



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 99.7%! Every child in 1Beckham will receive 2 house points.

Class Teacher Awards

Zimmer - Felicity, - , **Bolt** - Rosah, , **Banksy** - Patrik , **O'Keeffe** - Lola .

3Attenborough Sharing Assembly 24/11

As per email sent 3/11. We will be putting on a class sharing assembly which parents are invited to on Friday 24th November at 9.10AM. There will be no reading morning for Attenborough only on this day. You will be able to enter school via the main entrance. ***Children will need to come to school dressed in their Evacuee day clothes. They can bring their school uniform in their bags.***

School run clubs

School run lunchtime and after school clubs have started again this week. If you have had any problems booking your child into a club please speak to the office.

After school clubs run from 3:15pm - 4:15pm. Children are dismissed from the school office.

Street Dance Club

Book directly with Christina Marks School of Performing Arts via her website [here](#). This is for lunchtime club on a Tuesday for Reception to Year 4.

Love Art and Craft Club

Book directly with Love Art and Craft Club via their website [here](#). This is an after school club, 3.15-4.15pm on a Tuesday for Years 2 to 4. See poster below.

Diwali Storytelling Workshop - see trips in Arbor

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

A donation of £4 will enable this event to take place which can be paid through Arbor, under trips. Note this is not a trip out of school, it is an activity in school.

If we do not receive enough donations, the workshop will not be able to go ahead.



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Spare clothes/underwear

If your child has an accident in school and their clothes are changed using spare school uniform, please wash and return the uniform to school so it can be used for another child. We have a limited amount of spare clothes available, especially underwear. If anyone is able to donate some underwear to be used in an emergency these would be gratefully received as we have run out of pants/knickers (also socks).

Nursery and Reception have no spare underwear available - please return any that your child might have been changed into. Also if anyone is able to donate any, as per the Arbor App message sent 3/11 this would be a big help. A reminder - Please ensure your child has spare clothes in their bag.

Flu vaccine (see poster below)

This year's flu vaccination programme is underway. Children aged 2 and 3 years old (on 31 August before flu vaccination starts in the autumn) are eligible for a free flu vaccine given as a nasal spray/injection.

Annual vaccination of children helps provide protection to each child and reduces the spread of flu to their families and the wider community, protecting others who are at increased risk of becoming seriously ill from flu. The flu vaccine also promotes a healthy working environment in nurseries and childcare settings by reducing the risk of flu being spread to others including staff.

If your child has not had their vaccine and you would like them to have one, visit the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk) for more information about Flu or call 03007900594 to find out where the nearest clinic is.

PARENTS:

Short tail trail update

As we have mentioned previously in our newsletter we are proudly supporting Keech Hospice by taking part in the short tail trail.

We will be given our very own tortoise sculpture (you can see a photo of this by going to their website: <https://shorttailtrail.co.uk/>) We will be decorating this as a school and we would like your child's help with the design. There is a £1 entry fee and all money raised will go towards our fundraising amount. If you would like to take part please follow the steps below:

1. Print off the attached design template or pop into the office to get a paper copy
2. Talk to your child about their design before we begin. We are looking for designs that incorporate the school's ethos e.g. our school rules, stormbreaks, lunchtimes, favourite lessons, green flag, bike it breakfast etc
3. Once your child has finished their design and it's been coloured in please ensure it has their full name on it.
4. Please attach the £1 to enter onto the design sheet or pop it into an envelope and then hand it to your child's class teacher.



All designs should be returned by 10th November and we will announce winners before the end of November.

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



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A **BIG** thank you to FOILS and Perfect Personalised Parties for putting on the two Halloween Discos for the students on Wednesday to help raise much needed funds for the school. We hope everyone who went enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

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.

Poppy Appeal

We are raising money again for the Royal British Legion via donations for the various merchandise available from reception. Do pop into the school office if you would like to get a zip tie, wrist band or snap band. Or if your child would like to bring money into school they can do, in an envelope, and their teacher will let them pop down to the office at morning break. Please ensure you bring the correct change (50p-£2).

