

NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th March 2025



DUDLEY NEWS



WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

It has been a great week here at Dudley and we have all thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. We have had some fantastic entries to our Dudley Story Potato competition and there were certainly some imaginative and unique creations. 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. It was also a delight to see the children and staff dressed as their favourite book characters! Please take a look at the photographs taken featured in today's newsletter. Finally, we would like to say thank you to our POD team, who organised our pre-loved costume and book sale.

STORY POTATO WINNERS 2025



EYFS - Henry, "Don't Worry Little Crab"

YEAR 1 - Phoenix, "Rapunzel"

YEAR 2 - Alfie, "The Snail and the Whale"

ORIGINAL CATEGORY - Riley, "Eagle Man"



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

A reminder that Term 4 parent consultations will take place after school on Tuesday 18th March and Thursday 20th March. However, please note that Class Lion's consultations will take place on Monday 17th and Thursday 20th March. We will send out further information with specific class details and timings at the start of next week.

EASTER BONNET PARADE

Our much loved Easter Bonnet Parade returns to Dudley on Friday 4th April, the last day of term. The children can make a bonnet/hat at home, which can be brought in to school on the day. There will then be a parade in the playground at 2.40pm which parents/carers are invited to attend (the academy gates will be open from 2.30pm). We do hope that you can join us.

A TOWN EXPLORES A BOOK 2025

As previously shared, Dudley are delighted to be invited once again to participate in this year's local festival, A Town Explores A Book. This year, the children have been asked to enter a piece of creative writing, focusing on discovering something in the earth! Entries may be in the form of a poem or a short story, it's completely up to the children! We will be working on our entries here at Dudley, but children are welcome to create their own story or poem at home too and bring this in to school for us to submit on their behalf. For more information, take a look at the poster in today's newsletter.

END OF DAY COLLECTION

Please may we politely remind parents and carers to notify a member of staff if your child is to be collected by an adult that is not known to us, or if collection arrangements have changed for any reason. In line with our safeguarding procedures, we will not allow your child to be collected without parent/carer permission. Thank you for supporting us with this important matter.

GOLD AWARDS

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



SCHOOL COUNCIL COLOURING COMPETITION

Well done to Amarii who won School Council's colouring competition and thank you to our council members for organising the event.



SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley
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DUDLEY DIARY DATES

12th March - Wild Science show (in school)
18th March & 20th March - Parent Consultations
19th March - Choir performance at the White Rock
(letters have been sent out)
25th March - Duck eggs arriving
28th March - IRock Easter Concert (in school)
1st April - Class Photos
4th April - Last day of term
4th April - Easter Bonnet Parade 2.40pm (playground)
5th April - 21st April - **EASTER HOLIDAY**
22nd April - **Start of Term 5**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week here at Dudley. We have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day with our academy community and having the opportunity to enrich our curriculum and provide exciting learning adventures for the children.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke

UMBRELLA PARADE 2025

The sun was shining for us all on Sunday for Fat Tuesday's Umbrella Parade. A great community event for Dudley to be part of.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2025



CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

For ages 5-14

Imagine discovering something in the earth.

"in the summer of 1822, (fossilised teeth)
were discovered ... indicating something
novel and interesting" Gideon Mantell

Word count: up to **150 words**

DEADLINE
March 27th 2025

**PRIZES FOR THE MOST
CREATIVE WRITING**

atownexploresabook.com/2025-competition



**THE BRIGHT
FOUNDATION**

 **Sussex
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

**THE
CHALK
CLIFF
TRUST**



Gideon Mantell wrote a scientific paper naming the Iguanodon species of dinosaur. He presented it to the Royal Society in 1825.

His discovery was inspired by fossilised teeth that his wife Mary Ann found. Mary Ann and Gideon discovered many fossils in the earth in Sussex on the south coast of England. They were already familiar with fossils of “turtles, birds, fishes, shells and vegetables”. Finding fossilised teeth that looked different was very exciting.

The judging panel are looking forward to reading your stories about discovering something in the earth.

Share your personal creative approach:
write in prose, poetry, with pictures.
It's your choice.

Word count: up to 150 words
Prizes for the most creative writing.



Submit your entry by Thursday 27 March 2025 by giving your entry to your teacher to pass on or emailing explorers@atownexploresabook.com

#ATownExploresABook25 is a reader-led festival in St Leonards-on-Sea of creative responses to a heritage book.

The book choice for 2025 is
Gideon Mantell's scientific paper naming the Iguanodon species.

The festival runs from
3rd - 21st April 2025.



Dudley Safeguarding Officers



Mr Maclean



Mrs Luke



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