



# 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 Zimmer who had the highest attendance this week and achieved a fabulous 98.9%! Every child in Zimmer will receive 2 house points.

### **Class Teacher Awards**

**Nursery** - Kit, **Lloyd Webber** - Ayan, **Zimmer** - Pola, **Beckham** - Otis and Ayat, **Bolt** - Layla, **Rosen** - Domonic, **Potter** - Myla, **Anning** - Samuel, **Attenborough** - Keian, **Banksy** - Mia, **O'Keeffe** - Olivia-Rose.

### **Kindness Award**

James S in 1Beckham and Grace A in 3Anning got the award this week. Well done!

### **TTRockstars Awards**

Well done to 3Attenborough and 4Banksy this week, great work!

### **Student Achievements**

Ronnie in Year 2 completed Stage 2 in swimming, and is now in Stage 3. Well done Ronnie!

### **TTRockstars Day 2/2**

On Friday 2nd February, all children are invited to dress up as rockstars! The children will be taking part in times tables / counting throughout the day activities and there will be a prize for the best dressed child. There will even be some fun activities for the younger students to do. We look forward to seeing some funky outfits!

### **Learning this term**

If you would like to find out more about what your child is learning this term please go to our website here: <https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Class+Learning+Overview&pid=114>. From here you will be able to click on the correct class and find the learning overview for Spring along with the knowledge organisers for every subject taught. If you have any questions or would like to know how you can support your child at home, please do speak to the class teacher.

### **OPAL Lunchtimes**

Thank you for the donations of old sheets, we are now on the hunt for cushions, pillows and also need one large pallet that could be transformed into a stage area. If you could help us with any of the following please contact the school office.

### **PE days change for NEXT WEEK ONLY**

As per Arbor App message sent 16/1. **2ROSEN** class will have PE next week on Tuesday INSTEAD of Wednesday. Their other PE day will stay the same. This is only for one week.

As per Arbor App message sent 16/1. **3ANNING** classes PE and music will swap from Tuesday to Wednesday next week. The other PE day will remain the same. This is for one week only.

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## **Trips:**

**Y1 trip to Legoland:** Please see the email sent 13/11 for further information including how to ***make a contribution towards the cost of the trip and fill in the google form.***

**Y3 Faith Tour 23/1:** See Arbor App message sent 6/12 for more information including how to ***make a contribution towards the cost of the trip, fill in the google form and select your child's lunch if needed (additional Arbor app message 19/1).***

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

## **Year 3 Girls Dodgeball tournament**

Well done to the Year 3 girls who took part in the Dodgeball Tournament, they played really well and represented the school beautifully.



## **Year 4 performances to parents**

Both Year 4 classes will be performing to parents with their Learning Celebration Assembly. On the day of their assembly, children will need to come dressed in their Roman costume with their uniform in a bag to change into later at school.

Please see below for the time and date of your child's assembly.

**4Banksy** - Friday 26th January at 9.15am

**4O'Keeffe** - Friday 2nd February at 9.15am

Please wait outside the main office and our staff will welcome you from there.

## **Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime: Reception-Year 4**

As part of the work we do with our Artsmark, we had the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' come into school to perform to the children and they had a great time!

***We are still asking for contributions of £3.50 per pupil to pay towards the cost of this experience for the children. Please bring your contribution in cash to the office, if you haven't already.***

## **Street Dance Club: Reception - Y4**

Street Dance classes for Reception to Year 4 on a Tuesday lunchtime started this week, and is available to book for this half term with Christina Marks School of Performing Arts through their website [here](#).





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## Love Art and Craft Art Club: Year 2-4

Art Club started up this week on a Tuesday after school (3.15-4.15pm). If you would like to sign up your child please see the poster below for more information and book via this link [here](#).

## Hotshots Basketball Club Y2-4

Hotshots Basketball Club is available to book for your child here at the school (Year 2 & 3 on a Monday lunchtime or Year 3 & 4 on a Thursday at 5pm).

If your child is in Year 3, parents can pick either class that they would like to attend. Please specify this when making a booking directly by contacting Dan on 07891 021151 or email [daniel\\_smith1989@hotmail.com](mailto:daniel_smith1989@hotmail.com).

## Kidzzzone Holiday Club

Kidzzzone Holiday Club is available to book for the February half term holiday. Book via their usual site [here](#).

## PARENTS:

### 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](#).



### (Save the date) FOILS Beat the Blue Quiz for parents and staff:

Our popular quiz night is back! Saturday 3rd February, at 7pm, is set to be a fantastic evening full of laughter and entertainment. This year, we will also be including fresh fish and chips from our local chippy! Teams of up to 10 can enter and there are prizes for those who come first and last! We advise booking your tickets early to avoid disappointment. A letter explaining how to book was sent out on 15/2.

### Halal lunch request

At Dunstable Icknield Lower School we are proud of our diverse community, so it is important to us that everyone feels included. After surveying our community we will be introducing Halal options to our menu from Tuesday 27 February. To be able to plan for meals, we would like to know which families will be choosing Halal so we can share the menu directly. **Please complete this very short form by Monday 22 January 2024 - [here](#)**

### DfE Attendance

A reminder of how important good attendance is for your child's education, please visit this site [here](#).

### CBC schools update

Please register with Central Bedfordshire Council's schools update system so you can quickly find out if the school is closed, i.e. due to bad weather. This can be done by signing up on this [website](#).



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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 22nd January	Week 1 menu, found <a href="#">here</a> on our website
Tuesday 23rd January	Y3 Faith Tour (see Arbor App message sent 15/12)
Wednesday 24th January	Y3/4 mixed Dodgeball Tournament: specific pupils (see Arbor App message 17/1)
Friday 26th January	4Banksy Assembly to parents 9.15am (see above)
Friday 2nd February	Whole school TTRockstars Day (see above) 4O'Keeffe Assembly to parents 9.15am (see above)
Saturday 3rd February	FOILS Beat the blue quiz night for parents and staff 7pm (see above)
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM



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

Attachments below:

- a. Art Club Flyer
- b. FOILS Beat the Blues Quiz





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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

9<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (6 sessions)

Open to children in **Years 2 – 4**

£40.80 – including all materials

Bookings open **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm**. Please visit:

[www.bookwhen.com/loveartandcraft](http://www.bookwhen.com/loveartandcraft)

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**FOILS-Beat the Blues**

# QUIZ NIGHT

**3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2024**

**7-10pm**

(Doors open at 6.30pm)

**School Dining  
Room**



**Parentkind**  
Member Association

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