SEND coffee morning - 9 November

There will be a SEND (Special Educational Needs) coffee and chat morning on 09.11.23 from 08:45 - 09:30am. If you would like to attend please wait outside the main office to be let in. All parents are invited to meet the 'new' SEND team, to understand how we support SEND as a school and an opportunity to have a warm drink and some cake!

However, on this occasion there will not be an opportunity to talk about child specific cases and please liaise with class teachers or speak to Miss Linton/Mrs Townsend at the coffee morning and we will get back to you at a different time.

OPAL - making playtimes creative

Thank you to everyone that has kindly donated cardboard boxes, we have plenty for now. We would now like to ensure children have access to the grass area all year around. If your child/dren would like to play in the cardboard area they will need to bring in wellies that they can wear on rainy/wet days.

This afternoon the children were introduced to our brand new area where they will be able to play with the small world toys such as lego and building bricks. We will share some photos with you next week.



Student photos

All orders that were placed by the 20th October have now been distributed to the students. If you made an order before then but have not received your order please speak to the school office.

EYFS Prospective Parents afternoon (2) - Thursday 30 November

Thursday 30th November at 3.45-4.45pm is the next EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Open afternoon, see times below. Do pop into the main office, no need to book.

Parents Evenings -Bookings are now open on Arbor for parents of students in Lloyd Webber class, excluding those students with IEP's. Miss Masenya will be in touch to arrange a separate appointment.



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CBC Green Waste Collection - Reminder

Local kerbside collections of garden waste are suspended every winter. This year, the suspension is for 12 weeks from Monday 4 December 2023 until Friday 23 February 2024, inclusive. Depending on where a resident lives, final garden waste collections will take place either the week commencing Monday 20 November or the week commencing Monday 27 November. Collections will resume from Monday 26 February 2024. Sign up to alerts on local information from this council [here](#).

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 6th November	Week 2 menu, found here on our website
Thursday 9th November	SEND - parents drop in 8.45am (see above)
Thursday 9th to Friday 10th November	Diwali storytelling workshop (see above)
Friday 17th November	Whole School Children in Need (further details to follow)
Friday 24th November	3Attenborough Sharing Assembly 9.15am (see above)
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
Wednesday 3rd January	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Training Day
Thursday 4th January	All children return to school
Monday 15th January 2024	Deadline for applications to Reception and Year 5 Apply here: CBC Reception or Y5 school place application
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM



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

Information attached below -

- a. ABM pumpkin carving competition
- b. Love Art and Craft club
- c. Measles poster
- d. NHS Mental Health for care givers
- e. NHS Mental Health Support for Children
- f. NHS Flu vaccine poster



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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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DUNSTABLE ICKNIELD LOWER SCHOOL **ART CLUB!**

A friendly club where children make, build and create wonderful artwork to take home and treasure.

Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:15pm

31st October – 12th December 2023 (7 sessions)

Open to children in **Years 2 – 4**

£47.60 – including all materials

Bookings open **Friday 13th October at 5pm**. Please visit:

www.bookwhen.com/loveartandcraft

**A new project
every half term,
exploring lots of
techniques and
processes**

**Improves fine
motor skills,
creativity,
confidence and
practical problem
solving**

**Lots of support
and
encouragement
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professional tutors**

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**102,000 children
starting school in
England are at risk
of catching measles**

Check your child is up

to date with their

MMR vaccinations



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A-Z of Mental Health Resources for Parents and Caregivers

Central Bedfordshire Mental
Health Support Teams Free Padlet



East London
NHS Foundation Trust



Scan me!!

[Click here for a link to the
Resources](#)



Signposting to local
and national
services, apps,
podcasts, books,
LGBTQ+, sleep,
EHCPs, tool-kits
and much more!



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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS

A-Z MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Free Padlet containing:

Apps

Self-help resources

Coping with exams

Phone lines and text services

Self-esteem

Sleep

Transitions to Middle & Upper School

[Click here for a
link to the
resources](#)

NHS

East London
NHS Foundation Trust



Scan me!!



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

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