



# 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](#)

## **FOILS Christmas Fair - only 7 days away**

### **CHILDREN:**

#### **Class Attendance winner**

Congratulations to 1Beckham and 3Anning who had the highest attendance this week and achieved a fabulous 97.3%! Every child in 1Beckham and 3Anning will receive 2 house points.

#### **Class Teacher Awards**

**Nursery** - Zia, **Lloyd Webber** - Louis, **Zimmer** - Rae, **Beckham** - Imaan, **Bolt** - Elizabeth O, **Rosen** - Adam, **Potter** - Myla, **Anning** - Jimmy, **Attenborough** - Mihail, **Banksy** - Alex W, **O'Keeffe** - Poppy.

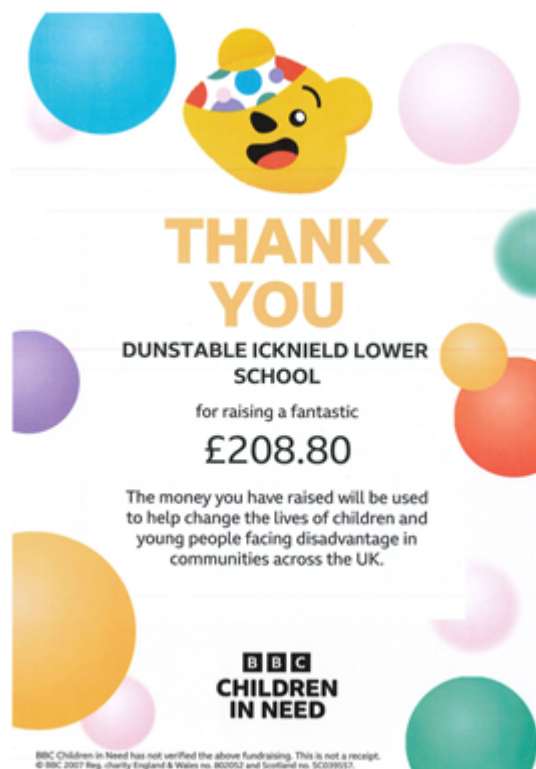
#### **Kindness Award**

Well done to Banksy class who showed great kindness, and were supportive to a classmate who has been in hospital.

#### **TT Rockstars awards**

Well done to 4Banksy and 3Attenborough! Keep up the great work!

**Children in Need day** - Thank you for all the kind donations, we raised a grand total of **£208.80**.



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## Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all your kind donations, I can confirm that we raised £159.19 for the Royal British Legion.

## Nursery Autumn Walk

Thank you to the parents who kindly came along to help with the walk. The children enjoyed learning more about Autumn and nature.

## Y1 DT project

As per Arbor App message sent 13/11 - We are kindly asking for donations of materials such as cardboard boxes, cleaned yoghurt pots, and toilet roll/ kitchen roll tubes to bring in for your child's castle. Please bring your donated materials on Friday 2nd December in a labelled bag.

## Y1 trip to Priory Gardens

Thank you to the parents who came on the trip to Priory Gardens, the students enjoyed learning more about the War memorial and understanding what it means to remember those who fought for our country.

## Y1 trip to Legoland

Please see the email sent 13/11 for further information.

## Choir members (Y3&4) - Torchlight Procession

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

## Y3 Sharing Assemblies

### 3 Attenborough

Thank you to those parents who came along to see the children perform, they did very well and should be proud of themselves.

**CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO XMAS FAIR- Friday 8th 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.

## Y4 Athletics competition

A huge well done to the Y4 children who took part in the athletics competition on Monday. They have a go at a range of track and field events, including the standing long jump, hurdles and an obstacle race. Every child who went tried their absolute best and were a credit to the school. They all earned 5 house points each for their efforts.

## Y4 Football competition

A massive shoutout to the Year 4 boys Sam P, Reuben, Percy M, Harry, Kinzy, Tudor, Luka F, Philippe, and Luca B.

On Thursday this week the boys went to a Year 3 and 4 Dunstable & Houghton Regis football tournament. Their behaviour, attitude and performance was absolutely exceptional. The children did the school proud and finished in joint second place.



