



DILS Newsletter

Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 14 - 15th December 2023



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 4Banksy who had the highest attendance this week and achieved a fabulous 96.1%! Every child in 4Banksy will receive 2 house points.

Values Award

Well done to Alice in Banksy for receiving the Values Award for showing the value of Tolerance.

Other children recognised for showing this value are: Sam - O'Keeffe, Harry - O'Keeffe, Grace - Rosen, Aaliyah - Lloyd-Webber and Evie - Zimmer.

Student Achievements

Joseph in Y2 passed stage 4 in swimming. Well done Joseph!

OPAL Lunchtimes

We would like to make a den building area as our next zone that the children at lunchtime can play in. If you have any old sheets/large pieces of fabric or milk crates that you wouldn't mind donating please do hand these into the school office. Many thanks in advance.

Messages home:

Y1 trip to Legoland: Please see the email sent 13/11 for further information.

Y3 Faith Tour 23/1: See Arbor App message sent 6/12 for more information.

Y4 Activity week 2024: Please see email sent 10/11 with further details on Y4's activity week and how to pay via Arbor.

REMINDER - IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PAID THE FIRST INSTALMENT FOR THE Y4 TRIP, THIS WAS DUE 18/12.

Y2 dress up day

The students in Y2 looked great in their costumes yesterday as they learnt what it was like to be Kings and Queens. They made masks, practised dancing for a ball and enjoyed eating their High Tea!

4O'Keeffe swimming lessons and PE days

Please see email sent 20/12 for further information on your child's swimming and PE days.

4Banksy PE days

Swimming days for 4Banksy next term will be on a Monday and on a Tuesday.

Kidzzone Club - Holiday Club

Kidzzone Holiday and HAF club is available to book through their [website](#) for 21st and 22nd December.

ECA school ran Clubs

See email sent 20/12 with details on how to book your child onto a club for next half term.



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Changes to teachers from January 2024

See emails sent 18/12 to 4O'Keeffe, 1Bolt, 2Potter and Zimmer classes regarding changes to teachers as of January 2024.

All books to be returned

If you haven't already returned your child's school books please bring them back on 4th January when they return to school.

Street Dance Club Reception - Y4

Street Dance classes for Reception to Year 4 are now available to book for next half term with Christina Marks School of Performing Arts through their website [here](#).



Walk to Lapland Winner

Well done to Chase in Year 4 for winning the scooter as part of the Walk to Lapland.



Big Ambition Survey

The Big Ambition survey has launched, and they want to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged 0 to 18 years old. The answers from this survey will take the children and young people's views to the Government. Please complete if you have some time: [here](#)

PARENTS:

Christmas concert to parents - Reception to year 4

Well done to all the students who performed beautifully to the parents on Monday. Thank you also to the parents who came along to see the performance.

Fundraising for Keech Hospice Care

We are still working towards our fundraising target for Keech Hospice Care, through this link <https://keech.enthuse.com/pf/dunstable-icknield-lower-school>. Please share with friends and family. There is also a Keech collection pot in our main reception area where we are collecting donations.

To find out more about how the money raised will support local adults and children with a life limiting illness at Keech Hospice Care, visit their website [here](#).





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Parent Survey - Halal

At Dunstable Icknield Lower School we are proud of our diverse community, so it is important to us that everyone feels included. One of the ways we can do this is by offering a Halal option at lunch time. To enable us to introduce this successfully we would like to know how many children would take up this offer. Please fill in this Google form [here](#).

Parent Workshop

We would like to gather your feedback on what parent workshops you would like us as a school to run. We would be very grateful if you could please complete the short questionnaire [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
Thursday 21st - Friday 22nd December	Kidzzone Club available to book
21st December - 2nd January Wednesday 3rd January w/c 4th January	SCHOOL CLOSED - CHRISTMAS BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Training Day - office open Week 1 menu, found here on our website
Thursday 4th January	All children return to school @ 08:45am
Wednesdays 10th January - 27th March	40'Keeffe swimming lessons (see email sent 20/12)
Monday 15th January 2024	Deadline for applications to Reception and Year 5 Apply here: CBC Reception or Y5 school place application
Tuesday 23rd January	Y3 Faith Tour (see Arbor App message sent 15/12)
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM



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