



## DUDLEY NEWS

### TRANSFER TO DCAT

We are now three weeks into our transfer to our new trust, DCAT, and the process is progressing well. If you have visited our school website recently, you may have noticed that it still contains links to UoBAT; however, we are pleased to share that our new and updated website will be launching soon. Further information regarding the transfer and upcoming changes will be shared with you in due course. Thank you for your continued support during this transition.

### EASTER BONNET PARADE

A reminder that our Easter Bonnet Parade will be held here in the playground on Friday 27th March, the last day of term. The children can make a bonnet/Easter themed hat at home, which can be brought in to school on the day of the parade. The parade will take place in the playground at 2.40pm which parents and carers are invited to join (the academy gates will open at 2.30pm). We will then have an early finish time of 3pm. However, for those children attending an after-school club, they will return to the classroom until our usual Friday finish time of 3.30pm.

### MINIBEAST WORKSHOP

On Monday 16th March, we all enjoyed a visit from Andrew Smith, who delivered a minibeast workshop for each class. During the workshop, children learnt about different minibeasts and their habitats. We would like to say a big thank you to POD for kindly funding this opportunity for all of the children at Dudley.

### PARKING PLEA

We kindly ask for your support in keeping our children and families safe during drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not park on the zig-zag lines outside the school and avoid parking next to the cones, which are placed there specifically to prevent parking. While we fully appreciate that parking around the school is limited, stopping in these restricted areas reduces visibility for pedestrians and drivers, putting children and families at risk. It is essential that we maintain a clear line of sight at all times to ensure everyone's safety. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our school community safe.

### CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE ROCK

A reminder that a group of Year 2 children will be visiting the White Rock Theatre on Thursday 26th March to perform as part of the Hastings Musical Festival. The coach will be leaving Dudley prompt at 9am, as the show starts at 9.30am and we will return to Dudley in time for lunch. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to perform and showcase their talents and we know they will shine. Enjoy every moment, Year 2 - you've earned it!

### TRINKETS AND VALUABLES

We kindly ask that children do not bring valuables or small trinkets into school. These items can easily become lost or damaged and can cause unnecessary distraction during learning time. Thank you.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A reminder that school photographs take place next week, on Tuesday 24th March.

## ENRICHMENT AT DUDLEY

Our Year 1 children had a fantastic day at the Science Centre and Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Lewes Castle - both wonderful opportunities to enrich their learning, with lots of fun had by all, and we were incredibly proud of their excellent behaviour throughout. A huge thank you to the staff who planned and organised the visits and to the parents who gave up their time and supported the trips.



## ENRICHMENT AT DUDLEY



# NOW OPEN!

Our SEND Scouting Section is now open. At present there are still places available for Beavers and Cubs (ages 6-10) with spaces for older children available soon.

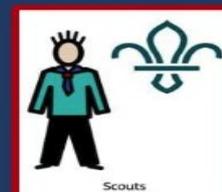
We are aiming to meet on the first Saturday of every month at the 24th Hastings HQ, with our next session on Saturday 11th April.

Timings are flexible between 09:30-12:30.

To start with a parent or carer will be expected to attend with their child until further notice.

If you are interested, please email  
[SENDsection@24thhastingscouts.co.uk](mailto:SENDsection@24thhastingscouts.co.uk)

To best meet the needs of your child we would ask that you briefly outline their SEND needs and their interests.



## DETERMINATION & RESILIENCE AT DUDLEY

Well done to Bertie and Isaac who had their first Karate grading and achieved their red belt!  
Wow, what a great achievement.



## GOLD AWARDS

A big well done to our Gold Award winners We are very proud of you all!



## **SAFEGUARDING CONTACT**

### **INFORMATION**

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley

Infant Academy) -

[DSL@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk](mailto:DSL@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk)

David Marks (Chair of Local Board)



## DUDLEY DIARY DATES

Tues 24th March - School Photos

Thurs 26th March - Choir performance White Rock

Fri 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade 2.40pm  
(playground - 3pm finish)

Fri 27th March - Last day of term

Mon 13th April - Start of Term 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the final week of term, we would like to thank all our parents and carers for their continued support. It has been an incredibly busy and exciting few weeks at Dudley, with so many rich learning opportunities taking place - from school visits and the arrival of our adorable ducklings to hands-on science workshops, just to name a few. The children have embraced every experience with enthusiasm, and we are so proud of all they have achieved.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy some well deserved rest.

Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke

# Dudley Safeguarding Officers



**Mr Maclean**



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