



Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Friday 5th October 2018



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy fortnight at Dilkes Academy with a range of curriculum enrichment opportunities already taking place across the school. Many thanks to those who were able to attend our KS1/KS2 reading workshops as well as our EYFS maths workshops. If you were unable to attend these, you can find the resources on our website under the tab parents & pupils - parent workshops.

Last week we said goodbye to Mrs Hall, who has worked at Dilkes Academy for 15 years and has made an impact to many of our pupils. We wish her well with her new career.

Reception building works have been completed over the weekend and pupils are enjoying the new space and having their playground space fully open. Over the half term holidays we will be continuing to modernise our reception outdoor area with a new shelter area being created to protect pupils from the elements.

This week the pupils were visited by Essex Fire Brigade, who delivered an assembly 'Sparks and Spooks' highlighting the need to stay safe during Bonfire Night and Halloween.

Today we host the 2nd Catalyst Cup event of the year, where our girls football team will be competing against Quarry Hill Academy, Benyon, Somers Heath and Aveyly. Best of luck to our girls.

Finally, we are pleased to share that we have been successful with our application for tickets to this year's ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 London on Friday 16th November 2018. We will be drawing our winners from our High Achievers in PE., please look out for further information nearer the time.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr R. Latham

HARVEST CELEBRATION/ASSEMBLY—THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER 2018

Our annual Harvest Celebration is on Thursday 18th October 2018.

At Harvest time we emphasise saying thank you for our fantastic food, health and wellbeing. We also emphasise caring for others and sharing. The school has selected the Thurrock Food Bank as our targeted charity and we will be collecting food donations from 1st October 2018. Please see the list of suggested items below:

Long life milk, tinned meat/fish, sugar, tinned fruit. Long life cartons of fruit juice, pasta sauces, tinned sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, cereals, tinned rice pudding, instant mash potato, jam, biscuits or snack bars, tinned vegetables, rice, tea/coffee, chocolate.

Please bring your donations into the school office.

ICT CHAIRS FOR SALE:

We have recently replaced the chairs in the ICT suite and are therefore selling the old ones for £5 each.

As the school is now cashless, should you wish to purchase a chair this would have to be done via Parent Pay.

If you are interested in purchasing a chair and have any queries, please contact the school office.



CANCER RESEARCH COLLECTION TUBES:

A massive thankyou to all the families at Dilkes Academy for taking part in the fundraising for Cancer Research UK. With your outstanding generosity you have aided in raising £836.65. This money will have a huge impact on supporting the lives of those with cancer and funding vital research. I am genuinely so grateful for your support and could not be prouder of the children and families of Dilkes Academy. Miss Ransom

MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING—28TH SEPTEMBER 2018:

We are happy to announce that our Macmillan fundraising this year raised a grand total of £255.

The school is very grateful to all those who attended and donated cakes, biscuits etc. and many thanks goes to the PPT who worked hard to organise this event.

The logo for Macmillan Cancer Support, featuring the word 'MACMILLAN.' in a large, bold, green sans-serif font, with 'CANCER SUPPORT' in a smaller, bold, green sans-serif font directly below it.

UPDATE FROM DILKES ACADEMY P.E. DEPARTMENT:

SAINSBURYS GAMES GOLD MARK AWARD:

Dilkes Academy has been awarded the Gold Mark award for the schools commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2017-18. We would like to thank all the pupils for their positive attitude towards PE and Inter Sport and look forward to a sporting, healthy and active year at Dilkes Academy for 2018-19.

THURROCK SSP TABLE TENNIS EVENT:

Congratulations to both teams who participated at the Thurrock SSP Yr 5/6 Table Tennis event held on 21st September 2018 at William Edwards School.

Both teams of pupils performed very well. The B Team finished second in their group and the A team finished top of theirs and proceeded into the Finals. The final was a round robin competition with two other schools and the A team ended up in the Silver medal position.

Well done to both teams who not only played to a high level but their behaviour was exemplary.

The pupils involved were;

Emily D, Jemma J, Millie C, Ayomikun S, Jack C, Jayden K, Titomi O, Tylar W

BOYS FOOTBALL—CATALYST CUP

The first Catalyst Cup event took place at Dilkes last Friday, with Quarry Hill coming out on top of the Boys Y5/6 Football competition, winning all of their 4 matches. The tournament was played to a high standard, with all the goalkeepers excelling for their schools and the behaviour by all was exemplary.

GIRLS FOOTBALL—CATALYST CUP

The girls have their own football event this Friday, 5th October, 4pm to 5.20pm at Dilkes Academy. All are welcome to stay and watch and we're sure that all the players will have a great time representing their schools in a competitive but friendly competition. Good luck girls.

Year 5/6 AG RUGBY—FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER 2018

The Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team will be representing Dilkes at the Thurrock SSP event at William Edwards against twelve other schools in which is always, an exciting fast paced competition. We wish them well.

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 receiving an offer at one of their preferred schools.

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.