

# Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018



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[www.dilkesacademy.org.uk](http://www.dilkesacademy.org.uk)

Dear Parent/Carers,

Many thanks for your support last week which proved to be a difficult week weather wise. We are grateful for your efforts in getting pupils to school on Thursday. Hopefully now with spring here we look forward to much milder weather.

It has been great to read the lovely feedback and comments from our recent consultations, these comments mean a lot to staff who go above and beyond to ensure that we give the best service possible. We also value those comments where the school could be even better and will act on these accordingly.

Today we celebrated World Book Day and it was fantastic to see so many costumes on display. A lot of effort has gone into these costumes and we thank parents/carers for their support. It was excellent to see such a passion for reading from all pupils from Nursery to Year 6.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mr Latham  
Headteacher

## **FUNDRAISING FOR THE ACADEMY - EASYFUNDING:**

Dilkes Academy have joined with Easyfundraising which is the simplest way to raise money for Dilkes Academy.

By shopping with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website, a percentage of what you spend is passed to Dilkes Academy at no additional cost to you.

Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dilkesacademy/>

## **BUILDING LEARNING POWERS:**

The focus for the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 is **Being Resourceful**.

The focus for the week commencing the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 is **Managing Distractions**.

## **COMMUNICATION:**

Following feedback from our recent parent consultations, please be reminded of the ways in which the school communicates with parents.

- Our newsletter is sent out via parent mail every 2 weeks, it is displayed on the school website and paper copies can be requested at the school office.
- Our school website can be found at [www.dilkesacademy.org.uk](http://www.dilkesacademy.org.uk).
- Additionally, we also have a school twitter page which can be found at @DilkesAcademy. Twitter proved a useful channel of communication during the recent inclement weather.

## **ROOTS TO FOOD WORKSHOP:**

Ready...Set...Cook! On Thursday, Years 4 and 5 donned aprons and prepared some delicious meals - from scratch - as part of the Roots to Food workshop. Not only did they chop, cook and present the food but they also learnt the nutritional value of their dish and how to keep a clean and tidy work station - skills which we're sure will help their families out in the kitchen at home too! The recipe for honey meatballs is on the school website.



*Active Education in Health & Wellbeing*

### NEXT WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS:

Year 1/2	What changes would you make to the school if you were in charge for one week?
Year 3/4	You know your friend has cheated on an important test. How could you handle the problem?
Year 5/6	What three things would you take to a desert island and why?

### WELL DONE:

Daniel Ziko, 5S, wrote to HRH Prince of Wales about global warming which the class have been studying, and received an official reply from Clarence House.  
Joshua Greenwood, 4N, has been invited to join Academy 1, Thurrock Swimming Club.  
Blake Wood, 2L, has achieved his Bronze Merit Award.  
Well done to all!

### ATTENDANCE:

Four classes share the best attendance for the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February. Well done to RK, 4KM, 5R and 5S, who all had 97.7% attendance.

Six classes share the best attendance for the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> March with 99.3%. Well done to RA, RK, 10, 4N, 5S and 5R.

### ATTENDANCE REMINDER - ILLNESS:

Please be reminded that when your child is ill and not able to attend school you **MUST** call the school absence line on 01708 852128, first thing in the morning to report the absence. If you do not report the absence your child will be classified as 'missing' and as the school have a duty of care to the children on roll there are a series of actions triggered when a child is deemed 'missing', a home visit will be carried out if the school cannot make contact with parents and the Education Welfare Officer at Thurrock Council will be notified.

