



Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Friday 25th January 2019



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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy two weeks we have had! There have been a number of sporting events taking place, the school council have visited the Houses of Parliament and the Reception and Year 1 classes have visited the local library.

Our after school clubs are now underway with over 450 spaces being allocated to children across the school. With the possibility of more wintery weather in the next few weeks please be reminded to send your child to school dressed appropriately as, wherever possible, the children will still be outside at break times and for PE lessons. The school will aim to stay open in the event of bad weather but, if the decision to close has to be taken this will be with as much notice as possible and will be communicated to parents/carers via the school's twitter account, website and by text.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr R. Latham

Headteacher

ATTENDANCE:

The classes with the best attendance over the past two weeks are;

	Week of 14/1	Week of 21/1
KS1	1O 100%	RP & 2NS 98.7%
KS2	3N 98.7%	3G 99.3%

Whole school attendance for the for school year to date is **96%** which falls slightly short of our school target of 97%. We will be holding a celebration for the highest attending classes in KS1 and KS2 at the end of the school year. So far in the lead are, 2E with 97.6% and 3N with 97.9 attendance.

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 the world be like if people could fly?

Year 2—If you had to go on a journey to the moon which two story characters would you choose to go with and why?

Year 3—If you could shrink to the size of a

peppercorn, what would you do and where would you go?

Year 4—If you met a cave man what would you ask him?

Year 5—If the answer is sky, what is the question?

Year 6—If you could visit a time in history

BAD WEATHER PROCEDURES:

We wanted to remind you all about the procedures in the event of very bad weather conditions this winter. The school will aim to open as usual, however, if the weather is so severe as to affect staff travelling to work, resulting in insufficient number of teachers to teach the children, the school may have to be closed. Where possible the decision will be made the day before; where this is not possible the decision will be made before 8.00am on the day of closure. If the decision to close the school is made, parents/carers and staff will be contacted by text. If you do not have a mobile telephone you may need to "buddy" up with another parent.

DILKES ACADEMY NURSERY—LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE:

Please note we have limited spaces available in our afternoon Nursery for children from the age of 3 years.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMME:

Our school has joined the Government's National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP), which is being delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast.

As a NSBP School we are pleased to offer a healthy school breakfast, available to all, and enjoy the benefits that brings, with children settled and ready to learn at the start of the school day.

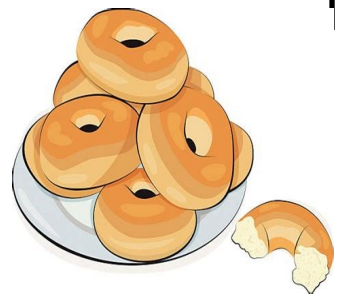
During our first week we would like to invite parents/carers to join their child and sample the fresh bagels and cereal. Wait at the classroom entrance as normal and you will be invited in.

Monday 11th February - Reception and Year 1 parents/carers

Tuesday 12th February - Year 2 and 3 parents/carers

Wednesday 13th February - Year 4 and 5 parents/carers

Thursday 14th February - Year 6 parents/carers



MERIT AWARDS:

The following children have achieved their bronze merit award;

Adele—6G, Grace—2E, Olivia- 2E, Callum—RP



WELL DONE:

Sophia—2NS, achieved one 2nd place and three 1st places in a recent dancing competition. at life was like

GETTING BACK TO WORK—THURROCK COUNCIL SCHEME

Thurrock Council has launched a new campaign, highlighting the fantastic help and support available to help people find work.

Whether it be rediscovering your confidence ready for interviews, help writing a CV, getting the skills and qualifications you need, or finding support with childcare, there is some excellent support right here in Thurrock.

Securing a job can not only help financially, but also have a positive impact on your health and wellbeing, as well as your children's education and their own future careers.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP TEAM:

Please see below our PPT events for this half term - please look out for the yellow PPT letters.

4th February—Safety for Parent/Carers . Cinema evening for pupils

7th February—School Disco. Y1,2,3-4 to 5pm. Y4,5,6—530-630pm.

12th February—Fund raising coffee morning, in aid of the National Autistic Society

14th February—Fund raising pupil fruit sale, in aid of the National Autistic Society

7th March—World Book Day

28th March—Mother's Day Shop

READING BREAKFAST

Thank you to all those who attended our Reading Breakfast this week. A great time was had by all and the PPT did a great job in organising and running this event.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Please come along to our regular Tuesday Coffee Mornings 9 - 10am. Free tea /coffee/ soft drinks and biscuits available. All younger siblings welcomed. See you there !

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY.

We are pleased to announce that our Christmas Jumper fundraising day for Save the Children raised a grand total of £123.20p. Thank you to all those who generously participated.

POPPY APPEAL

We have received confirmation that the total amount raised for the Royal British Legion through School Council sale of Poppies and other commemorative items is **£1305.66** This fantastic charity does great work supporting the families of servicemen and women injured or killed whilst serving in our armed forces.

DILKES ACADEMY SPORTS UPDATE:

Badminton Year 5 and 6, Thurrock SSP, Friday 11th January 2019

Well done to our two teams that competed in the recent Badminton Thurrock SSP competition.

Playing 4 matches against other schools in their groups, the pupils acquitted themselves well and showed that all their practice at lunchtimes had helped them improve in a short period of time.

Congratulations to the A team, who battled through to the play off matches and finished in 5th position, whilst the B squad played to a high standard and impressed with their positive attitude towards the event

Dilkes A

Ellis W, Daniel N, Matthew F, Erin D-G & Kiona G,

Dilkes B

Harry F, Frankie S, Adaora O, Emily D & Jemma J

Girls Football v Tudor Court, Friday 18th January 2019

Both the A and B teams played with the A team losing 4-1 and the B team drawing 2-2.

Sportshall Athletics, Year 3 and 4, Friday 25th January 2019

The squad has been chosen for this fantastic event and the boys and girls have been working hard at lunchtime to be ready for indoor event against 20 other schools from Thurrock, in which we know will be fiercely competitive but one of the best events in the schools sporting calendar.

ONLINE SAFETY EVENING - 5:30pm, 4th FEBRUARY 2019:

On Monday 4th February, we will be hosting an online safety presentation for parents hosted by 2 former police officers who specialise in online safety. They give a strong message but they also offer practical advice for dealing with the issues presented to our children by the online world. Feedback from parents at other schools is that this is something that should not be missed.

The PPT will be hosting a FREE cinema evening for children which will run alongside the online safety presentation so that as many parents/carers can attend the presentation.

Please complete and return the reply slip sent home to book your space.

SCHOOL COUNCIL TRIP TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT:

On Friday 18th January some of our School Council members learnt about democracy and representation at the Houses of Parliament.

This included a tour of the Palace of Westminster, visiting both the House of Lords and the House of Commons, as well as an interactive workshop teaching the children how the UK voting system works.

This was an enjoyable and informative trip and the children were very well behaved, representing Dilkes Academy brilliantly.

