



DODFORD NEWS

Sensational subjects

At Dodford First School the curriculum is always fun. Each topic starts with something mysterious and we always finish with a fabulous finish!

This term Reception have been learning about different materials in their topic 'Material World': In this topic, they have found out about different materials and then they made a robot. "I loved decorating it!" Freya said.

Meanwhile, Year 1 and 2 have been learning about Victorian times in their topic 'Something Old, Something New'. On Monday 5th February, they experienced what it would be like to learn in a Victorian school.

"I liked it when we got a certificate at the end because everyone got one." said Antonia, Year 2.



Year 3 and 4 have been learning about geography in their topic 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' On Monday 12th March, Year 3 and 4 were travel agents for the day persuading Mrs. Jackson (also their parents) to go to their chosen country. "I liked it when the grown-ups decided even though it was tense." said Lily, Year 4.

FABULOUS FEEDBACK

Thank you for the fantastic feedback about our first edition. Here are some of your views:

Olivia Yr 3: "You don't need to add ANYTHING else. It's perfect!"

Charlie Yr 3: "I really enjoyed reading it!"

Lottie Yr 2: "I LOVED IT!"

Annabel Yr 2: "It was great!"

Did You Know?

- That elephants' tusks are their incisors!
- There are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on earth!

The Voice of Dodford Team:

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SCHOOL EVENTS

Magnificent Mums!

On Friday 9th of March, all of the pupils at Dodford took part in a celebration to show our mums how much we appreciate them. Year 1 and 2 read some fantastic poems, Year 3 and 4 recited some wonderful words and the Reception children created some perfect paintings of their mums. We could tell all the mums really enjoyed the singing, poetry and words by their big smiles. At the end the children went back to class while the mums had a nibble and a natter with tea and biscuits. Everyone enjoyed it and it was a perfect way to celebrate Mother's Day!



Fair for Fairtrade

From Monday 5th - Wednesday 7th March, Dodford First School have been cooking food for Fairtrade. We have made things including fairy cakes, rice crispy cakes and cornflake cakes. As well as cooking, the school have been learning about Fairtrade and how farmers make food for us. We've learnt this important message:

"Let's be fair for Fairtrade!"

World Book Day



Every year in March, Dodford First School takes part in an *amazing* event called World Book Day! It's all about dressing up and coming as a book character from one of your favourite books. To come in your outfit, you needed to bring £1 for Bookaid. Everyone dressed up as characters like:

- Robin Hood
- Paddington
- Fantastic Mr Fox
- Willy Wonka
- BFG
- Mary Poppins

AND MANY MORE!

Also in the afternoon we took part in a book swap.



THE SPORTS PAGE

Fantastic Gymnastics

On Wednesday 24th of January, Year 1, 2 and 3 participated in a gymnastics festival at the Dolphin Centre, Bromsgrove. We went in to an enormous hall where lots of activities were set up and other children from different schools were there, which was great as it gave us a chance to make new friends and bond with other children.

We rotated around and tried out the following activities:

- ✚ Bars
- ✚ Springboard
- ✚ Beam
- ✚ Inflatable Relay Race
- ✚ Benches

A fun time was had by all!

YOGASTASTIC!

This term we have been having lots of fun in a new lesson and have been introduced to a lovely new yoga teacher called Esther. This session takes place in the hall every Thursday. We have been having lots of fun in these lessons and we are making good progress learning to get flexible!

DANCEFEST 2018

On Wednesday 14th February, Year 3 and 4 went on a brilliant school trip to Bromsgrove School to compete in a dance festival. We were second to perform on a GIANT stage! Most of the audience were *very* interested because of our Michael Jackson theme. We got great feedback from the Dancefest team who told us our dance was of a high standard and that they spotted lots of talented dancers.



Photograph kindly taken by Miss Stanley.

Funny Fact.... Did you know there are more chickens in the world than people!

Staff Interviews

We've been around all the staff at Dodford First School to ask what their favourite subject is to teach. Here are their answers:

Mrs. Parkes (Head teacher) said *"When I was in my old school I liked teaching science especially when I taught pupils about how the human body works."*

Mrs. Eggleton (Year 3 and 4 Teacher) said *"Maths because I LOVE problem solving!"*

Miss Underhill (Year 1 and 2 Teacher) said *"Music because I love seeing the children's happy faces when they sing."*

Miss Stanley (Reception Teacher) said *"English as it is fun and I like telling and writing stories."*

Mrs. Blacktop (Reception Teaching Assistant) said *"English because it is nice that I am helping Reception children to learn to write."*

Mrs. Smith (Year 1 and 2 Teaching Assistant) said *"Phonics because I do a lot of it."*

Mrs. Bonham (Year 1 and 2 Teaching Assistant and Library Manager) said *"Cooking because I have always loved it."*

Miss Strachan (Year 3 and 4 Teaching Assistant) said *"Spellings because it's a really important skill to learn."*

And finally Mrs. Jackson (Year 3 and 4 Teaching Assistant) who couldn't decide said *"Maths because I enjoyed it when I was young and Grammar because I don't like to hear people speaking incorrectly."*