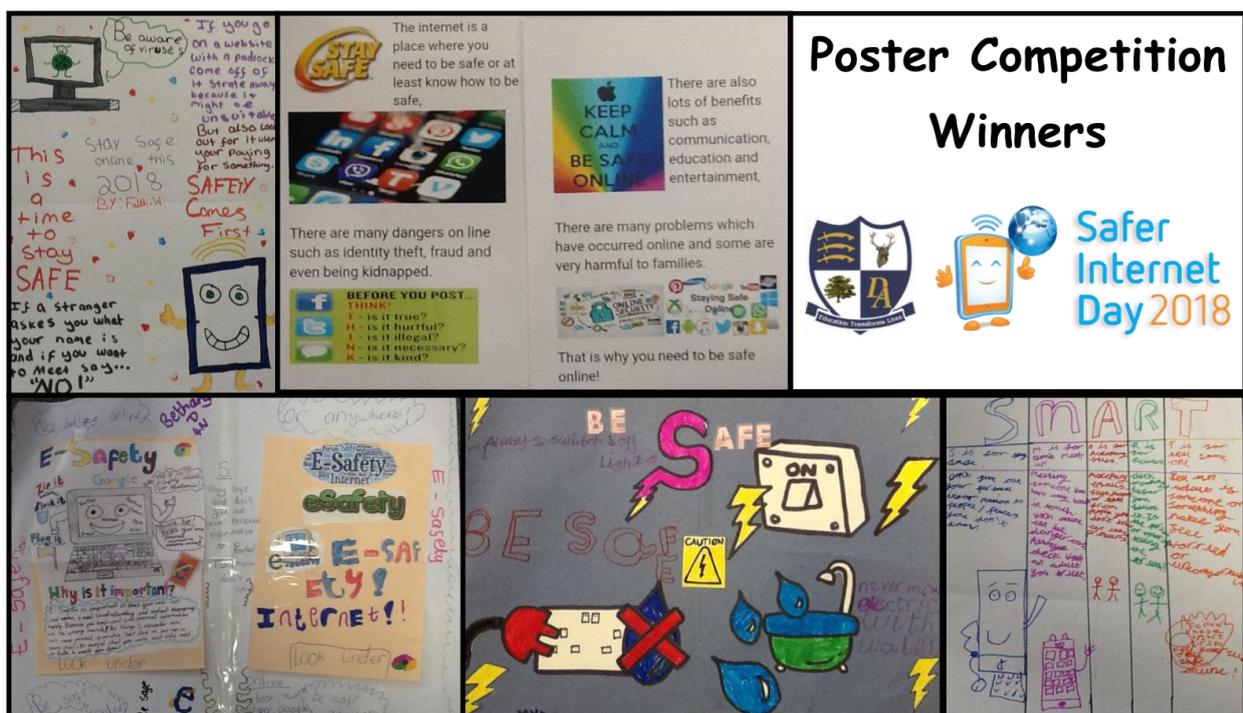
### INTERNET SAFETY DAY:

The School Council have chosen the winners of our Internet Safety Day Poster Competition. They were as follows:

- Mya - Year 1
- Ella - Year 2
- Bethany - Year 4
- Faith - Year 5
- Lola - Year 6

Thank you to everyone who entered. Some of the posters will be put on display in the ICT suite as a reminder of our internet safety lessons.

If you would like to find out more about internet safety for your children at home please have a look at the resources on the UK Safer Internet Centre where you will find packs to help you find out more and work with your children.



## ECO WARRIORS UPDATE:

### BRONZE AWARD

Dilkes Academy has been awarded a Bronze award for their efforts to turn Dilkes Academy a deeper shade of environmental green. Celebrating the internationally recognised Eco-schools Bronze Award for excellence in environmental activity, the Eco Warriors are already working towards a Silver Award and enjoying every minute of it. Respecting and protecting the environment is an important part of our commitment to give our children the best possible future but we have been surprised by just how many children are fully engaged in these projects. Eco-Schools aims to help make every school in the country sustainable and to bring about behaviour change in young people, and those connected to them, so that good habits learned in schools are followed through into homes and communities.

### THE ORCHARD

Our Eco Warrior club have successfully been learning and implementing environmentally friendly policies within the school since September. This week the Eco Warriors have teamed up with the school council in creating a child friendly orchard on our school grounds. We have been lucky to be part of the government funded tree planting project that took place today with Thames Chase and their wonderful volunteers, who came into the school to bring the Eco warrior's eco-friendly plan into action, helping them create their child friendly orchard and to teach us a little bit more about the importance of trees and how to care for them.

We will soon reveal what we planted in our orchard! Don't forget to follow the Dilkes eco warriors journey on twitter.

### WRITING INSTRUMENT RECYCLING

Writing instruments are simple tools that we use on a daily basis, whether it be at home, school or work. Thanks to BIC®, it is easy to recycle them for free, which helps to protect the environment.

Dilkes Academy are now a BIC® Community Champion (drop-off location), where everyone can come and drop their writing instruments to our collection point, during school hours, Mon - Fri, 9:00 - 3:15.

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Collect your used writing instruments

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We recycle  
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