



# 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 1 Beckham; 99% class attendance winners this week! Every child in this class will receive 2 house points.

### **Class Teacher Awards**

**Nursery** - David, **Lloyd Webber** - Ayan, **Zimmer** - Thamizhini, **Beckham** - Imaan, **Bolt** - Harry, **Potter** - Leylani, **Anning** - Amira, **Attenborough** - Leo, **Banksy** - Yahya, **O'Keeffe** - Sam P.

### **Kindness Awards this week**

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

### **Stormbreak**

Zimmer class are super excited to have achieved their Stormbreak Rainbow Certificate. A great team effort! Well Done.

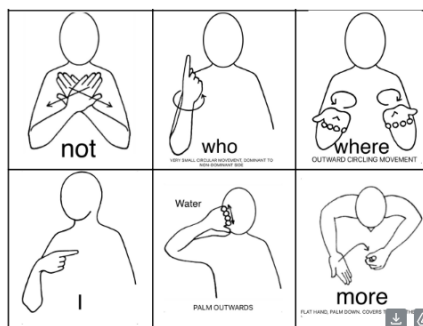
### **OPAL edit**

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the opening of the mud kitchen this week! They have created some fabulous meals!



### **Makaton signs**

Here are some Makaton signs which you can learn with your child at home.



### **REMINDERS FROM LAST WEEK:**

- [Y4 Air quality day 29/4](#) - Central Beds Council are coming to school to work with the children on an Air Quality day on Monday 29th April (after our maths parent workshop).



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## PARENTS:

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - MEASLES**

We have a confirmed case of measles in the school. If your child has not had their MMR vaccination please contact your GP surgery or health visitor immediately.

### **Kidzzzone Holiday Club**

Kidzzzone Holiday Club is available to book for this half term [here](#) on their website. See poster [below](#).

### **Times Table Rock Stars Y2-4**

Attached [below](#) is a parent help sheet for TTRS (Times Table Rock Stars). All children in Year 2-4 will have a login and are expected to access this as part of their weekly homework.

### **MAY - National Walking Month**

Please see the information on this [link](#) from Living Streets regarding National Walking Month.

### **EYFS research**

We are working in partnership with University College London to undertake some Early Years Research. Miss Mabel Osejindu will be visiting Reception classes next week and will be available Friday morning to answer any questions. More information and consent forms will be sent out on Friday 3rd May.

### **Online safety - online games and PEGI ratings**

Please read the guidance [below](#) regarding BBFC and PEGI age ratings. These guidelines are given to help parents identify whether a film or game is appropriate for their child.

### **Book Fair 16th May- Competition**

**£5.00**  
**£5 PRIZE VOUCHER**

The travelling book fair will be visiting our school again this year from 16th-21st May straight after school. We are running a competition to see who can design a poster to advertise this to our community. **The winning 5 posters will receive a £5 prize voucher which can be spent at the book fair.** The poster must have the dates of the book fair and any other information that may encourage children and parents to come (have a look at the official poster below for further ideas). Books that can be purchased at the fair are available to view via the google classroom. [See poster below.](#)

### **FOILS-Disco**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for the FOILS disco may need to be changed. More information regarding this will be provided in due course.

### **St Georges Day**

It was great to see so many pupils in their Scout and Girl Guide uniforms on Tuesday, to celebrate St George's Day.

### **Year 2 SATs**

Attached to this email is further information on the Year 2 SATs.

### **Reception to Year 4 Parents interactive, in-class Maths workshop**



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Thank you to all the parents who attended the Y3 maths workshop on Thursday morning. We hope you were able to gain an insight into how maths is taught in school and what your child is learning.

The remaining dates for each year group are below:

Mon - 29 April - **Year 4**

Tues - 30 April - **Year 1**

Wed - 1 May - **Year 2**

Thurs - 2 May - **Reception**

**Please note that the classroom is a learning environment and there is limited space in the classrooms so we kindly ask only 1 adult per child and no siblings please.**

This will take place in your child's classroom.

Parents can enter school via the office at 9am and the session will start at 9.10am. This workshop will run for approximately 1 hour and will give you an insight into how we teach different maths concepts. The class teachers will be available during this time to offer any support and answer questions.

## **Food & Hygiene Bank**

The food and hygiene bank is now up and running in school. The food and hygiene bank shelves are in the main reception, you do not need to ask the office staff to take the products. Please take the products as and when you need them, but kindly remember to respect that there are other families that may also need these items. Support our school food and hygiene bank by donating spare items you have at home which will benefit our families. If you wish to make any donations towards our food and hygiene bank, please drop these items off at the main reception office for the attention of Miss Jaber.

