



DILS Newsletter

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VACANCIES: Please see our latest vacancy on our [website](#). All applications are done directly through My New Term.

CHILDREN:

Class Attendance winner

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

Class Teacher Awards

Nursery - David, **Lloyd Webber** - Victoria, **Zimmer** - Maya D, **Beckham** - Aanvi, **Bolt** - Andrei, **Rosen** - Joseph, **Potter** - Charlie, **Anning** - Mahdiya, **Attenborough** - Orlando, **Banksy** - Percy C, **O'Keeffe** - Reuben.

Kindness award

Jas in Year 2 got the award this week. Well done Jas!

Value of the Month Winner

The value for February was Happiness, well done to Isabelle in Year 4 who won the award.

Happiness

When I do good things, I am happy inside.
Happiness is love and peace inside. Happiness is knowing I am loved. Happiness is having fun with my friends. I give happiness to others by sharing.
Happiness is giving everyone good wishes.

Value of the month for March - Honesty

HONESTY

- **Honesty** is telling the truth
- **Honesty** brings trust
- **Honesty** is being true to yourself and others
- **Honesty** is an important part of friendship

When I feel **Honest**, I feel clear inside

House winners non uniform day

Hawking House had a non uniform day to celebrate earning the most house points during the last half term. Well done Hawking house!

Red nose day:

We will be taking part in raising funds for Comic Relief on 15th March. Children will be asked to make themselves as red as possible on this day for a £1 fee!

There will also be a comedy event held during the day where children can tell the audience a joke! The joke that makes the judges laugh the most will win a prize! This will be £1 to enter. More info to follow next week, in the meantime start learning your favourite joke!





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Educational Out of School Visit:

Y1 trip to Legoland: Please see the email sent 16/2 for further information including how to ***make a contribution towards the cost of the visit.***

Y4 Activity week June 2024: Please see email sent 10/11 with further details on Y4's activity week and ***how to pay via Arbor. See email message sent 1/3 regarding payments. Please ensure you have paid the relevant amount by the dates stated.***

Yr 2 visit to Knebworth House: This has now been booked for Wednesday 15th May. A letter with further details will be sent out nearer the time.

1Beckham Learning Celebration assembly to parents - 8/3

Parents of children in 1Beckham are able to come and watch the students perform at 9.15am on Friday 8th March. Please wait outside the main office area.

1Bolt Learning Celebration assembly to parents - 15/3

Parents of children in 1Bolt are able to come and watch the students perform at 9.15am on Friday 8th March. Please wait outside the main office area.

Whole of Year 2 performance to parents 27/3

Parents of children in Year 2 are able to come and watch the students perform at 9.15am on Wednesday 27th March. Please wait outside the main office area.

DfE Phonics Screening Check and KS1 SATs Workshop for parents

All Year 1 and 2 parents are invited to come into school on Monday 11th March via the school office at 9am to attend a workshop on statutory and non statutory assessments taking place in May and June 2024. This workshop will explain what the assessments are, how they will be conducted, and what parents can do to support their children. For those parents who cannot attend, the details will be shared on Google classroom.

4O'Keeffe swimming on the last day of term

4O'Keeffe class will be going swimming as usual on Wednesday 27th March. As school finishes at 1:30pm on that day, all children in O'Keeffe are to be collected at 1:50pm from outside Dunstable Leisure Centre by their parent/carer. Children attending Kidzone after school club will be walked back to school by the teachers and taken to the club.

Year 4 Leavers Hoodies

The order site is now closed for orders. For those parents who have placed an order, this will arrive in a few weeks and will be sent home with your child.

World Book Day 7/3

As per Arbor App message sent 14/2: We are excited to announce that this year, on World Book Day, we will be celebrating in a very special way.

Children can wear pyjamas to school because at the end of the day each child will have a choice of a book to listen to.

Children need to bring:

- 1 book from home that they no longer read for our book swap.
- 1 book from home that they would like to hear read in class

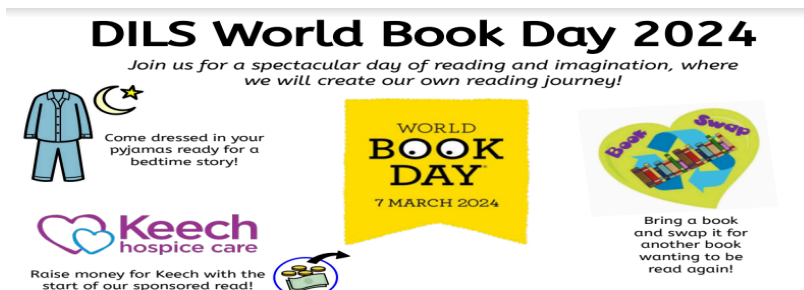


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World Book Day this year will be the start of our sponsored read to raise money for Keech, our chosen charity this year. Children will get a sponsorship form on world book day to take home with instructions on how to take part. All donations must be submitted into school by March 14th.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to a fantastic World Book Day celebration!



There will also be a **special menu**, see poster below.

Big Walk and Wheel

The Big Walk and Wheel is back! Are you ready to celebrate 15 years of this event? Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. Please join in by walking/wheelchair, cycling or scooting to school. Journeys made by car, taxi or bus counts if pupils use active travel for at least 10 minutes either side of the journey. This will start from Monday 11th March to Friday 22nd March. Please have a look at the poster attached.

Love Art and Craft Art Club booking is open: Year 2-4

Art Club is now up and running 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](#).

