

NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th March 2022

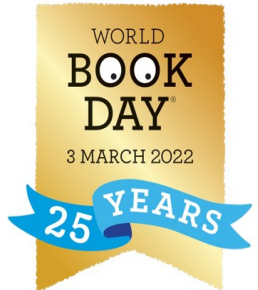


DUDLEY NEWS



WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

It has been a great week here at Dudley and we have all thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. At the start of the week, we were lucky to have a visit and workshop delivered by Ed Boxhall and are looking forward to the next two sessions with our Year 1 and Year 2 children. We have had some phenomenal entries to our Dudley Potato competition and there were certainly some imaginative and unique creations this year. It was incredibly difficult to judge a winner from each year group and we would like to say a big thank you for supporting this event. We have also received some hilarious extreme reading entries too and we would like to thank you for sharing these with us. Finally, it has been a delight to see the children and staff dressed as their favourite book characters! Please take a look at the photographs taken this week featured in today's newsletter. You can also watch this year's official World Book Day video and song written by MC Grammar! You can visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/mc-grammar-2022>. It really is so important to foster a love of reading, something which we strive to do daily here at Dudley. We believe that reading is such an important tool for children to understand the world around them, learn new things, get to know new places and develop their imagination. It has been a wonderful opportunity this week to promote a love of reading and so, once again, thank you for supporting our academy.



BOOK FAYRE

Claire will be here on TUESDAY 8TH MARCH with the book fayre running from 3.10pm to 4pm. Please do try and spare a few minutes to look at the wonderful books on offer. World Book Day tokens can be used as part payment for books too.

UMBRELLA PARADE

On Sunday 27th February, our Year 1 children participating in Fat Tuesday's Umbrella Parade, proudly holding their decorated umbrellas. The parade started at the Stade, travelled through George Street and finished at St Mary in the Castle. We would like to say a big thank you to our parents and carers that joined us on Sunday, accompanying us throughout the parade. After the challenging time that we have all had, it was so lovely to see the return of a much loved event and Dudley look forward to participating again next year - we already have plans for our 2023 umbrellas!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We will be having our Term 4 parent consultations on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th March. Sign up sheets will be available on the playground from Monday 7th March. Please see the final page of today's newsletter for more information. Thank you.

WATER BOTTLES

Please may we ask that water bottles are not placed inside book bags. We have had a number of soggy reading books this week! Thank you.



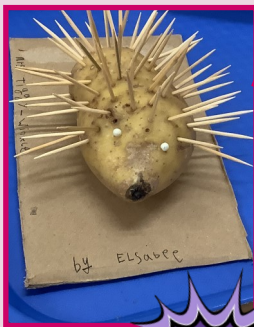
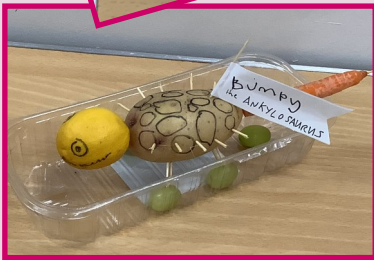
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3 MARCH 2022
25 YEARS

at the heart of Our Community
DUDLEY INFANT SCHOOL
Sixth Day of March 2023

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DUDLEY BOOK DAY POTATOES



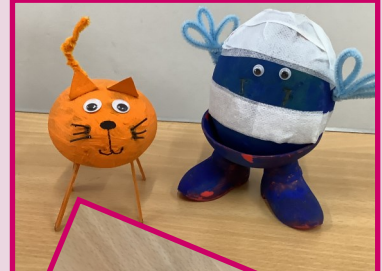
A big well done to our 2022 potato winners!

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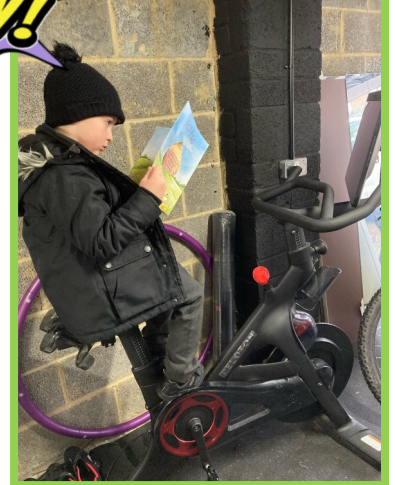
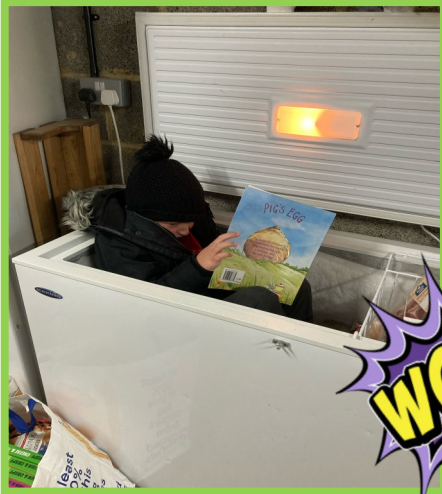
Year 1 - Miley

Year 2 - Alice

Creative entry - Henry



EXTREME READING CHALLENGE!



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The Mayor's Easter Art Exhibition

Christian Schools Workers Hastings have been working with the Mayor of Hastings to put together an Easter art competition. The competition is open to all primary school children.



Children are being asked to create a piece of artwork (using any medium) based on the theme of Easter and Hope.

We please ask that the name, age and school is included on the back of the artwork.

The deadline for entries is Friday 1st April when a member of the CSWH team will collect the entries. Alternatively, the individual could drop of or post their artwork to-

Cllr James Bacon,
Muriel Matters House,
Breeds Place,
Hastings,
TN34 3UY.

