



DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Achieve, Believe, Create and Fly High

28th June 2024

Dear Families,

What an energetic week this has been ... it was so lovely to welcome you into school on Thursday for School Games Day, and a blessing that the weather cooled slightly. The opening dance performance involving all children was a joy to watch. Your children were a credit to you and the school with their excellent efforts, teamwork, perseverance, and kindness to each other. They have worked so hard this half term practising for the event, and this was seen in their super sporting attitudes during the day; I have never seen such brilliant sack racing techniques - they all remembered what they had been taught and made it swiftly to their finishing lines. It was lovely to hear your positive comments throughout the event and to hear how much you enjoy this time with your children, watching the games and celebrating their successes. We received a lovely email from a parent and grandparent after the event; *'Grandparents came this year and repeatedly said how much they enjoyed the morning and that it was the best sports day they'd been to'* - thank you for taking the time to let us know how much you enjoyed the day and appreciated the staff efforts too. Again, we thank the school staff for their hard work in preparing the day and thank Jon (Excel in Sports/ All Active Academy) and Natalie (Short Stepperz Dance teacher) for the contributions they make to the life of the school.

Thanks also to the Parents Association for providing refreshments on the day and organising the Summer Raffle Draw. A huge thank you again to parents for supporting the raffle by providing prizes and buying tickets.

A new month begins next week, and we find ourselves into the last weeks of the term. Please make note of the key dates from the diary dates below as we look forward to the Year 4 residential, Victorian workshop and Moving Up, new class days. There is also an invitation to the Dodford Village Fete on Sunday 7th July where our super school choir will be performing.

Amanda Salisbury
Interim Acting Headteacher

Nicola Eggleton
Interim Acting Headteacher



Values

Respect: We have looked at our school rules; Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect Our School. The children were very thoughtful in their discussions about who they respect and how they can show respect to others within school, at home and in their wider community.





Weekly News from Wren Class - Miss Stanley

Iska waran! Wren Class has revisited subtraction in maths, working outside with the large tens frame and singing subtraction nursery rhymes. Our key text is *The Princess and the Pea* by Rachel Isadora. The story is set in Africa, and we have been learning how to say hello in Amharic, Somali and Swahili. We have had a super time practising for Games Day. They have cheered others on and put every effort into each race. The children have made us all so proud!



Weekly News from Robin Class - Miss Underhill

There has been lots of sporting fun this week for Robin Class. Pupils have participated in PE lessons every day in preparation for our School Games Day on Thursday and have been working hard to improve their sporting skills. Robins have shown great resilience and teamwork.

In maths lessons we have continued our work on measures. This week we have been learning about capacity and measuring volume. In English we have been reading and following instructions to play and make Victorian games.

In History we have been finding out about the life of a Victorian school child by exploring a range of secondary evidence and artefacts. Robins are looking forward to their workshop with our Victorian visitors next week.



Weekly News from Owl Class - Mrs. Eggleton

What an amazing week of sport we have had in Owls. I am very proud of their enthusiasm and effort they have put into practising their sports races and the amazing dance routing this week. A special mention to Year 4 Sports Crew who gave it their all on Thursday, whizzing around helping to organise the day. I am very proud of my amazing class.

Alongside sports we have been using our mental maths skills in our maths sessions this week, calculating change, and practising our punctuation and grammar skills in English. We looked at the election candidates for King of England 1066 in history, thinking carefully about the qualities of a good leader and then deciding who we thought should be king when Edward the Confessor died. The children had some very compelling reasons why their candidate should be king and voted at the end of the lesson. The children voted for William Duke of Normandy because he was the most powerful and successful soldier. However, we found out that the council then chose another person! Next week we will look at the Battle of Hastings itself to see who successfully won the crown!

ATTENDANCE



Whole School Attendance is currently 94.24% - which is in line with the national average.

