

DUDLEY NEWS



DRESS TO EXPRESS DAY - FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place nationally from the 3rd - 9th February and this year's theme is, 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. Looking after our mental health is such an important topic for our children and one that we discuss regularly throughout the year, during assemblies and through our PSHE and RHE (Relationships & Health Education) provision.

However, during mental health awareness week, we get to raise the profile of this at Dudley. To mark this important event, on Friday 7th February, children are encouraged to express themselves by wearing a colourful outfit

or an outfit of their choice to express themselves - this could even be a fancy dress costume. We look forward to celebrating what makes us all special and unique



REACH MORE PARENTS

As you know, over the past few weeks we have provided information relating to our new communication platform, Reach More Parents. This has included a link for you to follow to register on your mobile device. Currently the platform indicates that only 47% of parents have registered for the App. Please be advised that in the near future the parentmail platform will no longer be used and Reach More Parents will be our main form of communication with you. Could we therefore please encourage any parents and carers who have not registered for the platform to do so as soon as possible. Communication via parentmail will cease on Friday 7th February.

SPEAK OUT, STAY SAFE WORKSHOP

This week, visitors from the NSPCC delivered their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshop to Year 2. This was an opportunity to embed key messages, explore the Childline website in detail and discuss the importance of having safe adults in their lives. As ever, we were very proud of the children and their sensible attitude towards this important topic.



ANTI-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, importantly, one off incidents with other children. Please take a look at our Anti-Bullying Policy which can be found on our academy website and the information that we have added to the final page of today's newsletter, which we would encourage you to share with your children at home

GOLD AWARDS

Well done to our Gold Award winners! A big well done too to Grace in Class Panda, who was awarded our Politeness medal.



SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley

Infant Academy) -

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DUDLEY DIARY DATES

30th Jan - Chinese Dragons visiting Dudley

3rd Feb - Children's Mental Health Week &
Enhanced Art Day

4th Feb - A Town Explores a Book school workshop

7th Feb - Dress To Express Day

10th Feb - Time to Dance performance 2pm

11th Feb - Safer Internet day

13th Feb - Dudley Art Gallery (work showcased for parents
and carers - more information to follow soon)

14th Feb - INSET DAY

17th Feb to 21st Feb - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another week, we would like to thank you for your continued support of Dudley Infant Academy.

We hope you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke



PARENTS OF DUDLEY

POD MEETING

9.00AM – FRIDAY 31ST JAN 2025

(meet us in the playground after drop-off)

Getting the ball rolling on 2025!

**We'll be taking feedback from the
Christmas Fayre, and planning event
ideas for the year ahead.**

All welcome!

KEEP UP WITH POD NEWS:



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Life has its ups and downs

You can talk confidentially online or by phone whenever you need to.
Whatever your worry, it's better out than in.

www.childline.org.uk

ChildLine is a service provided by the NSPCC. Registered charity numbers 284081 and 3095719. 1999/01



Is it Bullying?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's...

Rude

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's...

Mean

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, that's...

Bullying