



# Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils  
Friday 4th May 2018



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Dear Parent/Carers,

Firstly, well done to all those pupils who have received their spring term attendance awards. I was blown away by the sheer number of pupils who have achieved their silver award for 100% attendance in both the autumn and spring term. Thank you to parents/carers for your continued support in this area. Attending school is vital and we will value your excellent support in ensuring this happens.

This week the School Council and Eco Club carried out an inspection on their trees in our newly created Orchard alongside volunteers from Thames Chase. The new trees already have blossom and it is hoped that we will harvest fruit next year. We would like to thank Thames Chase and their volunteers for clearing our woodland area and adding shelters for wildlife. This now makes the woodlands more accessible for our pupils to learn.

Thank you also to the Bikeability team at Thurrock Council for supporting our pupils in Year 4 over 2 days of training. All pupils who took part managed to gain their level 1 award. We look forward to welcoming them back a little later in the term to work with our Year 6 pupils.

We hope that you have a lovely extended Bank Holiday weekend. Fingers crossed for some sun!

Mr Latham  
Headteacher

## ATTENDANCE:

The best classes for attendance over the past two weeks are;  
Week commencing 23rd April – 5R – 98.7% attendance  
Week commencing 30th April – 3A and 3B – 99.3% attendance each



## BUILDING LEARNING POWERS:

The focus for the week commencing 7th May is

**Perseverance**

The focus for the week commencing 14th May is

**Self Knowledge**

## THE BIG QUESTIONS:

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| Year 1 and 2 | How many ways can you make new friends?                                    |
| Year 3 and 4 | What do you think might happen if there were no police force and no rules? |
| Year 5 and 6 | If you could, would you like to live forever?                              |

## BRONZE MERIT AWARDS:

The following children who have achieved their Bronze Merit Awards;

RK—Emily Davison, Archie Chandler and Thomas Lewin

2L—Jacob Huxtable and Gabriella Vladimirescu

2E—Oreoluwa Adeola, Eliana Ihonor, Leon Porter, and Liliana Rychter

3A—Ava Francis, Jamie Gibbons, Aimee Page, Lily Rawe, Breeze Riley, Meredith Shaw and Jazmine West

Well done to you all.



### **ABSENCE REMINDER FOR PARENTS:**

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day, please notify their Class Teacher but also remember that you must provide evidence of the appointment (either a letter, text message, appointment card) to the School Office in order that the absence is authorised.

Thank you.

### **WELL DONE:**

Aimee Page, 3A and Chloe Page, 3B, both completed the Gung-Ho 5 K Inflatable Run on 21st April 2018.  
Well done to both of you!



### **SCHOOL DINNER—MENU CHANGE—TUESDAY 8th MAY 2018**

Please note that due to the Bank Holiday, the menu for Tuesday 8th May will be:

**Red band option** ~ Beef Burger in a bun

**Blue band option** ~ Quorn Burger in a bun

**Green band option** ~ Tomato and Vegetable Pasta Bake



### **FAMILY PICNIC DAY—FRIDAY 15th JUNE 2018:**

All parents/carers are invited to attend our Family Picnic on Friday 15th June from 12.00 to 1.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch along so that you are able to enjoy this event with your child. In the event of wet weather, we will hold the picnic indoors. Don't forget KS1 pupils who have not pre-ordered a lunch, will be required to bring in a packed lunch. KS2 pupils who have pre ordered a lunch should pay for this as normal on Monday 11th June at the usual price of **£2.10**. Any pupils who have not pre ordered a lunch should bring in a packed lunch from home as school dinners will not be available.

### **MAY HALF TERM KITE MAKING—COALHOUSE FORT- MONDAY 28th AND TUESDAY 29th MAY 2018.**

**10am-12noon & 1pm to 4pm:**

Turn up and make a kite in the park! Suggested age range: 3-16 years @ £3.50 per child, adults and under There's a kite crafting option for the under 5's.

There is no need to book in advance, just turn up any time and pay in the onsite café. Last tickets sold at 3.30pm.

### **NEW! NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY PARENT GUIDES:**

Does your child play Fornite Battle Royale, Minecraft or use Musical.ly? Do they use Snapchat or Yubo? If so, please check the E-safety section of the school website for guides for parents which may prove useful.



### **SCHOOL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PRACTITIONER VISIT**

KS1 were delighted to welcome Kerrie Willis, our school Health Improvement Practitioner, this week. Kerrie came along to talk to the children about how to look after their teeth and gave them lots of advice on how best to achieve a sparkly smile. Kerrie also talked to the children about the importance of going to the dentist, which I'm sure they delighted in telling you all about.



### **SUMMER FETE UPDATE Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 11-3pm**

Dilkes Academy and the Parent Partnership Team would like to thank all parents/carers and staff who have signed up to have the Estate Agents boards advertising our FETE in their front gardens. Each sign means a donation to the school and we thank Patterson Hawthorn for their help with this.

Everybody is invited to attend the FETE and we have plenty of fun and games planned, there will be a variety of displays and shows in the main arena and fantastic attractions such as donkey rides, a petting zoo, zorbing, mega inflatables, music, food & drink etc. etc.

We are also pleased to share that Year 5 and 6 pupils will be part of the opening ceremony with an Open Air Steel Pans performance, thank you to all the pupils who are participating in this.



Please tell all your family and friends about the FETE and come along and share in all the fun !



# SUMMER FETE

### **BRILLIANT CLUB LAUNCH**

During the glorious heatwave at the end of April, the Brilliant Club spent a day dipping their toes into university life at King's College London. Whilst there, the children met with their tutor to begin learning about philosophy in preparation for their essay on "What is fairness?" and explored the campus grounds with one of the university's Student Ambassadors. There were a number of other schools in attendance, all eager to find out as much as they could about higher education: subjects to study, societies to join and what daily life is like for a hard-working student.