



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

This week we have a tie! Congratulations to 1Beckham and 4Banksy who had the highest attendance this week and achieved a fabulous 97.3%! Every child in 1Beckham and 4Banksy will receive 2 house points.

Class Teacher Awards

Nursery - Justin, **Lloyd Webber** - Harriet, **Zimmer** - Lilly, **Beckham** - Theo, **Bolt** - Willow G, **Rosen** - Sammi, **Potter** - John, **Anning** - Olivia, **Attenborough** - Seren, **Banksy** - Lawrence, **O'Keeffe** - Bella.



Student Achievements

Sophia C in Year 4 took part in a karate championship last weekend and won a 1st place trophy! She was super proud of herself.

Sofia S in Year 4 won a gold medal in National Shotokan Karate championship on 05.11.23 at Hatfield.

Well done to you both!

Piano and Cello lessons

In assembly this week the students had a demonstration from Mr Doggett, the music teacher from Inspiring Music who runs lessons on a Thursday for Y1-4 for Piano and Cello lessons for Y2-4. If you are interested in enrolling your child in music lessons then follow this [link](#). To practise at home they can borrow a smaller cello for free.

Children in Need day 17/11

On Friday 17th November Children can wear non uniform with something spotty or yellow for a £1 donation which they can hand in to their class teacher in the morning.

Y1 trip to Priory Gardens 20/11

Please see email sent 10/11 regarding helpers for this trip.

Choir members (Y3&4) - Torchlight Procession

Please see Arbor message sent 10/11 regarding the Torchlight Procession (specific pupils).

2Potter PE

As per Arbor message sent 10/11, PE days for 2Potter have now changed to a Tuesday and a Friday.

Y3 Sharing Assemblies save the dates

Friday 24 - 3 Attenborough (Miss Scotchford) Class Assembly @ 09:10 for parents

No family reading for 3 Attenborough that day only.



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Friday 1 December - 3 Anning (Miss Jama) Class Assembly @ 09:10 for parents

No family reading for 3 Anning that day only.

Parents/carers enter school via the main office entrance. ***Children will need to come to school dressed in their Evacuee day clothes. They can bring their school uniform in their bags.***

Y4 Activity week 2024

Please see email sent 10/11 with further details on Y4's activity week and how to pay via Arbor.

Diwali Storytelling Workshop - see trips in Arbor

The students enjoyed taking part in an interactive Diwali storytelling workshop led by a West End choreographer.

A £4 donation towards the cost of this activity can be made via cash through the school office.

Outdoor Classroom Day

Last week children across the school took part in National Outdoor classroom day. Despite the rainy conditions children had a great time completing Science, maths and English activities outside. We will share some of the photos from the day.

Y3&4 School dinner charges

If your child is in Y3 or 4 and they order a school dinner in the morning, only to find out later that they have a packed lunch in their bag, then they will be charged for the meal as the kitchen would have prepared this food. So, please make sure you ensure your child is aware if they have a packed lunch or not.

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 and 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.

Kidzzone Club - Holiday Club

Kidzzone Holiday and HAF club is available to book through their [website](#) for 21st and 22nd December. They are also available from 1.30pm on Wednesday 20th December for the usual after school club.

PARENTS:

Short tail trail update- DEADLINE Extended

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





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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 1st December and we will announce winners before the end of the Autumn term. <https://keech.enthuse.com/pf/dunstable-icknield-lower-school>

FOILS-PTA

Preparation for our annual Christmas fair is well underway. If you are interested in hiring a stall at this event please email FOILS at dilspta@gmail.com. Here are a list of events that will be taking place in the lead up to our xmas fair:

24th November: Non-uniform day in return for rainbow donations (see poster below)

Running throughout November: Festive Jar competition (see letter below for more details)

1st December: Xmas fair will be running from 2.30 until 5pm (see poster below). Tickets to visit Santa are available using this link: [Tickets to see Santa](#)

Keep an eye out for raffle tickets which will be sent out shortly.

Xmas card Designs

Just a reminder that ***all Xmas card designs need to be ordered online by the 12th November***. Please speak to your class teacher if you have not received your design.