## **Items which will support the food and hygiene bank are:**

Foods with a long shelf life such as dried pasta, rice, tinned foods, cereals etc.

Hygiene items such as sanitary products, soap, shampoo, toothpaste etc.

## **REMINDERS FROM LAST WEEK:**

- [SCHOOL ATTENDANCE](#) - Every Day Counts
- [School Photographs - class photos](#)
- [Reception Hearing Tests](#)
- [Mindful parking](#) & School Streets trial

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 29th April	Week 2 menu, found <a href="#">here</a> on our website
Thursday 25th April - Thursday 2nd May	<a href="#">Maths interactive lessons - parent workshops</a> (see above) Year 3 parents - Thursday 25 April @ 9am - thank you to those who attended. Year 4 parents - Monday 29 April @ 9am Year 1 parents - Tuesday 30 April @ 9am Year 2 parents - Wednesday 1 May @ 9am Reception parents - Thursday 2 May @ 9am
Monday 29th April	Year 4 Air Quality Day (see above)
Throughout May	Year 2 SATS assessments
Thursday 2nd May	Whole school School photographs for classes
Monday 6th May	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Friday 10th May	Reception hearing tests

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Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th May	Year 4 Bikeability (see email sent 27/3)
Wednesday 15th May	Year 2 out of school Education Visit to Knebworth House
Thursday 16th to Tuesday 21st May	<a href="#">School Book Fair</a> (see above)
Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd May	Nursery - Term 3 open sessions (exact times to be sent out shortly via email)
Thursday 23rd May - TBC	FOILS Spring Disco (details to follow)
Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - May Half Term</b> <b>KidzZone Holiday Club 28th-31st May</b> (see flyer below)
10 - 14th June	Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening Assessments (details to follow)
17th - 21st June	Year 4 Activity Week Art Week (details to follow)
Monday 24th June	Sports for Champions visit (details to follow)
Tuesday 2nd July	Whole School sports Day (1st option, weather dependent - details to follow)
Saturday 6th July	FOILS summer fair (details to follow)
Tuesday 9th July	Whole School sports Day (2nd option, weather dependent - details to follow)
Friday 12th July	End of Year Reports published (details to follow)
16 & 17th July	Year 4 leavers performance @ Priory - TBC
Friday 19th July	Last day of summer term - school ends at 1.30pm for all children

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

## Attachments

- TTRS parent help sheet
- Kidzzone Holiday Club
- Book Fair poster
- Parents Guide - Keeping children safe online



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## Parent Guide



We recommend a "little and often" approach; 3 minutes practice a day, 4 or 5 times a week is a good target.

### What are the different Game Modes?

#### Single Player

<b>Jamming</b> 4 or 8 coins/correct answer	The only game mode without a timer, players chose the table and operation ( $\times$ or $\div$ or both) they want to practise. Answer 10, 20 or 30 questions.
<b>Gig</b> 10 coins per correct answer	Gig games last 5 minutes and contain up to 100 questions, which come in 'waves', starting with the 10s, then the 2s, 5s, 3s, 4s, 8s, 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s. Novices are not expected to get past the 5s. Gigs provide the child (and their teacher) with a simple measure of their current skills, which is why learners should concentrate fully for the whole Gig as they won't get another try until next month.
<b>Garage</b> 10 coins per correct answer	Players are given a personalised set of 6 multiplication questions (and their matching division questions) in each round. The questions they get keep adjusting to provide the best fit for every learner's needs. This is probably the best game made for improving their recall while they're still learning.
<b>Studio</b> 1 coin per correct answer	Here your child earns their Rock Status, which is based on their Studio Speed. The faster they are the better their status. Studio Speed is the average of their most recent 10 Studio games. Suitable for confident players.
<b>Soundcheck</b> 5 coins per correct answer	Soundcheck games ask 25 multiplication questions (up to $12 \times 12$ ), allowing 6 seconds for each question. Suitable for confident players.

#### Multi Player

<b>Festival</b> 1 coin per correct answer	Children compete against others from around the world, with their identities protected behind their rock names. Suitable for confident players.
<b>Arena</b> 1 coin per correct answer	Children race against other members of their class who are logged in and choose the same arena name at the same time. Arena games use the same smart question algorithm as Garage games.
<b>Rock Slam</b> 1 coin per correct answer	Players challenge their classmates or teachers to answer as many questions as they can in 60 seconds, setting a score for the challengee to beat. Pupils don't need to be online at the same time.
<b>Tournaments</b>	<p><b>Battle of the Bands</b> – groups of children within the same school (usually classes, year groups or teams) compete to have the highest <i>average</i> score per player.</p> <p><b>Top of the Rocks</b> – like a Battle of the Bands <i>between</i> schools. The winning class or school is the one with the most correct answers per person.</p> <p><b>Important:</b> Each correct answer (in any game mode) earns 1 point towards the team's total in addition to the coins earned. For example, in Garage games each correct answer is worth 1 point for the team and 10 coins for the player.</p>



