



DILS News

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY. YOU HAVE ALL BEEN AWESOME.

This week:

1. Art Week Exhibition
2. Reception Assembly and Graduation
3. Year 4 Leavers Assembly
4. Year 4 Value Shield Winner
5. Summer Reading Challenge
6. Class Attendance Winners
7. Class teacher awards
8. Kindness Awards
9. DILS Message to parents
10. DfE Message to parents
11. Key Dates for this Term

CHILDREN:

1. **Art Week Exhibition** - It was lovely to be able to invite parents/carers back into school this week and great to see so many in our 'walk through' art exhibition. You can see the results of the children's creative work here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Byrv-wyJilc&t=101s>
2. **Reception Assembly and Graduation** - Thank you to those able to come into school and celebrate the learning and achievements of our Reception children as they move on from EYFS. A short video presentation of their assembly can be found on Google Classroom.
3. **Year 4 Leavers Assembly** - Year 4 displayed their song writing and creative dance and drama talents during their end of year leavers assembly in front of a live audience! See some of the work they have created on Google Classroom.
4. **Year 4 Value Shield Winner** - Congratulations to Luca in 4 O'Keeffe for being this year's Values Shield winner. Luca was recognised for consistently demonstrating the school values throughout his time at DILS. His Year 4 peers showed they agreed as they celebrated his award.
5. **Summer Reading Challenge - ONE DAY TO GO!** - The annual Summer Reading Challenge, organised by The Reading Agency and delivered by public libraries, starts on Friday 23 July in Central Bedfordshire libraries and runs throughout the summer. Families may join at any stage during the summer. Please follow the link below for more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vUs3w0XF4M>

How the Challenge will work this year:

- The challenge invites children to read any six library books or more during the summer holidays.
 - Families can sign up at any library, at any point in the summer, from 23 July.
 - Children can get books in person from our libraries, via our Select & Collect service or using our e-books, magazines and audiobooks online. Some libraries are open for in-person selection and we anticipate all libraries will be by the start of the challenge.
 - Children collect rewards for the books they read – a bookmark for reading 2 books; a pencil for reading 4 books; a certificate and a medal for reading 6 books.
 - Children aged 4-16 completing the challenge (6 books) will be entered into a lucky dip at their library for the chance to win a tablet computer.
6. **Class Attendance Winners:** This year has been challenging for us all in many different ways. Nevertheless, from Reception to Year 4 the children have consistently turned up at school to learn. Well done to all children in 2 Rosen who receive 2 house points each. Class figures for this year are:
 - **Lloyd-Webber - 94.3%**
 - **Zimmer - 97.0%**
 - **Beckham - 95.4%**
 - **Bolt - 95.8%**
 - **Potter - 95.8%**

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o Rosen - 97.2% - Well done 2 Rosen!

- o Anning - 96.3%
- o Attenborough - 95.7%
- o Banksy - 95.5%
- o O’Keeffe - 95.3%

7. **Class teacher award** – Nursery – **Cristian, Nevaan, Stefan, Azeem**; Zimmer – **Whole class**; Lloyd-Webber – **Whole Class**; Bolt – **Alice**; Beckham – **Ali**; Rosen – **Kaylan**; Potter – **Gabriela**; Anning – **Travis**; Attenborough – **Emily**; Banksy – **Kayden**; O’Keeffe - Remi.
8. **Kindness award** – Nursery – **Whole class**; Reception – **Soham**; Year 1 – **Izzy**; Year 2 – **Themis**.

PARENTS:

9. **DILS Message to parents** - The end of the academic year has arrived - and what a year it has been! For most of us it has been challenging for many different reasons. We have completed a school year where the impact of a global pandemic has been evident every single day. There have been many challenges and changes for us all; births, deaths, home schooling, furlough, redundancies, re-scheduling of special events and some very socially reduced and distanced celebrations.

There have been happy events too; the birth of a son for Mrs Sinclair and Mr Gallcher at last can see his wedding day getting closer (after being postponed 3 times due to the pandemic).

As we look to September and the beginning of a new school year we know that COVID will be with us for some time. Although many restrictions have been lifted school and governors are committed to keeping the school COVID safe to minimize any future disruptions. We plan to end the staggered starts and ends of the day for children in September so all children will have the same start time of 8.45am in the morning.

Of course at this time of year we are saying goodbye to everyone for the summer holidays, but for our Y4 pupils, Mr Williams, Mrs Southwood and Mrs Fennessy it is a sad and final goodbye with lots of best wishes as they move on to their next adventure away from DILS. Mr Williams, Mrs Fennessy and Mrs Southwood have made their marks in the education of children in their care over the years and will leave a long-lasting legacy in our school. They will all be missed.

On behalf of all staff at DILS we wish our families a wonderful, safe summer and look forward to moving forward again with our community in 2021-2022.

10. **DfE - Message for Parents. Travel is different: information for school communities on foreign travel during COVID-19**

As schools finish for the summer holidays, we would like to remind parents of the following foreign travel advice:

- to understand the risks in a country, including the latest COVID-19 restrictions (including for entry), follow the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) Travel Advice.
- to prevent new COVID-19 variants from entering the UK, you should not travel to red list countries.
- to check what they need to do to travel abroad and return to England, or read travel guidance for Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

2021-2022 Key Dates for Term 1	
1,2,3 September	School office open 10am - 2pm
4 Sept	SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN
Week beginning 13 Sept	Parent ‘Meet the Teacher’ morning - details to be confirmed in September
20 & 21 October	Parent Teacher Evenings - details to be confirmed nearer the time
25-29 October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY



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Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - CANCELLED Transition day for Reception	Reception	19.07.2021
DILS - School events this week	N – Y4	20.07.2021
DILS - KIDZ Zone September 2021	R – Y4	21.07.2021
DILS - Letter to Parents from Governors	N – Y4	21.07.2021
DILS - Thank you, Year 1 Beckham	Y1 Beckham	22.07.2021