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It was incredible to watch the children work as a real team, positively supporting each other and making suggestions about team play to make sure everyone from DILS had a fair opportunity to take part.

The children took part in 6 matches. They drew 2, won 3, and lost only 1 game. A special mention to Reuben who scored 2 goals, Sam who scored a goal, and Harry who was absolutely unstoppable in goal saving so many attempted strikes from the opposition! All the children who took part were absolutely instrumental in the successes of the team on Thursday. Therefore, a huge congratulations and well done is in order, all 10 boys will receive 10 house points each for their excellent sportsmanship, compassion and outstanding performance.



## Kidzzzone Club - Holiday Club

Kidzzzone 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:

### Christmas concert to parents-Reception to year 4

We are delighted to inform you that we will be holding a school Christmas concert on Monday 18th December in the afternoon. This event will take place at St Mary's Church on West Street in Dunstable. More details will follow next week.

### 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
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>



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## FOILS-PTA

Only a week to go! There is still time if you are interested in hiring a stall at this event please email FOILS at [dilspta@gmail.com](mailto:dilspta@gmail.com).

Thank you for all the donations towards the Rainbow raffle- we had an absolute fantastic turnout of gifts.

Festive Jar competition must be handed in by Monday 27th November.

**1st December:** Xmas fair will be running from 2.30 until 5pm (**please see email sent out today.**) Tickets to visit Santa are available using this link: [Tickets to see Santa](#)

## Xmas card Designs

Xmas cards will be given out to children on Monday 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. These are on a Thursday for Y1-4, for Piano, and Cello lessons for Y2-4. To practise at home they can borrow a smaller cello for free.

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. <a href="#">Subscribe here</a>
w/c 27th November	Week 2 menu, found <a href="#">here</a> on our website
Monday 27th November	Specific Y3 pupils - performance to Beecroft Community Centre (see Arbor message sent 27/11)
Thursday 30th November	EYFS (2) - Prospective parent afternoon 3.45-4.45pm (come to the main office)
Friday 1st December	FOILS Christmas Fair - 2.30 until 5pm. Children can be collected at 2.15 (see letter)
Friday 8th December	<b>Change of date</b> 3 Anning Class Assembly for parents 9.10am (see above)
Thursday 14th December	Special menu - Christmas (further details to follow)
Monday 18th December	Christmas Concert to parents- more details to follow
Wednesday 20 December	SCHOOL ENDS FOR CHILDREN @ 13:30 ( <a href="#">Kidzzone Club</a> available to book from 1.30pm)
Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd December	<a href="#">Kidzzone Club</a> 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: <a href="#">CBC Reception or Y5 school place application</a>
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM



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

Information attached below -

- a. Decorate a Festive Jar Competition
- b. FOILS Christmas Fair





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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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



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### 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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## CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US FOR STALLS, GAMES, DELICIOUS  
TREATS AND SANTA'S GROTTO!

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DECEMBER 1ST • 2:30-5:00 PM

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ENTRY - ADULTS £1/ CHILDREN FREE

ENTRANCE VIA THE DINING HALL

PRE-ORDER ENTRY TICKETS/TOKENS AVAILABLE SOON!

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW





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FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

## CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE

PRIZES INCLUDE

- PHOTOGRAPHY BY US - £95 EXPERIENCE
- TESCO HAMPER
- WOODSIDE FARM X4 ENTRY TICKETS
- X2 GO BOWLING
- MEAD OPEN FARM (1 ADULT 1 CHILD)
- DJ SOFT PLAY X2 £10 VOUCHER
- CLOUD 9 INFLATABLE PARK FREE ENTRY
- PERSONALISED PARTIES - FREE ELF VISIT

+ ACTIVITY AND STICKER BOOKS  
JACS COFFEE AND HOT CHOCOLATE

TICKETS TO BE SENT HOME SOON!





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**HELP EASE THE QUEUE**

ENTRY TICKETS AND TOKENS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE!

ORDER FORMS AND RAFFLE TICKETS BEING SENT HOME NEXT WEEK.

PLEASE RETURN THESE TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER.

DIDN'T PRE ORDER - DON'T WORRY!

TICKETS/ TOKENS AND RAFFLE TICKETS WILL ALL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY!