



# 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 Beckham & Rosen class for achieving 98% class attendance this week! Every child in both classes will receive 2 house points.

### **Class Teacher Awards**

**Nursery** - Libby , **Lloyd Webber** - Robyn , **Zimmer** - David , **Beckham** - Oscar , **Bolt** - Laila , **Rosen** - Christian , **Potter** - John, **Anning** -Olivia , **Attenborough** - Sima , **Banksy** - Oscar, **O'Keeffe** - Alessia .

### **Kindness award**

Rehan B in Year 4, his little brother had to have an operation and Rehan played with him. Well done!

### **Hotshots Basketball Player of the month**

Well done to Sami in Year 2 who won Player of the month for February!

### **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. Please bring the £1 in an envelope clearly indicating it is for the joke competition. Thanks for your on-going support.



### **World Book Day**

The children had a fabulous day celebrating world book day yesterday. Lots of children said it was the best day ever! They all had the chance to visit the book swap, read and listen to stories throughout the day as well as ending the day moving around the school listening to a story read by a teacher of their choice. They should have all come home with a world book day voucher and a sponsorship form. All money raised will go towards our chosen charity, Keech Hospice who works tirelessly to support local families. Please ensure sponsorship forms and money are returned by **Friday 15th March** via the school office.



### **OPAL**

We now have a part on our website dedicated to OPAL playtimes. You will also find the OPAL handbook on [here](#) which will give you lots more information about how you can get involved in the project.

### **Educational Out of School Visit:**

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



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**Y4 Activity week June 2024:** Please see email sent 10/11 with further details on Y4's activity week. **Arbor is still glitching so we have to reprogram it next week. Please either bring cash to the school office or make the relevant payment once it has been fixed next week.**

**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.

## 1 Beckham Learning Celebration assembly to parents

Due to staff absence this has been postponed. We will be in touch about the new date shortly.

## 1 Bolt Learning Celebration assembly to parents - 15/3

Parents of children in 1 Bolt 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

Year 1 and 2 parents are invited to this workshop on Monday 11th March. Enter via the school office at 9am. The workshop will last 45 minutes and will explain about the statutory and non statutory assessments taking place in May and June 2024; what the assessments are, how they will be conducted, and what parents can do to support their children. Details will be shared on Google classroom afterwards.

## 4 O'Keeffe swimming on the last day of term

4 O'Keeffe class will be going swimming as usual on Wednesday 27th March. As school finishes at 1:30pm on that day, O'Keeffe children 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.

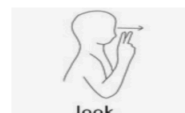
## Big Walk and Wheel

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.

## Makaton signs

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

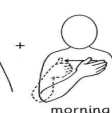
This weeks Makaton signs are:



World



good



morning



Book



Day

## PARENTS:

Parents evenings and reports:



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Mid-year reports for all children will be shared with parents on Friday 22 March 2024. These will give information about progress and next steps in their learning.

The next open sessions for Nursery will be afternoon Tuesday 26 March and morning Wednesday 27 March.

Parent consultations evenings for Reception to Year 4 will be on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 April. Watch out for more information.

## School Streets

The closure of Burr Street in the morning and afternoon has already made a huge difference to children and families. Thank you for your support with this initiative.

## Staff Car Park

A reminder to all parents and carers that where the staff cars are parked next to the playground is to be avoided at all times. Please ensure your children are kept away from this area; playing around cars, even parked cars, is unsafe.

## Family Reading Fridays

A reminder that Family Friday reading is an opportunity for one parent or carer to spend time reading together with their child. Unfortunately we are unable to welcome or accommodate any younger siblings in school during these sessions.

## FOILS: Mothers day Gifts

All children who signed up for this should have come home with their gift now. If you have any problems or queries please do get in touch with the PTA using their email address: [dilspta@gmail.com](mailto:dilspta@gmail.com)

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. <a href="#">Subscribe here</a>
w/c 11th March	Week 3 menu, found <a href="#">here</a> on our website
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 including Stand Up Comedy event - Whole school (see above) 1Bolt Learning Celebration assembly to parents @ 9.15am (see above)
Friday 22nd March	Mid-year Progress and Target reports for all children issued
Tuesday 26th March	Nursery Meet and Engage open session for afternoon children
Wednesday 27th March	LAST DAY OF TERM - school closes at 1.30pm <b>except for 4 O'Keeffe swimmers (see above)</b> Nursery Meet and Engage open session for morning children 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 (GOOD FRIDAY)
Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April	SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 15th April	All children return to school at 08.45am
Wednesday 17th April	Parent Teacher Meeting evenings - Rec - Y4 - 3.30pm until 5.30pm
Thursday 18th April	Culture Day (more information to follow) Parent Teacher Meeting evenings - Rec - Y4 - 4pm until 7pm

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Monday 29th April	Year 4 Air Quality Day (more information to follow)
Monday 6th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May	SCHOOL CLOSED - May Half Term



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

Attachments below:

- a. Big Walk and Wheel
- b. EHC workshop for parents



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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

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## SENDIASS

INFORMATION - ADVICE - SUPPORT



### Education Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA) Workshop for Parent Carers

- Is your child or young person struggling to access/attend lessons/their educational setting even with a SEN Support Plan in place?
- Do you think they need an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) but don't know how to apply for one?
- Do you want to know more about what an Education Health and Care Needs Assessment is?

If the answer is yes to one or more of the above our **FREE** online information and advice session for parents and carers could help you. It will focus on the process of applying for an Education, Health and Care Plan via an Education Health and Care Needs Assessment and will explore:

- What is an EHCNA and how an LA decides whether to agree to assess
- What to do if the LA refuse to carry out an EHCNA
- What happens during an EHCNA and involvement of CYP/parent carer in the process
- What to do if the LA refuse to issue an EHCP after the EHCNA

#### EHC Needs Assessment Workshop Dates:

- Thursday 21 March 2024, 18:30 - 20:30
- Friday 22 March 2024, 10:00 - 12:00

To book your place call us on 0300 300 8088 and leave a message. Or email 'emma.jenkins@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk', stating which date you wish to attend.

A Teams invite will be sent to your inbox before the workshop.