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 or wrist band. Please note that there are no snap bands available. 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-£1).



SEND information coffee morning - 9 November

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the SEND coffee morning, we hope you found it useful.

OPAL - making playtimes creative

A reminder that 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. Please note they will need a pair of school shoes to change into during indoor lessons.

The children have really enjoyed our new area where they have been able to play with the small world toys such as lego and building bricks. We will share some photos with you next week.

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.

Inspiring Music - do you want your child to learn to play an instrument? - Inspiring Music can deliver instrument lessons for children in school. There is a cost to parents for this service. Please fill this form on their website if you would like to register them for lessons [Inspiring Music](#), also further information can be found on their site.



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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.

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	Week3 menu, found here on our website
Sunday 12 November	Dunstable Remembrance Parade
Friday 17th November	Whole School Children in Need (see above) ABM Catering - Pudsey Biscuits served as pudding with school meals
Monday 20th November	Y1 trip to Priory Gardens (see email sent 10/11)
Friday 24th November	3 Attenborough Class Assembly for parents 9.10am (see above) TORCHLIGHT Parade - evening in Dunstable (specific pupils)
Friday 24th November	FOILS Non uniform Day in return for rainbow donations
Thursday 30th November	EYFS (2) - Prospective parent afternoon 3.45-4.45pm (come to the main office)
Friday 1st December	3 Anning Class Assembly for parents 9.10am (see above) FOILS Christmas Fair - 2.30 until 5pm
Thursday 14th December	Special menu - Christmas (further details to follow)
Wednesday 20 December	SCHOOL ENDS FOR CHILDREN @ 13:30 (Kidzzone Club available from 1.30pm)
Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd December	Kidzzone Club available to book
21st December - 2nd January	SCHOOL CLOSED - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Wednesday 3rd January	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Training Day - office open
Thursday 4th January	All children return to school @ 08:45
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 -

- Decorate a Festive Jar Competition
- FOILS Rainbow Raffle
- FOILS Christmas Fair
- Love Art and Craft club



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DECORATE A FESTIVE JAR COMPETITION

FOILS will be holding a stall selling Festive Jars of sweets at our Christmas Fair and would like to invite you to help us. We would love it if you could decorate a clear jar of any size, fill it with sweets and bring it into school by **Monday 27th November**.

There will be a prize for the best decorated Festive jar per class.

To get your creative ideas started we have put some examples, you can find more on Pinterest and Google Images.

Once you have finished, please leave your Festive jars in the Christmas basket in the main office.



Decorate a festive jar competition

Name _____

Class _____

Please ensure that this label is completed and fastened to the bottom of the jar, so we don't damage the decorations when they are removed for sale. (Feel free to attach a piece of paper with the same information on to save printing).





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FOILS RAINBOW RAFFLE

FOILS are going to hold a Rainbow Raffle at the Xmas Fair.
On **Friday 24th November** we would like your child to come to School dressed up in their favourite rainbow colours.

All we ask is that they donate a rainbow coloured item. This could be anything as long as it is unopened and unused.

We have given each year group a specific colour.

Check out your colour below and see some suggestions.

Nursery AM - Red - Red Wine, Maltesers, Kit Kats, Celebrations, Coke, Munchies, Skittles
Nursery PM - Yellow - Barefoot Pinot Grigio, Twix, Jelly Babies, Bubble bath, Candles, Quavers
Reception - Pink - Pink Wafers, Strawberry Fruitellas, Pink Gin, Marshmallows, Pink Fizz
Year One - Green - Heineken Beer, Sour Cream Pringles, Mint Shower Gel, Appetizer, Aero
Year Two - Orange - J20, Revels, Haribo Tangtastics, Bucks Fizz, Toffee Crisp, Soap
Year Three - Purple - Quality Street, Nail Varnish, Vimto, Bubble Bath, Dairy Milk, Cadburys
Year Four - Blue - Bombay Sapphire Gin, Party Rings, Smellies, Milky Bar, Chocolate Hobnobs

Items will be collected on the morning of the 24th November. A member of FOILS will standing outside both playgrounds.

Raffle tickets can be purchased ahead of the Christmas Fair



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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 from our friendly professional tutors

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