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### Learners with different needs

How can I hide the timer?	Start a game and press ⚙ > Hide Practice Clock. You could also play a game in Jamming.
How can I increase the length of Garage games?	Single player > Garage > press the little arrow below "play solo" > choose 1, 2 or 3 minutes.
The tables are too hard	Make sure your child is playing in Garage or Arena game modes. If this does not resolve the issue, please speak to your child's teacher. Remember that Jamming mode allows the child to choose the tables themselves.
My child gets anxious	Try the three above plus: setting mini goals (e.g. complete 2 minutes today, get 1 more point in the next game, pass 1 level); having a break from online play (come back in a couple of days); and reminding them of Baz's words: "A good rock star stays chillaxed by accepting they make mistakes."
My child has visual impairments; what settings are available?	Head to the Profile page where you can: change the colour scheme; reduce the visual stimuli with Declutter mode; increase the font size or switch to a dyslexia-friendly font called Lexie. play.ttrockstars.com is also screen reader compatible.
Can I turn off division?	Yes in Jamming mode but not in the other games. The reason for that is that practising multiplication and division at the same time supports the recall of both and is the most successful approach. If your child is finding division confusing, please speak to their teacher about starting with the 10s only and for advice on how to help at home.

### Troubleshooting

My child's coins and/or Studio speed have suddenly dropped	Another child may have logged in as your child. Please reassure your child that this can be rectified. Contact their teacher who can set a new password, refund any coins, delete Studio games and talk to the class about online safety.
My child plays too much	Set firm TTRS time limits; reward healthy choices; take away devices before bed.
My child's name is showing on a school leader board.	Please ask your child's teacher to change the settings at their end so that rock names show on the leaderboards instead of real names.
What does the 🕒 mean?	If this symbol appears over a game tile (e.g. over Garage) it means the teacher has set your child a certain number of minutes to practise in that game mode for homework. Once they complete those minutes the other games unlock.



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## May Half Term Multi-Activity Holiday Club

**Tue 28th May - Fri 31st May 2024**  
**Dunstable Icknield Lower School**

Over 20 activities!

**Enrichment Activities**  
Laser tag - Scooters - Nerf Wars - Disco  
A different one each day

Our Ofsted registered Multi-Activity holiday clubs held at **Dunstable Icknield Lower School** is open from **Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May 2024**.  
The venue has fantastic facilities including; indoor areas, indoor hall, playground, small astro area and outdoor exploring areas.  
Each full day consists of 4 guided activity hours where children take part in 'Sports Starz' & 'Creative Starz' activities. Accompanied with free play and weekly themed activities, there is something for everyone!

### WHAT'S ON THIS MAY?



Tue 28th May  
"Paris Olympics"



Wed 29th May  
"Bugs Life"



Fri 31st May  
"Summer Party"



Thurs 30th May  
"Spy School"

10% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT available "K210" exp 20.05.2024

Activities to try..  
Den building, Scooters, Themed Arts & Crafts, Puzzles, Quiz's, Nature Explorers & more!

Sports we play..  
Running Games, Dodgeball, Nerf, Indoor Curling, Archery, Ball Games, Football, Cricket, Outdoor & Adventure & more!

Free Play..  
Football, Ball Games, Hoops & Skipping, Swing Ball, Air Hockey, Table Football, Ping Pong & more!

Childcare vouchers/tax free childcare accepted!

Email : [hello@kidzzoneclub.com](mailto:hello@kidzzoneclub.com)  
Phone : 01525 591036  
Website: [www.kidzzoneclub.com](http://www.kidzzoneclub.com)



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## PRICING & PAYMENT

Passes	Times	Price per day
Normal hours	9:00am - 4:00pm	£23.50
Normal hours "early bird"	8:00am - 4:00pm	£26.50

Book now: [www.kidzzoneclub.com](http://www.kidzzoneclub.com) (10% off listed prices: 'KZ10')

4 year old pass: Children age 4 can attend for 4 hours please contact [hello@kidzzoneclub.com](mailto:hello@kidzzoneclub.com) to arrange this - the 4 hours can be am or pm and the cost is £16.



