Class Teacher Award winners this week - Zimmer – Mia; Lloyd-Webber – Justin; Bolt – Amayah; Beckham – Sienna C; Rosen – Lilyella; Potter – Harry; Attenborough – Morgan; Anning – Affan; Banksy – Lily; O'Keeffe - Jacob.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y4 O'Keeffe** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **27/01/2020** 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

FOILS are planning some exciting school and parent events and will share more information soon. Watch this space!

FOR PARENTS

Parent/Carer - Teacher Meetings - These will take place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 2020 and will be booked online on our parent app Arbor from 3rd February 2020. Please see information sent electronically to parents/carers.

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Extended day provision – Booking for breakfast and after school club. A reminder that a letter was sent out to all parents on 20th December 2019 clarifying the process for booking into breakfast and after school clubs.

Please remember:

1. At present bookings can only be made online if your account is **IN CREDIT**. If you are unable to book your child into a club then either:
 - a. There is less than 1 working day before the required booking (bookings for a Monday cannot be made after midday on the Friday before)
 - b. You do not have enough credit in your account
 - c. You are trying to use the SCOPAY app – due to technical difficulties beyond our control SCOPAY will only work through a web browser such as Internet Explorer or Chrome

We require at least 1 working days' notice as our staffing organisation is determined by our booking numbers. Cancellations for advance bookings will be refunded provided the cancellation is made in advance.

Parent Notice Boards - You may have noticed that we have two new noticeboards on the wall leading to the car park. These boards will display information and news which is relevant to parents. The large one will be for school news and the smaller one is for news from FOILS.

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.

Acceptable User Agreement and Photograph Consent - We have recently reviewed safeguarding and technology procedures and as a result are refreshing our 'acceptable use' and 'Photograph consent' agreements for parents. More information on how to do this will be sent to parents.

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
- **Finance Administrator Assistant** - We're looking for an experienced Finance Administrator to join our office team. If you are interested in applying for this position, please call the school office on 01582 663709, 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 30 th January	Y4 Banksy - Class assembly to parents – 09:00
Thursday 30 th January	Reception hearing testing – for children
Wednesday 05 th February	PGL Parents Meeting 15:30 – 16:00 – for parents
Thursday 06 th February	Y2 All Creatures Great and Small – performance to parents 14:00 – 14:30
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents evening 1 - including IEP/SSP reviews - 15:30-18:00 – self scheduling will go live on 03rd February 2020
Thursday 13 th February	Parent evening 2 - including IEP/SSP reviews - 16:00-19:00 – self scheduling will go live on 03rd February 2020



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Mon 17th – Fri 21st February 2020	Half Term – School closed for children
Thursday 05th March	Y1 Bolt– Class Assembly to parents – 14:30 – 15:00
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
Thursday 02nd April	Y1 Bolt & Beckham - Pirate assembly to parents 14:30 – 15:00
Mon 06th – Mon 20th April	Easter Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
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 - Jewellery during PE lessons	R - Y4	20.01.2020
DILS - Action – Y4 Banksy Assembly 30.01.2020	Y4 Banksy	22.01.2020
DILS - Information - Parent/Carer - Teacher Meetings	N - Y4	24.01.2020
DILS - Reception Coverage of works W/C 27.01.2020	Reception	24.01.2020
DILS - Nursery Coverage of works W/C 27th January 2020	Nursery	24.01.2020