



Green Team 2019-2020

Here are some of the events that have been actioned over the Autumn and Spring terms this academic year.

The Ten Eco-Schools Topics

- Biodiversity
- Energy
- Global Citizenship
- Healthy Living
- Litter
- Marine
- School Grounds
- Transport
- Waste
- Water



Dodford First School has Green Flag status.



Canal and River Trust



The Canal and River Trust visited our school to inform the children how to stay safe around water. They involved the children in many engaging activities that the children thoroughly enjoyed!

Swap Shop



The Swap Shop is very important to us. It helps our families to donate and receive new books, toys, games, DVDs and CDs without the involvement of money.



The Swap Shop provides an opportunity for unwanted items to be exchanged for items they do want. This event reduces landfill waste and helps us all to become more sustainable.



Swap Shop

Monday 20th January

3.15-3.45pm



Save money and be more eco-friendly with your children's toys and games!



Dodford First School is holding a Swap Shop event for our pupils. A swap shop is an event in which unwanted items are swapped for items you'd prefer. No money is involved. Please follow the simple steps below to take part!

Step 1—Sort!

Sort out your unwanted good quality toys, board games, DVDs and books that you no longer want.

Step 2—Donate!

Bring the items into school on Monday 20th January and donate them to the school's Swap Shop!

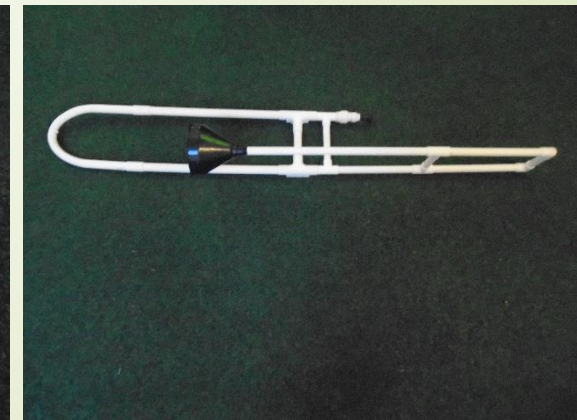
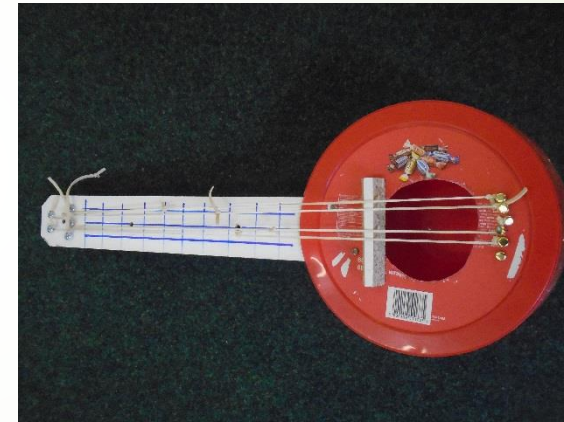
Step 3—Swap!

At the end of the school day, visit the Swap Shop located in the school hall on Monday 20th January and choose items to rehome.

For those unable to attend after school, the Swap Shop will be open Tuesday 21st January at lunchtime in the Reception Classroom. This is for the pupils who could not attend the previous Swap Shop only.

Junk Modelling

- Reception made robots and KS1 made musical instruments for their topic work. The children used waste products from home such as empty cardboard boxes and milk bottle tops to make their items of choice. The musical instruments really worked! The Reception children made a display and invited parents in to showcase their robot projects.



