

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th November 2021



**DUDLEY**  
INFANT  
ACADEMY

## DUDLEY NEWS



### WELCOME TO TERM 2

Welcome back to a new term at Dudley. We hope you have all had a good half term break. It has been lovely to see the children back in school this week and we look forward to the adventures that Term 2 has in store.

### PROSPECTIVE PARENT VISITS

The Academy will be holding its open days for prospective parents on Tuesday 23rd November and Thursday 25th November at 10am and on Wednesday 24th November at 6.30pm. If you or a friend have a child due to start next September then please visit the Academy website to register your interest.

<https://www.dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk/>

### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance policy has recently been updated. The new policy can be found on our website and we would encourage you to take a few moments to look at this. <https://www.dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk/key-policies/our-policies>

### POPPY APPEAL

Dudley will be supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies will be available on the playground, with a donation box, from Monday 8th November.

### POD - JAR MUFTI DAY

Friday 12th November is a Mufti day at Dudley. Parents of Dudley (POD) are asking that in return for children wearing mufti to school, they donate a filled jar for the Jar stall at the Christmas Fayre. You may want to buy a jar of jam, chutney, pickle or fill an empty jar with items of your own choosing. This could be sweets, crayons, hair accessories, toy cars, candles, herbs, spices, rice, oats (the list is endless!) Please bring your filled jar into school on Friday 12th November and members of POD will be available in the playground to collect them. Thank you.



### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

It may be the start of Term 2, but we are already planning our Christmas activities and events. We know that this is always a busy time for families, so as soon as dates and details are finalised we will publish details on the newsletter to help you with your planning.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th November. Please see the final page of today's newsletter for further details.

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2021 - ODD SOCKS DAY

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and this year it's taking place on Monday 15th November. Children may wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique, helping us to spread kindness and respect. This is a great opportunity for children to express their individuality!



### DUDLEY SCIENCE DAY

It has been an exciting Science Day here at Dudley. The theme of the day was Whizz, Pop, Bang, perfect for the 5th November! Children thoroughly enjoyed making and launching rockets, creating lava lamps and experimenting with different forces. We do hope you enjoy looking at some of our photographs from the day on the next page of the newsletter. We also launched our Dudley Super Scientist Bags. Each week, someone in the class will take the bag home, full of lots of ideas children can do to be a Super Scientist at home! Most of the things children can do are all in your kitchen cupboards or in the outside environment. Inside the bag, there are also animal and plant hunts which children can do in your garden, park or local beach. We have included a magnifying glass and a Science book for children to record their ideas, pictures or photos. We can't wait to find out what the children discover.



### OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Here at Dudley, we are incredibly proud of our Year 2 pupil, Kobi. He kindly volunteered to support Dom's Food Mission, a local charity aiming to help feed less fortunate people and to make an impact on food waste. In today's assembly, Kobi explained to the children of Dudley, how he had helped the charity and earned his well deserved Dom's Food Mission badge. Well done Kobi, what a great example of community spirit. You have certainly upheld our PDA values. If you would like to share any photos or information about how your child has supported the local community in some way, please send them to your child's class teacher. We love to celebrate children's achievements outside of our academy too.



### BLOOM OPERA SUPERSTARS

We would all like to say a big well done to our Year 2 pupils, Scarlett, Juniper, Evie, Lexi and Elsabee who starred in their first opera in October! The girls attended several long rehearsals and participated in three performances over the week-end. This is a great achievement and we are very proud of you all for representing Dudley on the stage!





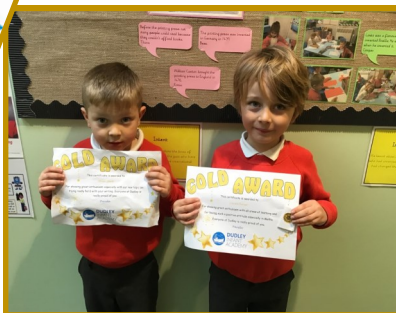
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## DUDLEY SCIENCE DAY





## GOLD AWARDS



### DUDLEY DATES

**2021/2022**

Term 2: Monday 1st Nov - Thursday 16th Dec

Fri 12th Nov - Jar Mufti

Fri 3rd Dec - Chocolate Mufti

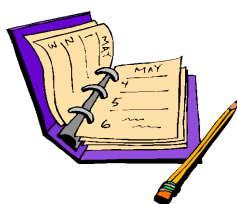
Mon 15th Nov - Book Fair

Sat 11th Dec - Christmas Fayre

INSET DAY - Friday 17th Dec

Term 3: Tuesday 4th January - Friday 11th February

**More Christmas Dates to follow soon!**



### NSPCC SPEAK OUT. STAY SAFE PROGRAMME

We are pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. Please see the letter attached to today's newsletter for more information. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs Luke via the academy office.



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**It has been a great start to Term 2. The children have returned with such a positive attitude towards their learning and it has been a pleasure to see the children proudly wearing their PDA badges.**

**Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the fireworks.**

**Mr Maclean, Mrs Luke & The Dudley Team**

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Dear Parents and Carers,

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During term 2 of an academic year, we usually hold our first parent/carer consultation meetings with the class teachers. During the last academic year, we undertook these conversations via telephone calls due to the pandemic. However, we have more flexibility with how we can arrange these for this year and the information below sets out details of how we will be organising them.

During week commencing 15th November 2021, we are inviting parents/carers to attend face to face meetings with teachers (in the academy) on the following dates and times.

- Tuesday 16th November 2021 - 3.15pm until 5.45pm
- Thursday 18th November 2021 - 4.15pm until 6.45pm

*Face masks may be worn during the meeting at your discretion.*

### How do I book a meeting time?

From Monday 8th November, there will be sign-up sheets for each class available on the playground. You will have the opportunity to select a meeting time on either the Tuesday or Thursday or indicate if you would like a telephone call instead. Parents and carers who have not signed up to either a face to face meeting or a telephone call will be contacted by a staff member from the academy office on Monday 15th November as a reminder.

We are very much looking forward to inviting parents and carers back into the school building and continuing to rebuild our community engagement following the past two years of disruption.

Thank you.

Mr Maclean