



DODFORD NEWS

MINION ATTACK



As we started back to school in September the whole school got taken over by the incredible minion **NED!** We are learning to work with a growth mindset and Ned helps us remember to never give up, encourage others and do our best.

Harry in Year 4 said: "It's a great way to make learning more fun!"

Adele and Honey in Year 2 said: "We like Ned because he is kind and encourages us to try our best!"

Ned is a great minion and a fantastic friend.



A FANTASTIC FIRST DAY!

On Thursday 6th September some new four year olds got introduced to school life. It's the start of a fabulous five years at Dodford for them and they all got to meet some new friends. It was an exciting day for all and there was a first time for everything!

Miss Basche said, "The new Reception children are settling in really well, their approach for learning is great and their behaviour is outstanding for 4 year olds."

Esmail, a new Reception child said, "I love this school and I like playing with my friends on the playground!"

The Voice of Dodford Team:

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SCHOOL EVENTS



Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 10th October, the whole school took part in a Harvest Festival at Dodford Church. All our parents were welcome to join us to listen to our fun songs and some even joined in with the actions! We sang all sorts of different songs about food and how grateful we are for it.

Mrs Jackson said, "The singing was really good, everyone was joining in, the behaviour was excellent and the children should all be really proud of themselves!"

TIME TO EAT CAKE!



On the 28th October, our school decided to hold a Macmillan coffee afternoon to raise money to help people. We invited our families to join us and so it was time to eat **cake** again! All the cakes were absolutely amazing and we raised £270.37.

Theo in Reception said, "I liked the toffee fudge cake!"

Riley in Year 4 said, "Nice cake! I loved the monster cakes!"

To sum up we all really enjoyed eating the delicious cakes and raising money for a good cause!

West End in Schools

On Monday 22nd October, the whole school welcomed a performer from a company called 'West End in Schools'. Each class took part in a dance workshop to bring books to life.

- Reception read a book called Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish.
- Year 1 and 2 read The Troll.
- Year 3 and 4 studied The Butterfly Lion.

When we got back to class, everyone produced some writing and artwork inspired by their class book.



SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEED



Petal said: "I loved cuddling Pudsey!"



**In total we raised
£131.**

On Friday 16th November all pupils of Dodford got a chance to show off some weird and wonderful hairstyles! We did it to raise money for children in need and the fun theme was chosen by our School Council.

Lots of people also got to take part in a 'Bring and Buy Sale' and some of us even got to meet Pudsey the Bear himself. Absolutely everyone had a blast of fun, from whacky hairstyles, to seeing Pudsey dance. Alice, a Reception child said: "It was great, my favourite part was seeing Pudsey!"

An amazing time was had by all.

THE SPORTS PAGE



Circus Day Skills

On Tuesday 16th October the whole school took part in a Circus workshop. Splats Entertainment came to our school and each class visited the hall to learn a range of new skills. It was great fun! We learnt lots of different circus skills using equipment such as flower sticks, peacock feathers, the diablo, ribbons and juggling.

“It was a very entertaining day,” Hamish in Year 3 said.

FOOTBALL FUN

On Wednesday 26th September at Aston Fields Middle School, Year 3 and 4 took part in a football tournament. Since we are a very sporty school we take part in lots of these tournaments and we were up against lots of other schools. Unfortunately, we didn't win this time but it doesn't matter because we got to have a picture taken with the mascot for trying very hard.



THE DAILY MILE



Did you know?

Dodford First School is taking part in the Daily Mile Challenge. Every day staff and pupils attempt to run, jog or walk one mile around the school playground which is about 25 laps!

New After School Clubs

This term we've been trying out some new clubs after school. The first one was cheerleading. Cheerleading can be for boys and girls and we all really enjoyed it especially when we were allowed to make up our own routines.

The other club was Dodge Ball. In Dodge Ball we learnt the rules of the game and how to dodge. It was a great experience and we would all love to do these after school clubs again.

ARTWORK COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered our Winter art competition! Mrs Parkes had a difficult time judging each entry. See the amazing results below!

THE WINNER: RILEY- Y4



THE RUNNERS UP: LUKE -YR AND MAISIE-Y1



CONGRATULATIONS!

OTHER NEWS!



Poppy Competition

Since Dodford are a very creative school, we decided to enter a poppy competition to celebrate the 100th anniversary of WW1. The whole school took part to paint perfect poppies which were displayed on the window at the main entrance of school. As well as this all classes held a 2 minutes silence to remember the brave soldiers who died at war.

Unfortunately we didn't win but everyone enjoyed taking part and we created a great display.

Isabelle in Year 2 said: "I thought painting a poppy was good and it made me feel happy."