



Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Friday 22nd March 2019



Join us on Twitter for the latest news @DilkesAcademy or visit our website at
www.dilkesacademy.org.uk

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, may I congratulate our choir on a wonderful performance last night at the Towngate Theatre. Standing side stage observing them perform with such great confidence, made me extremely proud. Every single one of our pupils represented the school well, with immaculate behaviour and a performance where they gave it their all.

Well done to Year 3 with their perseverance having moved out of their classrooms to the demountable while essential heating replacement works took place. Year 6 are the next classes to have worked carried out and we will notify parents/carers in due course with dates for their relocation.

Staff at the school would like to thank you for your kind words during our recent parent consultations. These positive comments reflect the hard work of all staff at the school. A separate letter will be sent out with the overall feedback via parentmail.

Hopefully you are able to join our coffee morning next Tuesday, where we will be going through the FREE Safer Schools APP.

We will have a photographer in school on Tuesday to take class, team and year 6 leaver photographs. Please could you ensure that children are looking their smartest and are wearing correct school uniform. Have a well-earned rest this weekend,

Mr R. Latham
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE:

The classes with the highest attendance the week commencing 11th March were 2E and 2NS both with 100%. Well done Year 2!

The class with the highest attendance the week commencing 18th March is 6S with 100%. Well done 6S!
Whole school attendance for the last two weeks is 97.7% which is slightly above our school target.

BUILDING LEARNING POWER:

The building learning power for the week commencing 25th March is:

'Managing Distractions'

The building learning power for the week commencing 1st April is:

'Show Empathy'

BIG QUESTION:

Year 1—What is friendship?

Year 2—If you could be any animal, what would you choose to be?

Year 3—What do you think being brave means?

Year 4—What are the worst tastes you can imagine?

Year 5—Make a list of 10 things to do on holiday and rank them in order of importance.

Year 6—The answer is always..... What could the question be?



PARENT PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

MOTHERS DAY SHOP—THURSDAY 28th MARCH

Please note that our fantastic MOTHER'S DAY SHOP is back on Thursday 28th March. There will be some lovely gifts for those special Mums, Grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters etc.

All gifts will be priced at £1 and excess gifts will be sold at the end of the day.

NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY—FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all those who have supported our recent fundraising coffee morning and pupil fruit sale in aid of the Thurrock branch of the National Autistic Society. We are very glad to report that the grand total raised was **£156.60**.

Thank you to the PPR who helped with the fundraising.

FREE SAFER SCHOOLS APP COFFEE MORNING—TUESDAY 26th MARCH

There will be a special Coffee Morning on Tuesday 26th March for all parents/carers to introduce the FREE Safer Schools App. Please come along to this event and learn how to keep children safe online. The coffee morning will start at 9am and we look forward to seeing you there.

MERIT AWARDS:

The following children have achieved their merit awards;

Silver— Jemma Johnson, 6G



SING FOR ST LUKES HOSPICE—THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2019:

On Thursday 21st March, the Dilkes Academy Choir took part in the first ever Sing For St. Luke's Event at Towngate Theatre in Basildon. All of the children have worked so hard giving up their lunchtimes for rehearsals for several weeks. We were so proud of the children's behaviour and their beautiful singing on the night (which you can see on our Twitter page!). We helped raise over £4500 for a fantastic cause. We'd like to thank all the friends and family members who came to support the children on the night - they felt like superstars!

SCHOOL CAR PARK ENTRANCE:

Please be reminded that parents/carers are not to park in the entrance to the school carpark as this also acts as the school emergency entrance point. Also, this causes significant congestion for parents/carers who are having to cross in between cars in order to access the main path. We have passed our concerns onto the local traffic management department and they have asked us to share CCTV footage of our concerns.

FOCUS ON HEALTHY EATING TASTY TREATS—TACC WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES:

Enrol now for family fun for a fiver at the Tasty Treats workshop at Thurrock Adult Community College. Explore new foods and recipes to encourage healthy eating and boost family wellbeing with recipes that will include noodle salad jars, tabbouleh and more...

Please enrol by Friday 22nd March 2019.

Tasty Treats for Families

Saturday cookery fun



Quality time with your family

Have fun following simple recipes together using healthy ingredients to boost your wellbeing on this fun Saturday workshop.

Aimed at parents and carers with children aged 5-12.

Booking essential
Call 01375 372476

When?
Saturday 30 March
10.30am to 12.30pm

Price?
£5 per family
(1 adult to work with a maximum of 2 children please – why not enrol with a friend or relative?!)

Where?
TACC, Richmond Road
Grays, RM17 6DN



Thurrock Adult Community College

CHILDHOOD FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME:

The local NHS Immunisation Team have written to the school regarding our participation in the immunisation programme in December 2018. The overall participation rate for Thurrock Schools was 57.7% and the participation rate for Dilkes Academy was 78.5%. Thank you for your support with this.

	Your school uptake 2018	Thurrock localities uptake range	Locality uptake average (mean)	
We	78.5%	30.3%- 78.5%	57.7%	are

pleased to share that we will be repeating the immunisation programme this coming December. Please look out for information nearer the time.

DILKES ACADEMY PE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

St Clere's Football Festival

Both the KS1 Boys & Girls teams took part in a football festival at St Cleres this week and performed to a very high standard and had lots of fun whilst competing against other schools.

KS1 Sportshall

KS1 Sportshall team finished in 2nd place overall at Hornchurch sports centre. Well done to the squad of 12 pupils.

This means that we have finished no lower than in 5th position in all 3 sportshall comps this school year, very impressive.

Year 5 and 6 Table Tennis

Year 5 and 6 Table Tennis team are competing tonight in the Catalyst Cup. Keep an eye out for an update later this evening via twitter.

Upcoming Netball Fixtures

The Netball squads have 3 league matches next week and 3 the week after. Twitter updates will follow soon.

Year 4 Sporty Readers Club

Well done to our Year 4 sporty readers club that completed the 10 weekly sessions with a final opportunity to take part in an archery session. We hope the year 4 boys enjoyed it and look forward to inviting some more pupils to attend in the summer term.

