



Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Friday 21st September 2018



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week comes to a blustery end here at Dilkes Academy. Clubs began this week and it's great to see that there are 393 attendees across 17 clubs before and after school. I would like to once again thank staff for giving up their time to deliver this invaluable enhancement to our curriculum.

Thank you to all those families who are using parentmail pay and are keeping their dinner money account in credit. If you should need any help with this, do drop in and chat to the office staff who will be more than happy to assist.

Finally, our reception pupils are getting excited about the new build in their area. As you can see from the pictures below we are entering the final stages and hope to move into the area at the end of next week.

Have a restful weekend,

Mr R Latham
Headteacher



THURROCK EDUCATION AWARDS 2018—THERE'S STILL TIME TO VOTE!

Has a member of staff gone the extra mile to support your child? If so you can nominate them for a Thurrock Education Award.

Dilkes Academy are pleased to be supporting the Thurrock Education Awards 2018.

These awards celebrate the talented and hardworking individuals and teams in education.

We are keen for colleagues, governors, parents, carers, students, volunteers and business partners to submit nominations for teaching and support staff who have gone the extra mile.

For more information on the categories and to submit your nominations, please go to thurrock.gov.uk/education-awards.

The deadline for nominations has been extended to Saturday 29th September 2018.

SCHOOL DINNER—BIG TREAT DAY—THURSDAY 4th OCTOBER 2018:

Please note that there will be a change to the school dinner menu on Thursday 4th October. The options are:

Red option - Pizza **Blue option** - Hot Dog **Green option** - Chicken Nuggets

Each served with curly fries, baked beans, sweetcorn and followed by a doughnut.

Pupils having the 'Big Treat' school dinner have the opportunity to win a goodie bag if they find a sticker on their plate.

WELL DONE:

Chloe Page, 4K and Aimee Page, 4M have both completed the 1.5km Nuclear Rookies Race on Saturday 8th September 2018. Well done to both girls.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING—FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER:

All parents/carers are invited to attend our fundraising coffee morning for MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT.

Please come along and support this fantastic charity and their great work.
The doors will open at 9am, everybody is welcome!

PUPIL CAKE SALE—FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER:

We are having a pupil cake sale to support MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT on Friday 28th September. All cakes will be priced at 20p each and all proceeds will go to MACMILLAN.

CAKE DONATIONS—FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER:

We would be **VERY** grateful for donations of cakes, pastries, biscuits and any other goodies for our Coffee Morning and Pupil Cake Sale to support MACMILLAN.

We cannot run this event without your help and support, so please donate if you can.

All donations should be delivered to the school office by 9am on Friday 28th September.

Thank you.



UPDATE FROM DILKES ACADEMY P.E. DEPARTMENT:

HIGH FIVE NETBALL RALLY—Well done to the Year 6 pupils who represented the school last week at the start of season high 5 netball rally. This was a wonderful opportunity for the boys and girls to learn a new game against other schools.

Pupils who participated were—Kailynn, Ellis, Katelynn, Tylar, Alicia, Fope and Jayden.

CATALYST CUP 2018/19—This cup competition is new addition to the sporting calendar for Dilkes Academy and its pupils this coming year. We will be competing in various sporting events that will involve KS1 and KS2 pupils who will represent the school against the other schools within our Catalyst Academies Trust group.

The first event in this programme is a Year 5 and 6 boys five a side football competition which is being held on Friday 28th September at Dilkes, starting at 4pm. This will be followed by a girls football event the following Friday (5th Oct) also at Dilkes.

We will keep you updated on the schools progress.



RECEPTION ADMISSIONS—SEPTEMBER 2019:

The 2019 Primary Admissions round is open from 1st November 2018 to 15th January 2019. It is recommended that parents apply online at www.thurrock.gov.uk/admissions.

Briefing sessions for parents will be held as follows:

Thursday 11th October 2018—Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, Essex, RM16 2JU

Session 1—4pm to 5.30pm, Session 2—7pm to 8.30pm

These briefing sessions will explain the admissions process and help parents maximise their chance of

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:

If your child was born between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008 you must apply for their secondary school place between 3rd September 2018 and 31st October 2018. You can apply online on the Thurrock Council website.