



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 2Rosen class for achieving 96.7% class attendance this week! Every child in this class will receive 2 house points.

Class Teacher Awards

Nursery - Zadie, **Lloyd Webber** - Nova, **Zimmer** - Anvesha, **Beckham** - Anvi, **Bolt** - Finley, **Rosen** - Sophia, **Potter** - Karar, **Anning** - Scarlet, **Attenborough** - Jasper, **Banksy** - Mabel, **O'Keeffe** - Amy.

Kindness award

Eduard and Wendy in Year 2 won the award this week. Well done to you both!

Student achievements

Devan in Reception has moved up to Level 2 for swimming. Well done on passing Stage one Devan!

Red nose day

Thank you for all your kind donations towards supporting Comic Relief. The students and staff looked great in red today, showing their support for this great charity.

Well done to the students who bravely took to the stage to tell a joke, there were some real hooters. We will let you know how much we have raised once we have counted it!



The overall winners were:

Reception & Year 1 - **Finley**

Year 2 & Year 3 - **Leylani**

Year 4 - **Sara**

Well done to you all!

World Book Day

Deadline for sponsorship forms and money has been extended to **Monday 18th March**. Please ensure all money is handed in, in a named envelope by this date. Many thanks for your continued support.

Google classroom

At the beginning of the year each parent was sent a login to join their child's Google classroom. If you are unable to login please speak to your class teacher or the office. We recommend checking these platforms regularly as homework and posts showing our learning are posted on them weekly.



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A very big thank you

Year 1 and year 2 children were treated to a special presentation this week. One of our fabulous parents came in to talk about his job as a zoo keeper at ZSL. The children had the opportunity to learn so many new facts. We would like to say a very big thankyou to Stefan for giving up his time and inspiring a future generation.



OPAL



It is great to see the children really embracing the woodland which is now open every lunchtime. They have shown respect to this area and should be proud of how well they have followed the rules.

This week in assembly a brand new area was introduced....the DILS stage! Children can put on performances using the fabric available or simply sit back and enjoy the show! We look forward to snapping some photos to share with you soon.

Artsmark theatre production

Year 2, 3 and 4 were lucky enough to watch a live performance by Tangled Feet earlier this week. The show called 'Belongings' explored a range of emotions and the children were thoroughly engaged as they showed fantastic listening and attention throughout. A very big thank you to FOILS who funded this opportunity.



1 Bolt Learning Celebration assembly to parents

Thank you to all the parents who came along to see the children perform. They spoke so confidently about their learning and sang beautifully. Well done, Bolt class!

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

Thank you to the parents who came along on Monday morning, we hope you found it useful. Details have been shared on Google classrooms.



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KS2 Girls football tournament

A group of girls from KS2 took part in a football tournament on Friday. They were fantastic and made us very proud with their sportsmanship! The first part of the afternoon they were coached by a member of the Luton Town team and then they played some matches against other local schools! Well done girls.



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 - one more week!

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:



Hello/ Hi



bend wrist



NO



good



afternoon



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PARENTS:

SEASONAL ILLNESSES IN CHILDREN

Information has been sent out to all parents regarding seasonal illnesses and notifying your GP or school.

FOILS PTA

FOILS will be holding an EASTER bake sale after school on Friday 22nd March. Homemade cakes will start from £1 and it will be a cash only event. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with the PTA using their email address: dilspta@gmail.com Thank you in advance for your support.

Kidzzone Holiday Club

Please see [flyer](#) showing details of the fun holiday club available to book with Kidzzone during the Easter holidays.

Parents evenings and reports

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. See emails sent 15/3 for full information.

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

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.

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 18th March	Week 1 menu, found here on our website
Monday 11th March - Friday 22nd March	Big Walk and Wheel - Whole School (see above)
Friday 22nd March	Mid-year Progress and Target reports for all children issued (see above) FOILS Bake Sale after school (see above)
Tuesday 26th March	Nursery Meet and Engage open session for afternoon children (see above)
Wednesday 27th March	LAST DAY OF TERM - school closes at 1.30pm except for 4 O'Keeffe swimmers (see above) Nursery Meet and Engage open session for morning children (see above) Whole Year 2 performance to parents 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

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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
Thursday 25th April - Thursday 2nd May	Maths open lessons for parents - more information to follow
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