



DILS Newsletter

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VACANCIES: Please see our latest vacancy on our [website](#). All applications are done directly through My New Term.

Subscribe to our website [calendar](#) to see events and important dates on your phone. You can also follow our X (Twitter) page [@IcknieldL](#)

CHILDREN:

Class Attendance winner

Congratulations to 1Beckham who had the highest attendance this week and achieved a fabulous 99%! Every child in 1Beckham will receive 2 house points.

Class Teacher Awards

Nursery - Xavier, **Zimmer** - Rae, **Lloyd-Webber** - Joshua, **Bolt** - Sophia, **Beckham** - Amy, **Rosen** - Tudor, **Potter** - , **Anning** - Zeckharia, **Attenborough** - Reeveh

Kindness award

Sahithja in Rosen who got a kindness award this week, for playing with her classmates at playtime, making them feel included. Well done Sahithja!

Reception - reward

Well done to Reception who have filled their jars full of jewels. As a reward they will get to dress in Halloween fancy dress or their pyjamas on Tuesday 31st October for Halloween. If your child is in Zimmer, their outfit must be appropriate for PE that day. Also ensure that they have a coat, what they are wearing is weather appropriate, and that they can fasten/unfasten clothes when necessary themselves.

Y1 & 2 Phonics and Reading workshop

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along to the workshop on Friday morning, we hope you found it useful. The details that were shared with parents will be put on Google classroom for all parents to see.

Y4 Roman Day

As per the Arbor App message sent 3/10. On Thursday 19th October we will be finishing our Roman Topic with a Roman Day. The children will be able to experience being a Roman Soldier and have a Roman Banquet among other things. Your child is welcome to come to school dressed as a Roman. This does not need to be a bought costume and can easily be made from a white sheet or t-shirt for example. If your child decides not to come dressed up please send them into school in their uniform. Please make sure any accessories are named. Remember that they will be outside for break and lunch so may need a layer under their costume.

Yr3 Evacuee Day

As per the Arbor message sent on 25/9, we are having a special 'Evacuee day' on Thursday 19th October. This is to immerse the children in activities which link to our current history theme 'war'

Children are invited to dress up as an Evacuee. The children do not need the suitcase as we are making these as part of our DT. We look forward to seeing your costumes !

Lunch payments on Arbor

Balances for lunch payments can be viewed on your child's Arbor App. For those students in Y3-4 who pay for lunch, ***please ensure your child's account remains in a positive balance.***





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Show Racism the Red Card's annual Wear Red Day 18/10

Show Racism the Red Card's annual Wear Red Day will be taking place on Friday 20 October 2023. We are inviting all children to come to school on Wednesday 18th October wearing a non-uniform red item.

Hotshots

Congratulations to the players of the month for September -

Y2 Rosen - Ivy

Y3/4 O'Keeffe - Poppy

Artsmark 'Gold' Celebration Day Friday 13th October

It was wonderful to see all the pupils and staff in costumes/outfits today, celebrating our Gold Artsmark achievement.

Special Menu

On Thursday 2nd November there will be a special menu for Bonfire night, see poster below.

Flu vaccine

The flu jabs took place on Tuesday 10th October. If you didn't give consent and you would like your child to have the flu jab/spray, speak to the office.

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Students in Years 1-3 came home with toothbrushes and toothpaste. These were donated to the school for the students to have at home to encourage them to brush their teeth.

Diwali Storytelling Workshop

With the Diwali season fast approaching we are pleased to inform you that we have arranged for each child to take part in an interactive Diwali storytelling workshop led by a West End choreographer. This will build on the workshop that the children attended last year. The workshop will last for approximately 50 minutes per class and take place over two days: Thursday 9th and Friday 10th November.

This class-by-class workshop will introduce the topic of Diwali the drama workshop uses imaginative drama techniques to explore the key dramatic moments, plot and characters of the story

We are asking for a £4 voluntary contribution which can be paid through Arbor, under trips. Note this is not a trip out of school, it is an activity in school.

PARENTS:

Short tail trail update

As a school we have voted for the tortoise sculpture and we will soon be sending you details on how your child/children will get involved with this project.

We are excited to announce that our official Short Tail Trail fundraising page is now live. We are optimistic that we can reach our £1250 target with your help. Please feel free to donate using the following link:

<https://keech.enthuse.com/pf/dunstable-icknield-lower-school>





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See the poster below for details about our Halloween party which will be taking place on the 1st November and will be run by Personalised Parties. Click on the links below to book a ticket for your child. Please ensure you read the terms and conditions when booking your ticket -

[Nursery, Reception and Year 1](#)

[Years 2, 3 & 4](#)

FOILS WhatsApp group - scan the QR code to join

If you would like to join the WhatsApp group for our PTA group, FOILS. Please scan this QR code. In this group they will send reminders of upcoming PTA events and other activities happening.

OPAL news

The children have absolutely loved our new areas this week, there was squeals of excitement from the children when they discovered the music area!

We are still taking donations for any type of cardboard (crates, boxes, large sheets) as long as it is clean and tidy. Please drop any donations to the school office. Many thanks.

Thank you to all those that completed the survey about play times this is now closed.