The artwork will be judged by The Mayor of Hastings and a member of the CSWH Team. There will be a fabulous prize for the winner.

Good Luck.

DUDLEY SCIENCE BAGS

Well done to Indie, who has been having fun investigating at home with her Dudley Science Bag. Please do send your photographs in for us to share and celebrate science at home!



UMBRELLA PARADE



TOMMY'S ACT OF KINDNESS

How lovely to hear that Tommy spent the day making cakes for his friends to hand out at the cinema. You have certainly upheld our Dudley value of Kindness and we are very proud of you.



SAFEGUARDING & SAFETY

The safeguarding of our pupils and other members of the academy community is of the utmost importance to us and we are always striving to improve our current robust practices. On the 24th March 2022, we will be visited by the Local Authority Safeguarding Team who will be undertaking a full audit of our policies, routines and processes. Safeguarding in schools covers many areas such as site security, child protection, behaviour, attendance, first aid, online safety and the PSHE curriculum provision to name but a few. Below you will find some information relating to activities we will be undertaking in school in the new term and also details relating to a parent/carer survey we are asking for support with.

Lockdown Drill Practice

It is a requirement for all schools to have procedures in place for any crisis that requires us to enter into a 'lockdown' situation, such as an intruder on site or under direction of any emergency service. As a school within the University of Brighton Academies Trust, this is included within our current Business Continuity Plan. However, it is important that we undertake practice of these procedures in school with the children just as we do with our fire alarm. Therefore, this term we will be practicing a lockdown drill here at the academy with the children. This will be undertaken in a sensitive manner so children do not become alarmed or worried.

Pupil Voice - Safety Survey

We are always very keen to understand from the children how safe they feel at school and what we can do to support their understanding of safeguarding. We will be asking some of the children to undertake a child friendly survey (supported by staff members) which includes the questions detailed on the next page of this newsletter. The programme we will be using for this is the same one that parent surveys are presented on. It provides us with detailed analysis of the responses so that we can make informed choices about any future actions we may need to consider. This survey will be undertaken with the children in a considered manner so that they do not become alarmed or worried in anyway.

Pupil Safety - Anti Bullying Survey (Parents & Carers)

You will note in the pupil survey that several questions relate to bullying. As an infant academy we deliver assemblies and PSHE lessons relating to anti bullying to the children. Much of this is based around how bullying is defined/ or recognised and the different forms of bullying there are. Incidents of bullying are very rare here at Dudley and we will always work with our children to support them to understand the impact of bullying behaviour. Our behaviour policy and anti bullying policy also include details of how this type of behaviour will be dealt with. As a school community, it is important for us all to have a good understanding of what constitutes bullying behaviour, and how we can encourage the children to recognise that it is different from disagreements they may have with friends or one off incidents with other children. We would very much value the points of our parents and carers on this subject and would greatly appreciate as many of you as possible completing a small survey vial the link below:

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=ff016778-ab5a-42f8-bf09-0341f3771034>

Thank you in advance for supporting this.

POD'S FLIPPING TEACHERS

POD's famous Flipping Teachers event took place after school on Tuesday 1st March, with an exciting contest between Mrs Harris, Mrs Luke, Mr Rose and Mrs Sankey. It was a very close call, but Mrs Luke kept her reigning title of Best Flipping Teacher with 98 flips! It wasn't very close actually, Mrs Luke's 98 flips were a mighty 76 flips more than any other teacher!! Well done to Serenity who was the lucky winner of our pancake set for guessing that Mrs Luke would win. Thanks to everyone who made a guess, bought a pancake and stayed to watch and cheer, and a big thanks to the four Flipping Teachers and to our POD helpers. We raised £72.20.



GOLD AWARDS

A big well done to our Gold Award winners this week!



SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley
Infant Academy) -

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Lead)

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David Mark (Chair of Local Board)

d.marks@brightonacademiestrust.org.uk

DUDLEY DIARY DATES

Monday 7th March - Ed Boxhall visits Year 2

Tuesday 8th Mar - Book Fayre 3- 4pm

11th - 20th March - British Science Week

Monday 14th March - Ed Boxhall visits Year 1

Thursday 31st March - Zumba Show (details to
follow)

2nd April - 18th April - EASTER HOLIDAY

Tues 19th April - Start of Term 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so wonderful to see a return of the events that are very much loved here at Dudley. They most certainly enrich our curriculum and provide exciting learning opportunities for our children. We are lucky to be part of such a supportive community.

We do hope you have a good weekend and look forward to welcoming you all on Monday morning.

Mr Maclean, Mrs Luke & The Dudley Team

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Dear Parents and Carers.

During the week commencing 14th March 2022, we are inviting parents/carers to attend face to face meetings with class teachers on the following dates and times.

- EARLY SESSION: Tuesday 15th March 2022 - 3.15pm until 5.30pm
- LATE SESSION: Thursday 17th March 2022 - 4.30pm until 7pm

PLEASE NOTE, CLASS PANDA AND CLASS TIGER WILL HAVE THEIR LATE SESSION ON TUESDAY AND THEIR EARLY SESSION ON THURSDAY. PLEASE CHECK CLASS SIGN IN SHEETS FOR TIMINGS.

How do I book a meeting time?

From Monday 7th March, there will be sign-up sheets for each class available on the Playground and you will have the opportunity to select a meeting time on either the Tuesday or Thursday. Parents and carers who have not signed up to a meeting or contacted by a staff member from the academy office on Monday 14th March as a reminder.

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

Thank you.

Mr Maclean



KEEP AN EYE OUT!
OUR 'FOOD FOR THOUGHT' SURVEY STARTS NEXT WEEK.

Have your say on how we can improve your children's school meals and win one of 5 x £100 Love2Shop vouchers!

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