Street Dance Club: Reception - Y4

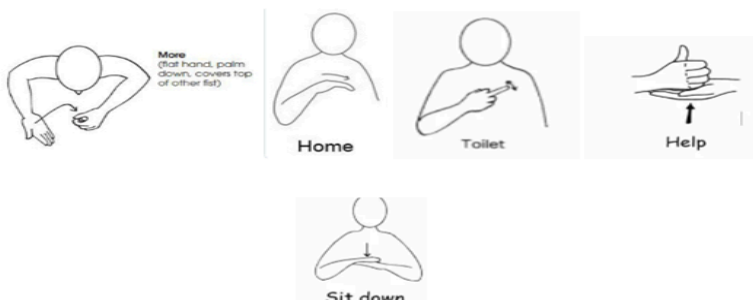
Street Dance classes for Reception to Year 4 on a Tuesday lunchtime has now started this half term, and is available to book with Christina Marks School of Performing Arts through their website [here](#).



Makaton signs

Here are some Makaton signs which you can learn with your child at home. These are used by some of our students here in the school

This week's Makaton signs are 'more', 'home', 'toilet', 'help' and 'sit down'. Please have a go and practise alongside your child at home this week!





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PARENTS:

Parents evenings and reports

This year, in order to support parents in understanding their child's progress and next steps in their learning, annual reports will be sent out on Friday 22nd March. This will be followed by parent consultations early on in the Summer Term where your child's report can be discussed.

FOILS Mothers Day Pop up shop

For students who have ordered a gift, they will be picked by them next week. Please note that different classes will be doing it on different days.

What is my child learning about next half term?

Knowledge organisers with information about what your child/children are learning for Spring 2 are now available on the school website. Please click here to find out more on their [class pages](#).

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](#).



School Streets road closure

This week saw the introduction of our School Streets barrier. Thank you to the parents who have kindly supported making Burr Street a safer and greener environment for the students. It has been very successful and has meant that our children are much safer walking to school.

If you have emailed regarding a query to do with a permit/school streets we will be in touch with you as soon as possible next week.



Term Dates for 23-24 see: [DILS](#)

Key Dates for Term 2	Subscribe to the calendar on the website to sync dates to your phone. Subscribe here
w/c 4th March	Week 2 menu, found here on our website
w/c 4th March	FOILS Mothers Day Pop up shop in school (see above)
Monday 4th March	Reception vision screening in school (see email sent 15/2)
Wednesday 6th March	Year 1 & 2 Tag Rugby Competition (specific pupils - Arbor App sent 29/2)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day for whole school (see above) including Special Menu (see poster below)
Friday 8th March	1Beckham Learning Celebration assembly to parents @ 9.15am (see above)

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	Year 3 & 4 Girls Football Competition specific students (Arbor App sent 1/3)
Monday 11th March	Year 1 & 2 DfE Phonics Screening Check and KS1 SATs Workshop for parents @ 9am (see above)
Monday 11th March - Friday 22nd March	Big Walk and Wheel - Whole School (see above)
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day - Whole school (see above) 1Bolt Learning Celebration assembly to parents @ 9.15am (see above)
Friday 22nd March	Mid-year Progress and Target reports for children
Wednesday 27th March	LAST DAY OF TERM - school closes at 1.30pm except for 40'Keeffe swimmers (see above) Whole Year 2 performance to parent at 9.15am (see above)
Thursday 28th March	SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Friday 29th March	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April	SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 15th April	All children back to school at 08.45am
Wednesday 17th April	Parent Teacher Meeting evenings - Rec - Y4 (more information to follow)
Thursday 18th April	Culture Day (more information to follow) Parent Teacher Meeting evenings - Rec - Y4 (more information to follow)
Monday 29th April	Year 4 Air Quality Day (more information to follow)
Monday 6th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY



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

Attachments below:

- a. Love Art and Craft Club
- b. Big Walk and Wheel
- c. SNAP Help with EHCP's
- d. World Book Day Special Menu



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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

27th February – 26th March 2024 (5 sessions)

Open to children in Years 2 – 4

£34.00 – including all materials

Bookings open **Friday 9th February 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
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Join in the celebration
and discover how you
can change your world by
changing your journey

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help your school win some fantastic prizes

Are you taking part
in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling,
scooting and cycling to school competition?

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk

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FREE SUPPORT AND TRAINING FOR MEMBERS
OF SNAP PCF

HELP WITH EHCPs

Free online group session from Smart Bright Training, for parents/carers to better understand their child's EHCP



- Are you in need of help to make sense of your child's EHCP and feel less overwhelmed?
- Perhaps you are unclear about or have questions relating to particular sections.
- Struggling to understand how section F (provision) and section B (needs) work together?
- Not sure what it means or what the specific educational provision is for your child?
- How does the evidence from reports fit in?

BOOK NOW!

TWILIGHT SESSION

Tuesday 12th March
6:30pm-8:30 pm

OR

AM SESSION

Friday 15th March
10.00 am - 12:00 pm

Book your place by emailing
admin@snappcf.org.uk

*Please email stating Help with
EHCPs Training with your preferred
date/time and your name.*

Thank you

This workshop is aimed at supporting families to understand how the EHCP should work to reflect the support for your child.

**HAVE YOUR CHILD'S EHCP TO HAND FOR
THE ONLINE SESSION**





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CELEBRATE STORIES

WORLD BOOK DAY

Celebrating on Thursday 7th March

Horrid Henry's Hotdog

Halal Option

**Harry Potter's Cheese and Tomato
Pizza**

Served with

**Mr. Stink's Jacket Wedges
Peter Rabbit's Super-Duper
Carrots**

**Belle's Golden Sweetcorn
Gangsta Granny's Green Salad**

Willy Wonka's Chocolate Cake