Student photos - Message from school photographers: ***Your School Photograph is Ready!***

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your child's proof card. You can view your child/sibling photo by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If you have not received your proof card or it has been lost you can come to the school office and we will be able to give you a code. The website for the photos is www.getphotos.co.uk. ***The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is 20th October 2023.***

Meet the Nursery lead and EYFS Lead - Nursery parents

On Wednesday 18th October you are invited to attend the Nurseries 'Meet the Nursery lead and EYFS Lead'. This will be at 9.15am in the nursery classroom. You are welcome to bring your child if they only attend the afternoon session. Please enter via the nursery classroom in the EYFS playground.

PARKING

Please can we remind parents not to block driveways of the residents locally. There are various free parking spaces in the neighbouring car parks and streets. ***Be mindful of our local community.***

EYFS Prospective Parents afternoon (2) - Thursday 30 November

Thursday 30th November is the next EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Open afternoon, see times below. Do pop in, no need to book.

Kidzzone Holiday Club - [KidzZone October Holiday club](#) sign up

Knowledge Organisers - [Knowledge Organisers](#)

Pupils throughout the school use knowledge organisers to help with memory retrieval and teaching of vocabulary. If you would like to support your child at home with this, please do take a look at the knowledge organisers on the school website.



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MAT consultation meetings

The consultation period of 6 weeks has come to an end. Further details will follow, following on from the consultation period.

Parent Governor Vacancy - We are now in the next step of the election process. More information to follow next week.

Parents evenings

See email sent today 13/10 - Parents evening for Nursery to Year 4 is on Wednesday 18th October 3.30-6.30pm and Thursday 19th October 4-7pm. The Arbor booking system will open this evening, 13th October at 6pm for you to make an appointment with your child's teacher. If your child has an IEP then the teacher will be in touch with you directly to arrange a different appointment, and you will not be booking it via Arbor.

Environment Agency - Winning certificates will mean vouchers!

We are working together with the Environment Agency (EA) on a new project which will bring our School Gates to life! And there are prizes up for grabs!

You may have seen interactive signs at the school. This innovative chat technology will help you and others to interact with, learn and feedback on topics such as flood risk and climate change in the area.

Please take two minutes to interact with this fun experience. Simply text the phone number or scan the QR code via the signs you may have seen at the school gates, and you're in.

You will be asked questions, can share thoughts, and will be given information and further resources.

The more our school interacts, the more prizes and recognition we will receive. Each term, the interactions will change and we can receive certificates based on our level of interactions. Winning certificates will mean vouchers for the school to enhance the outdoor school environment e.g. creating a wildlife refuge or rain garden.

Term Dates for 23-24 see: [DILS](#)

Key Dates for Term 1	Subscribe to the calendar on the website to sync dates to your phone. Subscribe here
w/c 16th October	Week 1 menu, found here on our website
Wednesday 18th October	Whole school Show racism the red card non uniform day (see above) Nursery parents Meet the Nursery lead and EYFS Lead 9.15am (see above)
Wed 18th 3.30-6.30pm & 19th October 4-7pm	Nursery - Y4 Parents evening (see above)
Thursday 19th October	Year 3 Evacuee dress up day (see email sent 26/9) Year 4 Roman Day (see above)
Friday 20th October	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS - STAFF TRAINING DAY
Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM KidzZone Holiday Club sign up
Monday 30th October	All children return to school
Tuesday 31st October	Reception non uniform reward for jewel in jar (see above)
Wednesday 1st November	FOILS Halloween Disco/party 4.30-5.30 (Reception to Year 1) 6-7 (Years 2-4) (see above/poster below)
Thursday 2nd November	Reception-Year 4 Special Bonfire Night menu (see attached)
Thursday 9th to Friday 10th November	Diwali storytelling workshop- see details above
Friday 17th November	Whole School Children in Need (further details to follow)
Thursday 30th November	EYFS (2) - Prospective parent afternoon 3.45-4.45pm (come to the main office)
21st December - 2nd January	SCHOOL CLOSED - CHRISTMAS BREAK

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Wednesday 3rd January	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Training Day
Monday 15th January 2024	Deadline for for applications to Reception and Year 5 Apply here: CBC Reception or Y5 school place application



In App. messages/emails sent home this week
PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S ARBOR RECORD

Information attached below -

- a. FOILS Halloween party
- c. ABM pumpkin carving competition
- d. ABM special Bonfire Night menu



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F.O.I.L.S

Halloween party

NOV 1ST

4.30-5.30 NURSERY, REC, YR1
6.00-7.00 YEAR 2, 3 AND 4

£4 ENTRY - INC DRINK AND ENTERTAINMENT FROM 'PERFECT PERSONALISED PARTIES'

£1 GLOW STICK
50P COOKIE
SOLD SEPARATELY

Tickets to be purchased in advance from ticketlab



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We want to see your creative Harvest pumpkins!

HARVEST PUMPKIN PATCH COMPETITION

To enter grab a pumpkin, carve your design and send us a picture! You could be in with a chance of winning a selection of fantastic puzzles and games.

Design it. Carve it. Snap it!

Entries should be sent to
competitions@abmcatering.co.uk
no later than Monday 6th November.

Please ensure you include your name and school name on your entry.





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Happy Bonfire Night!

Thursday 2nd NOVEMBER

Sizzling Sausage in a Roll
With Fire Cracker Fries,
Bouncing Beans
& Swirling Sweetcorn

**Cheese & Tomato
Catherine Wheel**
With Fire Cracker Fries,
Bouncing Beans

Jumping Jacket Potato
With Dancing Beans
& Crackling Cheese

Rocket Lolly