



# DODFORD NEWS

Welcome to our last edition of the Dodford News for this school year. It has been a busy term for us all with lots of exciting events. Sadly, it's nearly time to say goodbye to all our friends in Year Four, Miss Basche in Reception and Miss Strachan in Year Three and Four. In September we look forward to welcoming back Miss Stanley and getting to know all the new Reception pupils. We hope you enjoy reading this edition and wish you all a sensational summer holiday!

## DEN DAY



On Thursday 13th June, all pupils at Dodford created unique dens to raise money and help the charity 'Save the Children'. We take part in this event every two years which makes this a very exciting event. Unfortunately, it was a rainy day but we still all managed to build some inspiring dens inside and had lots of fun with our friends reading our favourite books to each other.

Despite having a lot of fun, there was also a serious reason for building these dens, everyone did it to think of how other people felt when their homes were being destroyed for example by earthquakes in places like America. We learnt how hard it is to build shelters without many materials, and how fortunate we are.

Also, everyone made a fruity snack and we got to eat them in our dens. Year 3 and 4 made fruit salad and ate it in their teepees. Year 1 and 2 built a shelter out of natural materials and they made fruit kebabs. Reception also made fruit kebabs with fresh juice which they ate in their hammocks.

Petal and Eilidh from Reception enjoyed the day; "Our favourite part was building dens, we liked the fruit kebabs and it was fun to work as a team."

We all enjoyed this special occasion and in two years' time we hope we will get to do it all again!

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# SPORTING EVENTS

## SCHOOL GAMES DAY!

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, the whole school took part in a huge sporting event which involved lots of different races such as the egg and spoon race, the dressing up race, the running race, the bean bag race and a dribbling race. We also all got to perform our dances in front of the parents in the opening ceremony.

Before the races began Annabel and Alexander in Year 4 read our Sports Day Pledge to tell the school the values we could display during the event such as, support others in the races. Lots of children came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in each race and some pupils got a taking part sticker for positive attitude or good effort even though they were not always winning. We all had a fabulous time and after working hard we were all allowed to go to our parents and enjoyed a picnic lunch on the school field!



Callum from Year 3 said, "Sports Day was really fun because it was challenging as everyone wanted to win the races!"



Thankfully, it was a beautiful sunny day for our rescheduled event but we were also lucky enough to take part in Zumba and skipping workshop the week before and learned awesome skipping and dancing tricks!



## FUN SPORTING FACTS!

- Did you know that the Olympics is held every 4 years and will next be held in 2020 in Tokyo, Japan?
- There is a famous statue called Nike who is the Goddess of Victory. She is a symbol of victory displayed outside Olympic stadiums in Olympia and in other places where the Olympics are held!
- Some of the first Olympic races were javelin, discus and chariot races.

# SCHOOL EVENTS

## *Cupcake Catering Workshop*



Year 1 and 2 had a lot of fun on Monday 1st July as Kerry and Richard (who are the chefs that make our lunch) came in to teach them how to cook. They learnt how to make one of Cupcakes Catering's delicious pasta bakes and got to take it home to try for their tea! Edie in Year 1 said, "The peppers were nice and we got to taste different foods." Whilst Adam in Year 2 said, "The cheese was nice and runny!"

## MARVELLOUS MALVERN

*Every year, the Year Four pupils take part in an amazing three day residential to West Malvern. This time, a new group of Year Fours took part in a lot of different adventures to help us develop our independence. It was very much enjoyed, like it always is, so we would like to share the adventurous events that we got up to during a couple of days away from school and family.*

*Of course while we were staying away, we had to take care of our dorms which we shared with our friends. There were three dorms for the boys and one dorm for the girls. Each day we had to impress our judge at every dorm inspection to get good marks for our team. We could also earn bonus points if we came up with great entertainment. Each dorm team tried their best with this and we all managed to earn one or two bonus points for our team.*

*Aside from this, we also took part in a lot of adventures. On Wednesday, our first day, we completed a Beacon Walk which made us all exhausted especially when we found out we were 1395ft high, and at the top we got a spectacular view of Herefordshire and Worcestershire. There were also the Low Ropes in the evening, and everyone loved swinging on different ropes and nets.*



*After a well-deserved sleep, we woke up to an incredible zip wire journey through the trees. Next we did the nightline and tunnels. For the nightline we were blindfolded so in the end we were all covered in bruises from falling over, and in the night tunnels it was PITCH BLACK so some of us were really scared! We also did the climbing wall where most of us reached the top, and to finish that day we partnered up for the punch trail. Then came the evening activity. It was time for the wild woods walk where we painted our faces in mud and went on a search for drop bears (eventually we did find one!) We all slept really well after six activities had been completed that day. For the last day, we finished with archery and for our very last activity we made fires and made survival dens in bush craft.*

*On the last day we were all tired and sad, but at least we can remember the amazing days we had at West Malvern.*

## FUN ON THE FARM

Years 1 to 4 have all had the opportunity to visit a working farm this term with class trips arranged to Lower Smite Farm in Worcester.



As part of their science topic, which was Animals, Year 3 and 4 went there to learn about habitats and tried their hand at pond dipping and grass sweeping whilst Year 1 and 2 were finding out about where their food comes from. They went on a Little Red Hen Trail around the farm and made their own bread rolls to eat when they got home.



# FAREWELL

## TO FRIENDS

Goodbye Year 4 and good luck in your new middle schools.



Before they leave, Year 4 couldn't wait to share with us their fondest memories:

### OUR MEMORIES OF DODFORD:

**Sophia said,** "My favourite memory of Dodford was Young Voices because it was so lively and it was a great way to spend the evening with friends."

**Riley said,** "I loved Commando Day because it was so muddy and I got to paint my face in mud."

**Finley said,** "The Space Centre was really good in Year 2 because I loved firing the rockets."

**Annabel said,** "I liked Young Voices because it was magical with all the torches waving in the air."

**Charlie said,** "I loved Commando Day because we got to cover our faces with mud."

**Isla said,** "I liked visiting Tesco because there was lots of food to try."

**Olivia said,** "I liked Young Voices when we all were singing in front of the huge crowd."

**Chahet said,** "My favourite memory was bell boating because we got to duck under low bridges."

**Alexander said,** "I liked Commando Day because I enjoyed getting wet and muddy."

**Harry said,** "My favourite memory was the Space Centre because it was really interesting."

**Alfie said,** "I loved Young Voices because we got to sing all night."

**Callum said,** "I liked the Space Centre because it was good and I liked looking at the rockets."

**Poppy said,** "I liked Commando Day because there were lots of tricky obstacles!"

**Jonathan said,** "I liked Reception because it was fun and we got lots of time to play with our friends."