## Holiday Club Dates and Venues

### VENUES

Dunstable Icknield Lower School,  
Burr Street, Dunstable, LU6 3AG

### DATES

Tue 28th May -  
Fri 31st May 2024

### Daily Activities..

Children will take part in 4 different activities each day linked to the daily theme; from the list below:

#### Sports Starz!

- Running Games
- Ball Games
- Nerf Wars / Curling
- Go-Fencing
- Arrows Archery
- Cricket / Rounders
- Tri Golf
- Tennis
- Outdoor & Adventure

#### Creative Starz!

- Themed puzzles / quiz
- Themed Arts & Crafts
- Nature Explorers
- Circus Skills
- Talent Show

#### Free Play!

A choice of:

- Balls
- Swing ball
- Hoops & Skipping



## Holiday Club Activity Timetable

8:00am - 8:30am	Free play	12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunchtime & free play
8:30am - 9:00am	Indoor games		
9:00am - 9:30am	Free play	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Creative Starz
9:30am - 10:30am	Sports Starz	2:00pm - 2:30pm	Free play
10:30am - 11:00am	Snack time & Free play	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Sports Starz
11:00am - 12:00pm	Sports Starz - Outdoor & Adventure activity	3:30pm - 4:00pm	Reward time 'presentation'

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please book online before your child's first day.
- Packed lunch, snacks and drinks are required. \*\*Please note: all Kidz Zone Clubs are nut-free zones\*\*.
- Please label all clothing and items being brought to the club.
- Please wear suitable clothing and trainers for indoor and outdoor activities: sun hats & sun cream during warmer days, or warm clothing & a waterproof when the weather is cooler or more seasonal.
- We suggest packing spare clothes.
- Sessions that are not attended are still charged unless 10 days notice is given.





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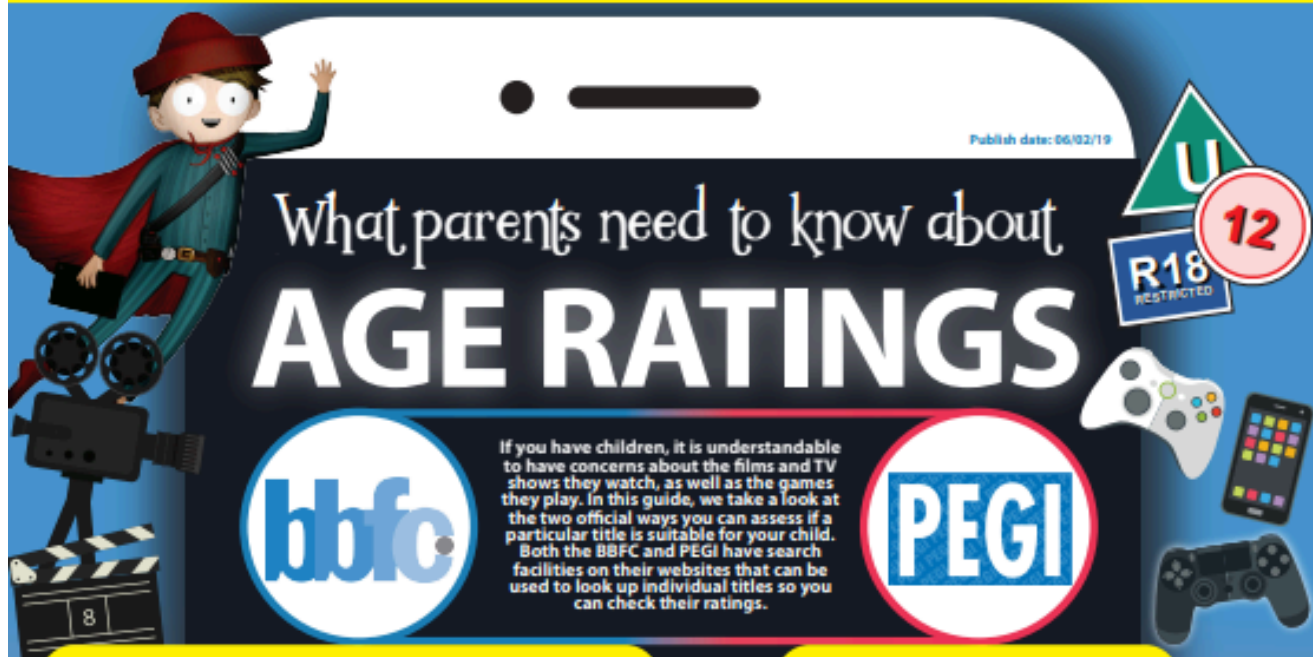
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At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



## RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

### WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



### WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

### LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: [www.bbfc.co.uk](http://www.bbfc.co.uk)

## RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

### WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



### LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

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