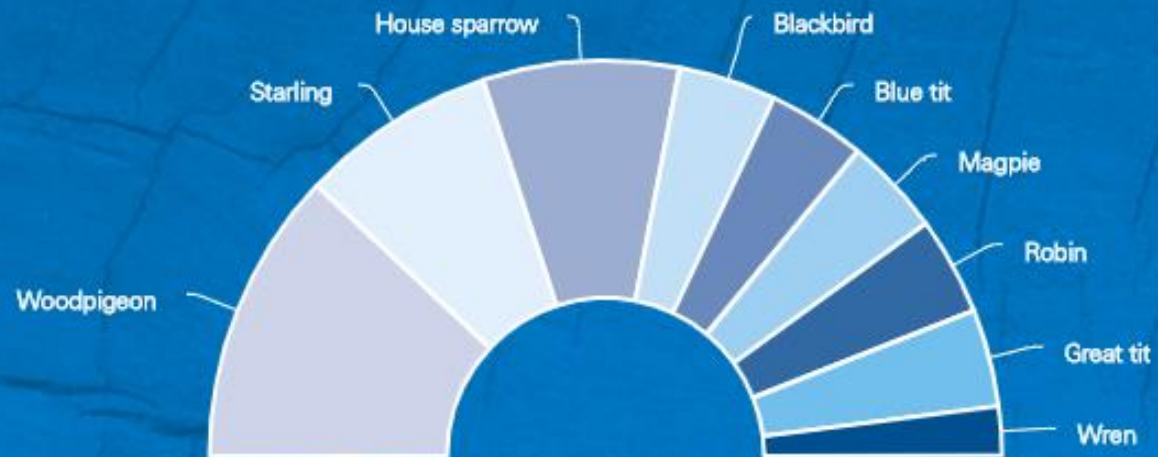
RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch

- Every year, every child takes part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch. The children record what species of bird they see and how many. The results are submitted to the RSPB to help them track the ups and downs of birds across the country. Here are our results for the top 9 birds spotted:



Check out the results below and compare them with the nationwide results so far.

Your top 9 birds:



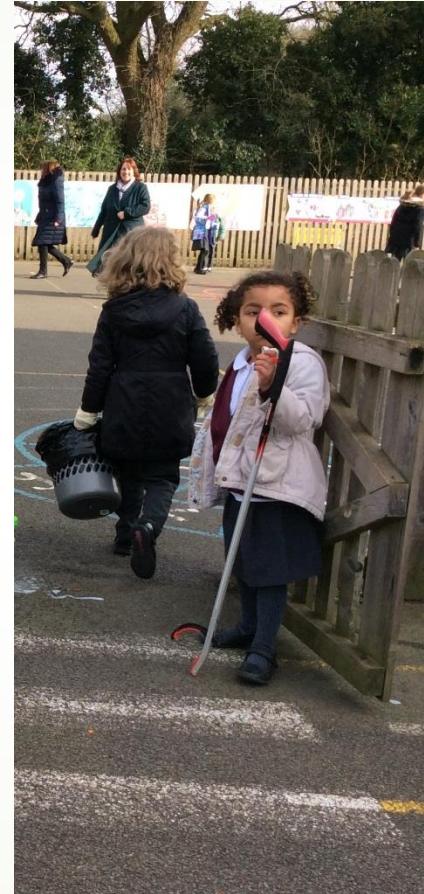


Fairtrade Fortnight

- This year Fairtrade asked those taking part to focus on the cocoa farmers. The children learnt where cocoa comes from and why the farmers need a fair wage for their produce. We watched the journey from cocoa plant to plate. Each class researched a Fairtrade ingredient before using it in a recipe. The children took what they had made home to help them to remember to spread the word about the importance of Fairtrade.



