



# DILS News



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**Congratulations to Mrs Cook, our extended day leader, who has recently become a new grandmother. Huge congratulations and our best wishes go to Mrs Cook and her growing family.**

## ABOUT CHILDREN

### Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	97.7%	N Tchaikovsky	83.9%	R Lloyd-Webber	93.4%	R Zimmer	91.6%
1 Beckham	95.5%	1 Bolt	96.6%	2 Potter	95.5%	2 Rosen	92.7%
3 Anning	97.1%	3 Attenborough	96.1%	<b>4 Banksy</b>	<b>97.8%</b>	4 O'Keeffe	96.9%

**Reading Journey** - Your child's reading experience is much more than the reading book which comes home from school. Reading is happening all the time in a classroom and in the school. It is taught in specific reading and English lessons, but children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across all subjects too.

Parents can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least five minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. At DILS we use a range of different reading scheme books such as 'Oxford Reading Tree' and 'Rigby Star' so your child has access to a range of genres. As well as reading regularly, it is important to have discussions about the book to improve comprehension skills.

In order to support parents, we have created bookmarks with questions and ideas you can talk about with your child.

**These will be found in your child's reading diary by the end of this week. At the front of the reading diary will be the National Curriculum statements that your child should have met by the end of the year.**

**Y1 Art Project** – Children in Y1 will be working on an art project with their art teacher, Mrs Vogeli-Hunter. Please could all Y1 children bring in a photo of their mum for 23rd January.

**Year 2** have had a really, really exciting start to the year! Last Tuesday, the children came into school and found their classroom with crime scene tape outside. Some animals had been in and left lots of clues, so the children became detectives for the morning and used their skills to try and figure out what had happened! On Monday we had a visit from Frankie the Pug; this gave the children lots of facts about dogs to use in their science and English learning. A big thank you to Abbie's Mum (Rosen class) for helping with some of the clues.... It's been a great start to our 'All Creatures Great and Small' topic!



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

**Class Teacher Award winners this week** - Tchaikovsky – Hayden; Newman – Onelli; Zimmer – Patryk; Lloyd-Webber – Flynn; Bolt – Ronnie; Beckham – Alberto; Rosen – Maxim; Potter – Alfred; Attenborough – Joseph; Anning – Olivia; Banksy – Alexander; O'Keeffe - Kodi.

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**Parking Wise, Saves Lives** - Children in **Y4 Banksy** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **20/01/2020** 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

**Bags2school** - Just a reminder to bring your Bags2school to the area outside of the office on **Tuesday 21st January for 9am**. Please note this a change to the previous date advertised. If you have any additional clothes, please place them in a black bin bag and we will happily take them. The school raises money for every bag of clothes we receive.

## FOR PARENTS

**Once a week, Take a peek!** – There have been many reports of headlice in Year 4 over the last weeks.

Head lice is a very common problem in schools, and we would recommend that all parents / carers check their child's hair at least once a week. If you would like advice on how to treat head lice or what you are looking for then you can find more information at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

**Extended day provision – Booking for breakfast and after school club.** A reminder that a letter was sent out to all parents on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 are less than 24 hours before the required booking
  - 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

We require at least 24 hours' notice as our staffing organisation is determined by our booking numbers.

Places booked and paid for in advance can be cancelled with refund provided this is done in advance.

**Letterbox** – The school has now introduced 2 letter boxes, one situated in the office area and the other in the school playground by the entrance to Key Stage 2 classrooms. These will enable parents to post any type of communication to the school, without the need to queue up in the morning. They will be checked regularly by our office staff for communications.

**Personal belongings** – We recommend that children do not bring any personal belongings such as toys or trading cards into school to avoid loss or damage.

**ART NEEDS YOU! Greener Art Room resources** – Do you have any old fabric, buttons, magazines, cardboard boxes etc for the art room's collage supplies? Please bring your donations to the school office. Be re-using and recycling these items we can all reduce our waste. Thank you!

**Speech and Language Therapy for Luton and Bedford** – Please follow the link below and see attached poster for Expert advice and support for children with speech and language difficulties in Luton and Bedfordshire.

<https://childspeechbedfordshire.nhs.uk/>

**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.

**RNIB Stamp Collection** - Mrs B has signed up for school to collect **used** stamps for the RNIB this Christmas

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/donations-and-fundraising/fundraising-your-community/stamps-appeal>

If you wish to help with this appeal simply:

Start collecting stamps from envelopes and parcels as they come through your post box or at your work. Try to leave a centimetre of envelope or packaging around each stamp. Give the stamps to your child and they can post them in a collection box in school.

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All donations gratefully received!!

**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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Family Fridays</b> – weekly event for children and parents
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2020	<b>Y3 Faith Tour</b> – educational visit for children
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Y4 Banksy</b> - Class assembly to parents – 09:00
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Reception</b> hearing testing – for children
Wednesday 05 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>PGL Parents Meeting</b> 15:30 – 16:00 – for parents
Thursday 06 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Y2 All Creatures Great and Small</b> – performance to parents 14:00 – 14:30
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Parents evening 1 - including IEP/SSP reviews - 15:30-18:00</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Parent evening 2 - including IEP/SSP reviews - 16:00-19:00</b>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Half Term – School closed for children
Thursday 05 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y1 Bolt– Class Assembly to parents – 14:30 – 15:00</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y1 Beckham– Class Assembly to parents – 14:30 – 15:00</b>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	<b>Y4 Residential Visit – PGL - parents meeting 05.02.2020 15:30 –16:00</b>
Thursday 02 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Y1 Bolt &amp; Beckham - Pirate assembly to parents 14:30 – 15:00</b>
Mon 06 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Y3 Anning - Class assembly to parents 09:00</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y3 Attenborough - Class assembly to parents 09:00</b>

E-mails sent home this week		
E-mail Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Action - Phonics parents morning reminder	Y1 & Y2	14.01.2020
DILS - Important - School menu 16.01.2020	R - Y4	14.01.2020
DILS - Action - Y2 Respect our Rainforest assembly	Y2	15.01.2020
DILS - Action - Faith Tour Trip - reminder	Y3	15.01.2020
DILS - FOILS - Important - Bags to school	N - Y4	15.01.2020
DILS - Reception Coverage of works W/C 20.01.2020	R	16.01.2020
DILS - Action - Y1 art project	Y1	16.01.2020
DILS - Information - Parent Drop-in Sessions with an Educational Psychologist	N - Y4	17.01.2020