



Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Friday 11th January 2019



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you all had a restful break and are ready for the term ahead.

This week all year groups have sent home their Curriculum Information Letters which outlines what pupils will be learning in each group over the spring term. This letter also details days when PE lessons take place as well as information about homework and upcoming trips or local visits.

Thank you for your prompt response with our extra curricular activities covering before and after school. We have had a great uptake as always and I would like to thank staff who go above and beyond to run these clubs free of charge. Pupils have received their confirmation slips in their book bags.

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Mr R. Latham
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE:

The classes with the best attendance for the week of 4th January were **5R and 3N both with 100%**.
The class with the best attendance for the week of 11th January was **2NS with 99.4%**.

BUILDING LEARNING POWERS:

The Building learning power for the week commencing 14th January is:

'Managing Distractions'

The Building Learning Power for the week commencing 21st January is:

'Show Empathy'

BIG QUESTION:

Year 1—What would happen if there were no teachers at school?

Year 2—Which is better—watching films or watching TV?

Year 3—What is the best part of the day?

Year 4—If you could climb a ladder to the clouds, what would be up there?

Year 5—What would you do if you became invisible?

Year 6—Why are some countries hot and others cold?

IMMUNISATIONS:

I am pleased to announce that Dilkes Academy had the highest percentage of flu vaccinations given to children, than any other school in Thurrock.

The vaccination programme is in place to help protect children and prevent the spread of flu to friends and family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Dilkes staff, Parents and Carers for helping to make the immunisation programme such a success at Dilkes Academy.

SPECIAL DESSERT DAY— THURSDAY JANUARY 17th 2019

Children having lunch on Thursday 17th January will enjoy a specially decorated cake for dessert. All lunches should be paid for in advance via ParentPay.

BAG2SCHOOL:

We are pleased to announce that the Eco Warriors have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the school as well as helping the environment by diverting unwanted textiles away from landfill. Bag2School will be collecting from us on 28th January 2019. Collection bags have been handed out to all pupils this week and should be handed back to the school office by 3.30pm on 25th January 2019.

MERIT AWARDS:

The following children have achieved their bronze merit award;

Chloe—6G, Charley—6G, Kailynn—6G, Mahwash—6G and Gemma—6G



ANGLO-SAXON INVADES DILKES ACADEMY

The children in Year 4 went back in time on Thursday 10th January 2019, to find out what life was like back in the Anglo-Saxon Era. Looking like true Saxons, the children found out what feasts were like and what an evening of entertainment meant when there was no electricity! They played board games and were hooked as they listened to the story of mythical legend Beowulf. Handling helmets and armour, they eagerly looked on to see what weapons warriors used in battle. We would like to thank all parents and carers for their effort on the costumes - the children looked incredible!