

NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th March 2022



DUDLEY NEWS



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We will be having our Term 4 parent consultations on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th March. If you have not yet signed up for an appointment, there are still time slots available. The sign up sheets will be available on the playground Monday. Please see the final page of today's newsletter for more information. Thank you.

SCIENCE WEEK

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of Science, technology, engineering and maths and takes place between the 11th - 20th March. Here at Dudley, we will be having our own Science Week and look forward to undertaking investigations and developing the children's scientific enquiry skills. Don't forget, we are also entering the national poster competition too. This year, the theme is 'Growth' - maybe children could explore a tadpole's journey into a fully grown frog or how a seed grows into a flower. Entries must be handed in to your child's class teacher by Friday 1st April so we can meet the national deadline.

What are the prizes?!

Depending on the age category, the prizes include:

- Amazon Echo
- Biography picture books
- Cardboard VR goggles
- Eco-friendly build-your-own toy kits
- Engineering Curiosity card sets
- Fun fact books
- Robotic toys
- Class packs for winners' school



Dudley Science Bag

Well done to Evie in Class Rhino who took home their class science bag this week and carried out some interesting experiments!

Good Luck!

EASTER BONNET PARADE

We will once again be holding our annual Easter Bonnet Parade at Dudley. This will take place on Friday 1st April in the afternoon. The children may make and decorate a hat of their choice with an Easter theme and parents and carers will be invited to watch the hat parade take place around our playground. Further details will follow in an upcoming newsletter.



DUDLEY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our school council members met this week to discuss events that they would like to organise this year. This term, the children decided that they would like to give something back to our local community and undertake a litter pick. We will also be raising money towards the installation of a defibrillator here at Dudley, so look out for fund raising ideas and more information coming soon.



Attendance Matters

Why attendance matters

Low attendance leads to gaps in learning that can be challenging to recover. Missing out on learning opportunities leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance achieve less well in primary and secondary education. The Department for Education expects each school to promote good attendance and reduce absences by ensuring children have access to full-time education and by addressing patterns of absence.

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Attendance Facts

- ◆ Being late 5 minutes each day, could mean your child misses 3½ days of learning each year.
- ◆ There are at least 175 non-school days annually.
- ◆ When attendance falls to 90%, this equates to one day off every fortnight. Over 100 hours of missed learning opportunities each year. We want children to be happy! When children are happy attendance increases, anxiety decreases, friendships are easier and progress in school improves.
- ◆ We believe that attendance improves when we work together. Please contact a member of the team if you would like further support.

Regular school attendance enables children to;
be their best,
keep learning and
to have fun with their friends

The main gate is open from 8.45 to allow your child access to the building in order to start school at 8.55. Once registered, children undertake very important phonics sessions each day and if these are missed it can have a detrimental affect on their academic progress. Please help your child by ensuring they are at school on time and by aiming for regular attendance.

Thank you for your support with this matter



ED BOXHALL VISITS EYFS - STORYTELLING WORKSHOP



HASTINGS MUSIC FESTIVAL

A big well done to Grace who took part in the Hastings Music Festival this week and was awarded 1st place! Wow, what an amazing achievement. We would also like to say well done to all of the children here at Dudley who have been participating in the festival, we think you are all very brave.



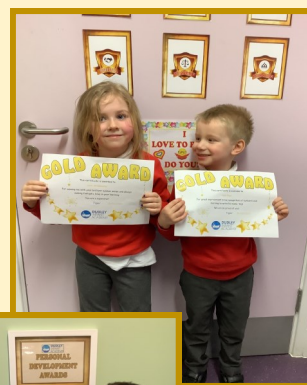
EXTREME READING

We have received another fantastic entry in to our Extreme Reading competition from Sophia in Class Turtle. We have extended the deadline, so you still have time to share your photos! We will announce the winner in next week's newsletter.



GOLD AWARDS

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



SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley

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DUDLEY DIARY DATES

11th - 20th March - British Science Week

Monday 14th March - Ed Boxhall visits Year 1

Monday 21st March - Ed Boxhall visits Year 2

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

Friday 1st April - Easter Bonnet Parade

2nd April - 18th April - EASTER HOLIDAY

Tues 19th April - Start of Term 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week of Term 4 passes us by with the children continuing to work so hard at their learning and amazing us with their kind and caring attitudes. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.



Mr Maclean and Mrs Luke



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Dear Parents and Carers.

Next week, 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.

Chartwells
do much more than fantastic food

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