



Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Friday 10th May 2019



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to share that through a range of PPT events, the school has raised funds for an Automated External Defibrillator. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support during these PPT events.

Last week, the Travelling Book Fair visited the school and we raised £453 which has been used to enhance the school library. Our school Reading Ambassadors selected a vast range of books which are now available to loan from the library.

A huge congratulations to our gymnastics teams who competed last week. Well done to KS1 who came 2nd and to KS2 who came 4th.

Finally, next week is the beginning of Year 6 SATs. We know that you and your teachers will have been working really hard over the last few months to get ready for them. Good luck we believe in you! Give it your best shot! Don't forget to come to school for breakfast at 8.00am on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr R. Latham

ATTENDANCE:

The week commencing 29th April the class with the best attendance was 2NS with 100%. Well done 2NS!

The week commencing 6th May the class with the best attendance was 2E with 100%. Well done to 2E!

Whole school attendance for this week is 96.6% which is just below our school target of 97%.

BUILDING LEARNING POWER:

The building learning power for the week commencing 13th May is:

'Perseverance'

The building learning power for the week commencing 20th May is:

'Self-Knowledge'

BIG QUESTION:

Year 1—How many ways can you make new friends?

Year 2—You have the chance to be an adult for a day. What would you do? Why?

Year 3—How do we decide what is right and what is wrong?

Year 4—Is it ok to keep animals in zoos?

Year 5—Is it more important to be respected or liked?

Year 6—Does having more things make us happy?



FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE COMPETITION:

To celebrate our festival of science we are launching Dilkes Academy's first ever science project competition - the Marble Run! We are challenging pupils to make a marble run which keeps a marble in continuous motion for the longest time possible. We have been extremely fortunate to receive some amazing prizes for the winners. Winners will be judged during our Festival of Science on 13th and 14th June. Competition posters have been sent via parentmail and are displayed in classrooms.

YEAR 2 TRIP TO COLCHESTER ZOO:

This week year 2 visited Colchester Zoo to help with their science and English topics. Despite the dreary weather, the children had a fantastic time. They saw many different types of animals, learnt interesting facts and discussed the types of habitats that they live in. We also had a special workshop focusing on the fennec fox and learnt about what habitat they are found in and why. The children also fed the giraffes! All children on the trip represented Dilkes fantastically. The Year 2 Team would also like to thank all parents and carers who helped.

SCHOOL DINNER THEME DAYS:

Thursday 16th May is Census Treat Day. All children having a school dinner will be able to enjoy a dessert of Dinky Donuts in place of the advertised dessert.

Thursday 23rd May is Favourite Character Theme Day and in a change to the usual menu the dinner options will be;

Dr Seuss Meatballs and Pasta

Spongebob Fish Goujons

Captain America Hot Dog

Served with Meg and Mog Curly Fries, Peppa Pig Sweetcorn Bobettes, Little Miss and Mr Men Fresh Broccoli and Gruffalo's Choco Muffin Cake

Please remind your child/ren to collect their Theme Day stamp in order to be in with a chance of winning a bike or scooter.

11+ ENTRY:

If you are interested in your child taking the 11+ exam, the exam will take place on Saturday 21st September 2019. Registration commences on 14th May 2019 and closes on 1st July 2019.

There is a link below with further information and a link to the CSSE website.

11 + 2020 Entry

<http://www.csse.org.uk>

MERIT AWARDS:

The following children have received their merit awards:

Bronze: Grace, Timi, Lacey, Noah, Ginelle, Faizan—2E. Logan and Mason—3N, Anthony and Adaora—6G

Gold: Christopher and Alex—6G, Emily and Ellis—6S



A POLITE REMINDER REGARDING DOGS AT THE SCHOOL GATE:

Dogs, other than guide dogs, are not allowed on school premises. Please can we politely ask that if you are bringing your dog/s with you when dropping or collecting your children from school, that you stand well clear of the school entrance.

NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN COMPETITION FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY:

Win £5,000 for our school's library! Nominate Dilkes Academy to win and you could take home £100 of National Book Tokens just for you! <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Day	Date	Event
Monday	13 th May	SATs Week Year 6 English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday	14 th May	Year 6 SATs English Reading
Wednesday	15 th May	Year 6 SATs Mathematics papers 1 and 2 Year 3 trip to Hadleigh Park
Thursday	16 th May	Year 6 SATs Mathematics paper 3 Year 2 SATs begin (Arithmetic) Interim Assessments Y1,3,4 & 5 begin today
Friday	17 th May	Year 2 SATS (Reading 1) KS1 Borough Olympics
Monday	20 th May	Year 2 SATS (Reading 2) Whole school art project Kwik Cricket Y5/6 Girls 10-15:30
Tuesday	21 st May	Year 2 SATS (Reasoning and GPS) KS1 Badminton 12-15:00 Whole school art project
Wednesday	22 nd May	Whole school art project Y6 PGL Parent Information Session 17:30
Thursday	23 rd May	Whole school art project Kwik Cricket 10-16:30
Friday	24 th May	Last day for pupils Year 6 RAF Museum visit Year 4 Tower of London visit Year 3/4 Tag Rugby 12-16:00