



# DODFORD NEWS

## IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 school reopened and after six long months we all got to come back to school. Hooray! We were all very happy.

We all had time to share our own memories of Lockdown but then it was time to make some new memories back in school. After a few days, everyone soon settled down and we all quickly got used to a new version of school. Whilst some things were a little different, lots of things were the same like seeing our friends and playtimes with our class. Also, we could still earn rewards for working hard like house points, reading stars, star pupil and writer of the month. Although we had to do lots of hand-washing, we continued to have great fun learning new things with our teachers.

Theo in Year 3 said, "It's great being back at school. I can see all my friends and learn more."

We have also been spending a lot of time thinking about our emotions and well-being. Every class has a new helper called 'The Feelings Monster', which helps us share and talk about our worries.



## NEW LITTLE WRENS



During the month of September we welcomed new baby birds (Reception) to Dodford First School. Fifteen new pupils joined us and were welcomed by Miss Stanley and Mrs Blacktop. They have spent a lot of time exploring their new classroom, making new friends and getting used to their work. George said, "My favourite thing about school is playing outside with my friends."

Miss Stanley told us, "Wren Class have settled in well to school; they are full of great ideas and are so enthusiastic! The children thoroughly enjoyed the Marvellous Me topic and have taken part in many topic themed activities including skeleton work, creating a self-portrait from fruit and vegetables, and exploring their senses. We have many more topics to come - I'm sure it is going to be an enjoyable year ahead for us all!"

## The Voice of Dodford Team:

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# SCHOOL EVENTS

## Outstanding Outdoor Days



This term, all classes in the school get to learn outside one day each week. For Wrens they have a Muddy Monday. Robins wear their wellies on Wet Wednesday and Owls have a tremendous time outdoors on a Thursday!

It's great fun being outside and learning in the lovely fresh air. This also makes us happy and helps our well-being!

Each week the classes do lots of different and exciting things out in the garden, on the field or in the Mousehouse; like using natural resources to make artwork, science investigations or just having fun and getting muddy.



## A Time to Remember



To celebrate Remembrance Day this year every pupil at Dodford made a poppy out of a plastic bottle. We then took them all and tied each one carefully to a net to create our poppy artwork. We displayed the net on the rails outside of school so people could see our beautiful creation and remember the brave soldiers that died and fought in the war.

## Feel Good Friday

Once every month there is a Feel Good Friday in each class. Every Feel Good Friday has its own theme, such as happiness or togetherness. All the children get to have their say and plan the activities we would like to do for the whole morning!



Ella in Year 3 said, "Pond dipping was fun when we were learning about our senses." And Adele in Year 4 told us, "I loved doing the blind trail."

We can't wait for more Feel Good Friday fun next term.

# THE GREEN TEAM

## MEET THE GREEN TEAM

It's time to meet the Green Team members and find out what they do! The Green Team is a couple of children from each class who meet regularly with Miss Stanley and help the school to be eco-friendly. We have important jobs like litter picking, making sure the lights and computers are turned off, if nobody is in the classroom, and making posters to remind people to do things such as turn off the taps to save water.



Here are some of the things that the Green Team members enjoy about their role:

Adam: "I like Green Team because I get to feed the birds and I liked helping to get the green flag."

Isabelle: "I like saving the environment and I like litter picking."

Honey: "I like Green Team because I can help save the environment."

Isaac: "I like Green Team because I get to communicate with other people."

Masie: "I like litter picking."

Edward: "I like litter picking because it helps keep the school neat and tidy."

Alice: "I like weighing the waste each week to make sure we don't throw away too much food."

## LET'S CELEBRATE!



We are so proud to announce that we have been awarded the Green Flag for a third time. Thank you to all the pupils, staff and families at Dodford for supporting us in Green Team. What a great achievement!

## The First Chilli Challenge



This year we are doing homework differently at Dodford. It's called 'The Chilli Challenge'. This is what we have to do. The teachers set us three challenges each month. We get to select a challenge to complete at home. The mild one is quite easy, the hot is a little bit harder and the fiery one is the hardest one of all. Each month has a different topic. The first one was all about marine pollution and saving the animals in the sea. It helped us learn about looking after our environment. The Green Team were very impressed by everyone's effort.

# Raising Awareness

*Although we couldn't welcome visitors into school this term that hasn't stopped us celebrating and raising money for some very special causes and charities. Take a look at some of the fun we have had below!*

## Hello Yellow Day



We have been thinking carefully about our own well-being this term and learning how to keep a healthy mind and body.

## Children in Need



To celebrate this year we all came to school dressed in our pyjamas, including the teachers!

We even got to say hello to a virtual Pudsey, as he Zoomed into our classrooms from the local radio station.

## ODD SOCKS DAY



To launch anti-bullying week we all wore odd socks to highlight how we are all individuals. On odd socks day everyone designed a pair of odd socks to show how different we are. They are all on display near the main door by the office.