House Points w/c 17th June 2024



Severn - 110

Avon - 113

Teme - 69



Stars of the Week Awards



Well, done and congratulations for being chosen for the Star of the Week awards by your teachers!

- YR: Teddy - for having the courage to join in with sports day when at first, he found it overwhelming.
- Y1: Skylar - for her enthusiasm and commitment to the dance performance, great work!
- Y2: Lewis - for improved focus and effort seen during all sports day rehearsals and activities.
- Y3: Zack - for always being helpful and friendly.
- Y4: To all our amazing sports crew - we could not have done Games Day without you!

We are so proud of all you have achieved this week 😊
Keep working hard and persevering to do your absolute best.

Author of the Month - June

Each month we introduce the children to an author and share some of their books around the classes. It is wonderful way to ensure the children can explore new genres and find out about writers they may not have heard of. **This month we are celebrating the funny stories by David Walliams.** Did you know that he's the biggest selling children's author to have started writing since the year 2000? You can watch *Grandpa's Great Escape*, *Mr Stink*, *Gangsta Granny* and *The Boy in the Dress* on DVD. And have you listened to all of the books on audio too - hilariously read by David Walliams himself? And not forgetting that *Ratburger*, *Demon Dentist* and *Awful Auntie* have all won the National Book Awards Children's Book of the Year. Not only that, but *The Ice Monster* won 'Children's Fiction Book of the Year for 2018' at the British Book Awards!

Make sure you don't miss David's newest book... **MEGA MONSTER!!**



<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/books/>

Dodford has musical talent!

Thank you so much to our brilliant piano teacher Mrs Marnell for her hard work and musical inspiration with our pupils. Today our pianists performed a piece of their choice in assembly and amazed us with their musical skills.



Well, done to Evie C, Nieva R, Joseph W, Imogen P, Zack D, Philippa J, Bethany H, Frankie B, Edie R, Sophie K, Oliver M & Alex T, who all performed beautifully.

You will have the opportunity to hear some of our pianists during Values assembly on Friday 19th July. Please contact Mrs Marnell directly on 07903 916057 or email sharon.marnell@yahoo.co.uk if you'd like to sign your child up for piano lessons in September - all skills abilities, newbies accepted.

PA News

Thank you, Dodford Community, for supporting the Parent Association (PA) fundraising activities this term. Break the Rules Day, Ice Pop Fridays, School Fete, and Summer Hamper Raffle have raised £468.79. These funds will go towards financing extra-curricular activities in the Autumn term.

Kind regards
Parents Association.



DODFORD VILLAGE FETE

SUNDAY 7TH JULY

DODFORD CHURCH

1PM

Bottle tombola

DOG SHOW

CREAM TEAS AND CAKES

music and dancing

FORTUNE TELLING

BBQ

TRADITIONAL GAMES

PIMMS



Future Diary Dates - (Please note these may be subject to changes.)

Summer 2nd Half Term

Date	Event
Tuesday 2 nd July	Robin Class Victorian Workshop - in School Parent Open Afternoon, Robin, and Owl Class 2.30pm - 3pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	Moving Up Day - all children visit their new classes/teachers. Summer Reading Challenge
Friday 5 th July	NHS Dental Nurses - Reception Children
Sunday 7 th July	Dodford Village Fete 2pm (School Choir)
Tuesday 9 th July	Provisional Nursery Stay & Play 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 4 Residential Trip
Thursday 11 th July	Year 4 Residential Trip Wren Class Stay and Play
Friday 12 th July	Year 4 Residential Trip Annual Reports to Parents
Tuesday 16 th July	Leaver's Assembly 6pm
Friday 19 th July	Term ends Feel Good Friday Golden time with Miss Salisbury Values and end of term assembly NO FOOTBALL
Monday 22 nd July	School closed TED Day
Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd September	TED day (1) School open to staff only TED Day (2) School open to staff only
Wednesday 4 th September	Children return to school. Welcome back 24/25