

Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Friday 6th October 2017



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Your generosity raised a fantastic £343.90 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Once again, both our pupils and the local community have shown support to an excellent cause.

It has been lovely seeing so many of you attending our recent reading workshops which have now been held for all parents from Year 1 through to Year 6. For those of you who missed them, please see our website, where all of the PowerPoints can be accessed. We do hope that you found these sessions useful! Please look out for future parent workshops in the coming weeks.

Next week we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Blundell, Mrs Hammersley and Mrs Stubbs, who are all moving on to new adventures. We wish them the best of luck and thank them for the service they have given to Dilkes Academy over the years. I know they will all be missed.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr R. Latham
Headteacher

AUGMENTED REALITY SESSIONS AND MINECRAFT - THURROCK LIBRARIES:

During October half term, Thurrock Libraries will be running some augmented reality sessions using books and digital technology.

Children can bring along their smart phone or tablet and take control of a Tyrannosaurus Rex, a group of Velociraptors, fly a drone, or explore the planets and space, using books, apps and digital technology.

Exploring non-fiction books is also part of this session - how to find books on dinosaurs, computers or the human body using the subject index and the classification system.

These sessions are free.

Coding with Minecraft sessions will be returning, as they have proved very popular with the 9-11 year olds and their parents. The charge for this session is £2 per child and spaces are very limited so booking is essential.

Details can be found at www.thurrock.gov.uk/libraries shortly.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE:

Thank you to all those who came along and supported our fundraising Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. There was a great turn out and we are happy to announce that we raised **£343.90** for this fantastic charity.

Many thanks to everybody who was kind enough to donate cakes for this event. Our pupils and staff always enjoy the Dilkes Academy Cake Sales and they say it is one of their favourite days at school.

As always, we are grateful to the volunteer Parent Partnership Team who organise and run many of our events.

Thank you PPT!

HARVEST FESTIVAL - WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2017:

Dilkes Academy will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Wednesday 18th October 2017. Father Peter Rabin from the Saint Nicholas Church will be joining us for a special assembly.

This year we will be supporting the Thurrock Food Bank and are requesting that all donations are received by the School Office by the morning of Wednesday 18th October 2017.

A separate letter will be sent home and displayed on the school website, detailing which food goods are acceptable.

Thank you in advance for your support.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS:

If your child was born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007 you must apply for their secondary school place between **midday 1st September 2017** and **31st October 2017**.

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions/applying-for-secondary-school-place>

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES:

This term the pupils will be showcasing their work in special assemblies. Years 1 to 6 will showcase the achievements they have made during their 'British' unit of work to parents/carers on the following dates:

Please note only parents/carers may attend - no young children.

Please note the change of the date of the Y3 assembly.

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 1	9 th October	1.15pm
Year 2	13 th October	1.15pm
Year 3	18 th October	1.15pm
Year 4	17 th October	1.15pm
Year 5	6 th November	1.15pm
Year 6	7 th November	1.15pm

WELL DONE:

Aimee Page (3A) and Chloe Page (3B) completed the Spartan Kids Race, 1.5Km, on Saturday 30th September 2017.



DILKES DISCO - THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER 2017:

Dilkes Academy Parent Partnership Team will be holding another of our

fun and successful discos on Thursday 19th October 2017.

The Year 1, 2 and 3 Disco will be held between 4pm and 5pm.

The Year 4, 5 and 6 Disco will be held between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

Free crisps and soft drinks are included in the £1.50 entrance fee.

Tickets will be available to buy on the night. Please look out for the yellow PPT letter for more details.

THE ROUND £1 COIN:

The old, round style £1 coin will cease to be legal tender from 15th October 2017.

Please bear this in mind when paying dinner/trip money to the school as we will be **unable to accept** any old style £1 coins with immediate effect.

REMINDER - INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2017:

Please be reminded that the photographer will be in school next Monday, 9th October 2017 to take the pupils individual school photographs.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS:

You may have heard the buzz around Key Stage 2 about Times Table Rockstars. Mr Curtis has introduced this to all the classes in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 and lots of children have been busily practicing skills and improving their baseline speed.

We are pleased to announce that 3 children have achieved Rock Legend Status, Titobi & Emily in Year 6 as well as Titomi in Year 4. This means that they are answering on average more than 30 multiplication and division questions in a minute! Their target is now to answer 60 questions in a minute to become a Rock Hero.

Please support your child in accessing this motivational site by downloading the free app on any devices they have access to. Their log in details were on the initial letter they brought home but the class teacher can confirm this if you put a note in their diary.



Keep Rocking!