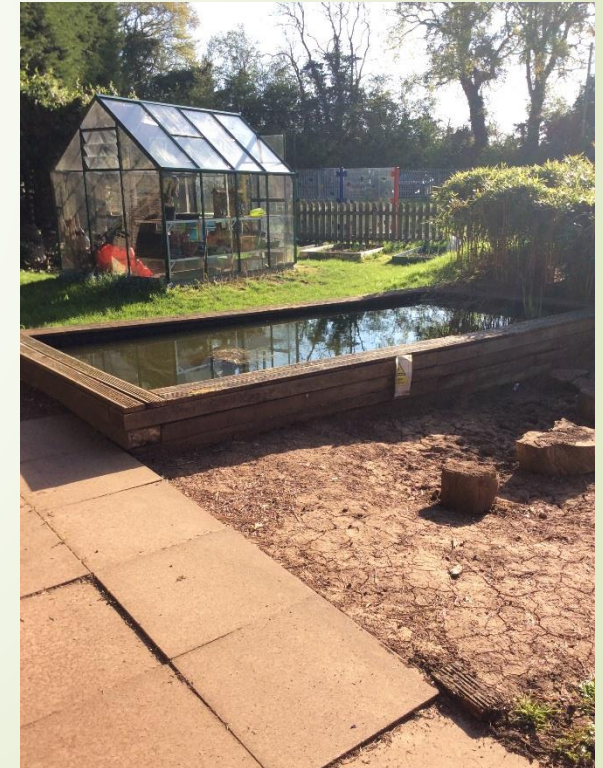
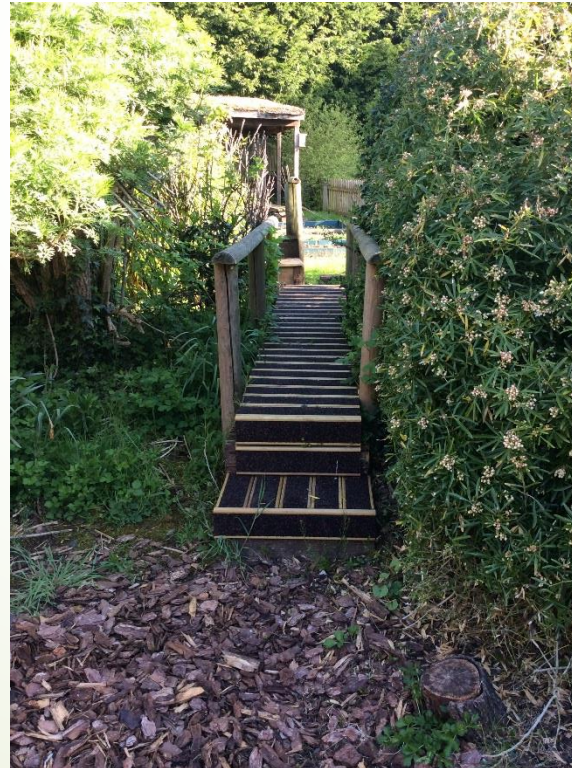
School Grounds



We take great pride in our school grounds. We maintain them by cleaning, litter picking and gardening regularly. It is important to us that our surroundings make us feel happy and valued. Teaching the children to respect the environment in which they work and play helps them to value themselves, others and differing environments.

School Garden

Some parts of our school garden have been improved including the footbridge, pond, new bark chippings and the surround of the KS1 vegetable plot. Maintaining the school grounds is vital for our own well being and for the wildlife. We have to play our part in making sure the school grounds are clean, orderly, safe, cost-effective and supportive to our learning needs.



Transport

- ▶ We would like all our families to consider an alternative way to reducing transport pollution when travelling to and from school. Here are our ideas that you may like to consider:

- ▶ Car Share
- ▶ Walk
- ▶ Cycle



- ▶ Can you think of another environmentally friendly way to travel? Remember it has to be sustainable and, where possible, an active way to travel.

Remember to travel with a trusted grown-up, stay safe at all times and follow the highway code.

Marine

► Did you know...

It is estimated that each year 12 million tonnes of plastic enter our oceans, two thirds of this comes directly from land. (Eco-Schools Website)

At school we do our best to reduce plastic waste. We encourage all classes to reduce the use of and reuse single use plastic where possible. To start, we ask all classes to stop the use of glitter. Did you know glitter is a micro plastic? This means it is hard to get rid of and can be hazardous to marine life and the environment.



Amy and Ella Meek, aged 16 and 14, have founded Kids Against Plastic! Their charity has three main aims that they hope to achieve through learning and doing.

1. Raise awareness and understanding of the problems caused by plastic misuse.
2. Encourage and support others to become 'plastic clever' and reduce single-use plastics
3. Empower children and young people to believe they can make a difference

Find out more at <https://www.kidsagainstplastic.co.uk/>