



Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Thursday 4th April 2019



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another fantastic term has flown by and we would like to once again thank you for all your support, as highlighted in our recent Parent Questionnaires and in the attendance at the Easter Services and at the PLC Celebration Event.

A huge well done to all those parents and carers who fully supported our recent Easter celebrations at All Saints Church. The pupils' bonnets looked fantastic and the hard work put in by parents/carers and pupils was obvious. All winners were presented with an Easter Egg today in assembly.

Some parents will be receiving letters today celebrating our Building Learning Power champions and Golden Writers. These will be showcased on our School Honours Wall in the main entrance and dining hall. Please celebrate this achievement with your child/children over the school holidays.

Please look out for our Summer Term Program which will be sent out via Parentmail. The Summer Term is packed full of exciting activities.

Thanks again to the PPT for all their hard work and we hope the children enjoy their Easter gifts.

We hope you have a restful Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 23rd April.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr R. Latham
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE:

The classes with the highest attendance the week commencing 25th March were 2E and 6S both with 99.3%.

The class with the highest attendance the week commencing 1st April is 4K with 100%. Well done 4K!

Whole school attendance for the last two weeks is 96.5% which is slightly below our school target of 97%.

BUILDING LEARNING POWER:

The building learning power for the week commencing 22nd April is:

'Managing Your Emotions'

The building learning power for the week commencing 29th April is:

'Asking Questions'

BIG QUESTION:

Year 1—What would be different if television had never been invented?

Year 2—Would you vote for 2 Saturdays or 2 Sundays?

Year 3—Think of all the different possible uses for a piece of string?

Year 4—How would you describe an elephant to someone who has never seen one?

Year 5—Why are friends important?

Year 6—What do you think is the best age to be and why?



PARENT PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

The PPT is a small group of parents/carers who support the school and its pupils by organising events which raise money for the school. If you would like to be kept up to date with planned events and receive the PPT emails, then please contact Mrs Ridgewell.

Please see our upcoming events below;

Thursday 23rd May	School Disco
Thursday 13th June	Father's Day Shop

We shall also be providing a refreshments stall during Dilkes Sports Week and we are exploring a summer afternoon event.

Thank you to the PPT volunteers who have worked so hard this year so far. Dilkes Academy would not be the fantastic school it is without you all.

Coffee Mornings - Tuesdays 9-10am

Please come along to our regular Tuesday Coffee Morning 9-10am. Free hot drinks, biscuits and squash are available and all younger siblings are welcome. Please note that the first Coffee Morning next term will be Tuesday 30th April 2019.



MERIT AWARDS:

The following children have achieved their merit awards;

Bronze—Bobby—2E, Jack—2E, Junior—2E, Fay—2E, Mya—2E.

Silver— Ololade—6G, Adele—6G



NEW MENU AND PRICE FOR SCHOOL DINNERS:

From Tuesday 23rd April 2019 the cost of a school dinner will rise to £2.20 (dinner remains free of charge to KS1 children). Dinners should be paid for, in advance, on Parentmail Pay.

There will also be a new menu in place when the children return from the holidays. This menu can be viewed on the school website under the parents page.



WELL DONE:

Jake, 4M got Man of the Match on Sunday 24th March 2019 in his game for Canvey Island Youth U9's against Blue Lions. Well done Jake.

EASTER BONNET PARADE AND CHURCH SERVICES:

This week children in Reception to Year 6 celebrated Easter with a service at All Saints Parish Church where they were greeted by Father Peter and our parents and carers. Looking incredible in their Easter Bonnets, the children performed a variety of Easter songs, poems, stories and some even showcasing their musical talents by playing instruments! As result of the success, we look forward to making this a Dilkes tradition in the forthcoming year! We would like to thank the parents and carers who clearly spent a lot of time and work in helping your children to make the bonnets. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed!



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TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS:

Once again a highly competitive Battle of the Bands took place throughout the school with pupils in Years 2 to 6 showcasing their TTRockstars skills but only certain teams could prevail. Congratulations to the Year 2 boys; to Year 4; to the Year 5 boys; and the Year 6 girls! Your prize awaits your return to school in the summer term. MVP certificates have also been handed out so look out for those names on our Twitter page. As usual, the coveted VIP passes are up for grabs again with our half-term competition. The aim: earn as many coins on TTRockstars as humanly possible! Updates will be given throughout the holidays and winners announced on return.



WATER WARRIORS:

Thank you to all the staff and children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, for their help with our latest Mission, "Water Warriors".

Kerrie Willis, our School Health Improvement Practitioner, asked the children to drink at least one extra cup of water a day and mark on their mission chart if they had. Kerrie explained to the children all the benefits of drinking water and how good it is for all of us. It is recommended that children drink at least 5-7 cups of water per day.

The Mission coincides with the Chang4Life sugar swaps campaign helping families cut back on sugar.

Kerrie held an assembly to announce that 1S, Miss Storr's class, were the overall winners of our "Water Warriors" Mission by consuming the most amount of cups of water over the two-week mission.

Well done to all the children who took part and look out for our Summer Mission coming soon.