



DODFORD NEWS

A WARM WELCOME BACK TO EVERYBODY

In September we all came back together at Dodford First School to start our new school year. Everyone was happy but a little bit nervous too. We all soon settled into our classrooms and were excited for the start of our new curriculum and learning topics.

In the Reception classroom, Miss Stanley welcomed 13 new pupils to Wren Class. It was time for them to build new friendships and learn new things. They all settled in quickly and Miss Stanley told us, "The Receptions are eager to learn and always come in with a smile on their face."



We spoke to some members of Wren Class and these are their thoughts on their new school: Freddy likes to play with toys and he's a very happy boy. Edie told us she is excited to come into school everyday and Evie said she loves to play with her friends.

Welcome to Dodford Little Wrens!

MAGNIFICENT MOTTO LAUNCH DAY!

On Monday 7th November 2022, we launched our new school moto:

Achieve, Believe, Create and Fly High...

To mark the occasion we were all invited to come to school dressed as one of the motto words. There were lots of interesting and inspiring costumes!

Florence in Year 2 told us, "I came as a horse rider because I like to go horse riding. I came as achieve."

Alice in Year 4 said, "I came as believe and dressed up as a cub leader."

Lois also in Year 4 thought, "It was an amazing day. I came as a kickboxer. My word was achieve."



Meet NED our school mascot. NED the owl teaches us the following top tips to help us with our learning...

N - NEVER GIVE UP

E - ENCOURAGE OTHERS

D - DO YOUR BEST

The Newspaper Team

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SCHOOL EVENTS

Amazing African Dancing

On Tuesday 4th October, Zamble African Dance Company came to visit Dodford First School. We had been learning about Black History Month in assemblies and during the day each class took part in a dance workshop. We learnt some African dance moves which were tricky! At the end of the day each class performed their dance to the rest of the school. Even the teachers had to perform, which was great fun to watch! We all had an amazing day but we were really tired at the end.



AWESOME ATHLETE

In October we were very lucky to welcome GB paralympic swimmer Rachel Latham to Dodford First School. She came to help us with a sponsored sports event. We had to do lots of activities, including spotty dogs, mountain climbers, star jumps and press-ups. Everyone had a great time and here is Sports Crew having a photo with Rachel Latham.



Keziah said, "It was very fun and I liked asking her questions." Zack from Year 2 thought "It was fantastic!"

Rachel also showed us her medals and everyone thought it was incredible how she can swim with only one working arm. Rachel had three key messages she shared with us. They were have fun, the importance of teamwork and never give up on your dreams

PERFECT PLAYGROUND

This term we have also seen some changes to our playground. Sports Crew, with the help of Mrs Eggleton, set up a voting centre in the school hall. All pupils came in and voted for which designs they would like to see on the playground. Our favourite markings were selected and put in the final design. Here is one of the most popular choices:



Green Team News

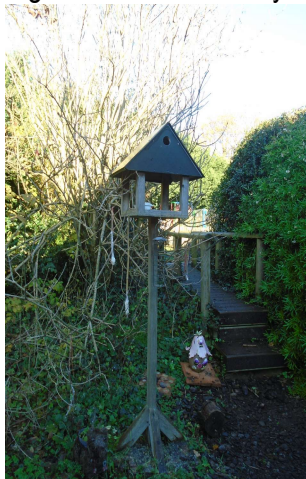
MEET THE GREEN TEAM

Green Team are a group of pupil volunteers who help Miss Stanley look after and care for our school environment. Our aim is to make Dodford more sustainable and make Dodford an eco-friendly school. The three themes we are working on at the moment are litter picking, biodiversity and energy. Green Team started in September by asking the whole school to think about global warming. All pupils were asked to take on the '**Frozen Planet**' chilli challenge task. These homework projects were shared with friends in classes.



Here are some completed projects on display in school.

Green Team have been working very hard this past term and do Green Team tasks every Monday and Friday lunchtime. They are helping our planet by litter picking, feeding birds with bird seed, suet, mealworm and reminding people to turn off the lights around school by creating posters.



Just for Fun

Christmas Word Search

S	A	N	T	A	Q	P	M
W	Q	Q	U	B	L	R	E
X	V	U	P	S	D	E	L
L	M	H	I	O	P	S	F
H	T	R	E	E	V	E	P
Z	C	B	I	E	H	N	O
L	I	G	H	T	S	T	J
M	C	J	S	T	O	Y	A



toy



present



lights



elf



Santa



tree

Can you spot the 6 differences?



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!

From all the staff and pupils at Dodford
First School. See you in 2023.

