

# Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils  
Friday 23rd March 2018



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Dear Parent/Carers,

Another busy week here at Dilkes Academy is over.

On Thursday, pupils across the school took part in the 'Speed Mark' penalty shootout, where pupils speed of shot were measured. This fundraising activity, led by Mr Henderson and Mr Lock, will help raise further funds to support with transport costs to sporting events and purchase more equipment for the PE department. Thank you to all for your support with this event.

Today pupils enjoyed a performance of Super Splash Heroes, sharing water wise tips with all pupils. Thanks to Essex and Suffolk water for funding this opportunity. Pupils gained an understanding of how much water that they use at home and school, and how much water is wasted.

We have had our Learning Review days this half term and your wonderful comments about the teachers and the school are much appreciated. The children are so proud to hear such positive praise coming from our parents. A copy of the survey results will be sent home today.

Best of luck today to pupils representing us in both the Boccia and KS1 football.

Have a restful weekend,  
Mr Latham  
Headteacher

## **BOOK BUS VISIT:**

We hope you all enjoyed the recent visit by the book bus. Through your purchases the school made a total of £110.25 which will be used to buy new books for our school library collection. Many thanks again for your support and happy reading!

## **BUILDING LEARNING POWERS:**

The focus for the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 is **Show Empathy**.

The focus for the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 is **Managing Your Emotions**.

## **CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS - MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018:**

The school photographer is coming in on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to take whole class photographs.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - FINAL WEEK:**

Please note that all after school clubs will finish **today**, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. The new offer of After School Clubs for the Summer term will be advertised when the children return to school after the Easter break. Please look out for the new club letters which will be sent home with the children and displayed on the school website.

## **BRONZE MERIT AWARDS:**

A number of children have achieved the Bronze Merit Award this week. They are;

RK - Austeja Repinskaite, Poppy Reed, Jaxon Beckley, Sofia Oprisor, Isaiah Obuba, Billy Nolan, Harley Kennedy and Ekam Dosanjh.

3A - Breeze Riley and Aimee Page.

3B - Nadia Pielarz

4N - Bethany Davies, Charlie Risk, Chloe O'Kane, Daniella Vladimirescu, Fola Olaniyan, Grace Peters and Phoebe Porter.

Well done to you all!

### NEXT WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS:

Year 1/2	What would the world be like if animals could talk?
Year 3/4	What would the world be like if people could fly?
Year 5/6	What would you do if you could become invisible?

### WELL DONE:

Aimee Page, 3A, completed her Stage 2 swimming.  
Chloe Page, 3B, completed her Stage 2 swimming.

### SCIENCE DAY - WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March is Dilkes Academy Science Day! The teachers have been busy planning wonderful and exciting investigations for the day. During the day children will be visiting different teachers to explore different science phenomena in fun and exciting ways. Mr Latham has also recruited staff members to help him during his assembly 'It's Not Magic, It's Science'.

In addition to this, we are fortunate to have duck eggs which arrived this week with most of them beginning to hatch. Next week the ducks will be visiting classes and children will have the opportunity to hold them!

### ATTENDANCE:

2L had the best attendance for the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> March with 100% attendance. Well done 2L!  
5R had the best attendance for the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> March with 100%. Well done to 5R!

### GIRLS DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM:

Congratulations to Emily D (Y6) who has been selected to represent the Thurrock Girls District Football Team this season in a few end of season prestigious tournaments. It was an extremely tough selection process with only 10 girls being selected from a trial session of over 30 girls who attended, but Emily, who also plays outside of school for St Cleres and indeed has played for the Girls team for the last two seasons impressed the coaches with her tough tackling and great attitude. We wish you well Emily!

### DILKES SPORTS UPDATE:

**SPORTS CAMP:** Due to the success of the Sports Camp held during the February half term we will be running two further days on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 9am to 4pm at a cost of £15 per day. Please contact the School Office for more details.

**SPEEDMARK:** Please be reminded that all collected monies from the Speedmark event on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March are to be handed into school by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at the latest. Thank you.



**EASTER CAKE  
THEME DAY  
& COMPETITION**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Chicken Nuggets  
Vegetarian Sausage Roll  
Jacket Potato with a choice of filling

Chips  
Baked Beans or Sweetcorn

Decorated Easter Cake

Stay for lunch during Easter Treat Week and be in with a chance of winning an **EASTER PRIZE!**  
**JUST LOOK OUT FOR THE STICKER ON YOUR PLATE!**

### **TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS - MESSAGE FROM MR CURTIS:**

Thank you to everyone who came along last Friday. I know that people found the session useful and were impressed by the Times Table Rock Stars program.

We are looking for all children to improve their speed and accuracy in times tables before the end of the Summer Term. To do this, we have set a plan of which tables you can focus on each week, by supporting your children using the suggestions in the Times Table Rock Stars Parent Handbook. The Times Tables page of the school website has all the information and resources for you to download.

### **Times Table Focus Weeks**

If you are following our plan to become a Times Table Rock Star these are the tables you should be focusing on.

Week beginning 19th March - 3, 4 & 5 times tables.

Week beginning 26th March - 3, 4 & 5 times tables.

Week beginning 2nd April - 6 times tables.

Week beginning 9th April - 7 times tables.

Week beginning 16th April - 6 & 7 times tables.



### **WORLD BOOK DAY - MESSAGE FROM MISS PATTERSON AND MISS OSBORNE:**

What a wonderful experience World Book Day was for us here at Dilkes! We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support and for the thought and effort that went into your children's costumes- they looked tremendous!

We kicked off the day with our reading breakfast, where both children and adults were able to share a story, eat together and take part in a 'guess who is coming to tea' reading themed activity where they had to correctly identify 15 book characters. Although we had many children who successfully solved the clues to name the character, we are pleased to announce that we have the following winners:

Sophia Collins - 1SR

Ella- Jane Cathro- 4KM

Naomi Gobekile - 5R

Jamie Davy - 6G

Throughout the day there were many other experiences for children linked to reading. Working with pupils in different year groups, children took part in 'buddy reading' time where they were able to share their favourite book and read to their peers. After school, for years 1-3, a very successful Bedtime Stories event was held. Parents, carers and their children, were given the opportunity to share stories with teachers from all across the school and this was followed with delicious hot chocolate and a biscuit.

On Monday, we had our first visit from the Book People Book Bus. This was very successful and we saw many children purchasing some of the most recent titles and popular books to read at home. Years R - 3 also had the opportunity to hear from a well-known YouTube blogger about his upcoming book and given the chance to purchase it!

We would like to again thank you for your continued support with reading, a crucial element to your child's learning. Embedding a love for reading continues to be high on our list of priorities for all children at Dilkes and we hope this range of events has helped to encourage your child.