



**DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**  
*Every Day, a Learning Journey*

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'We are thinking about the value 'collaboration' this half term...



Teamwork is an essential part of school life. Many tasks and lessons require the children to work in pairs or in groups and it is a value that we embed every day in our classrooms, at playtimes and outdoor enrichment.

I've worked with a group of Year 4 children this week who have shown the value of collaboration in action as they have been planning the events and details for our Love and Gratitude Day. See later on in the newsletter for more information!

I've also been speaking to some children about keeping safe in school and the running theme throughout was the importance of friendship, talking to one another and talking to trusted adults in school.

### **NSPCC Number Day**

Today we have dressed up for digits. At Dodford we love doing maths and working with numbers! The children looked great with all of their different numbers on display. Ask your child what their favourite number is and why! Is it because it is the number worn on the shirt of their favourite football player, the number on their front door or a number in their birth date....



### **Thank you!**

Thank you to our parents who kindly volunteered to put together the scooters and balance bikes, this has really helped. We are after some strong types to carry some heavy sheds around to the front playground for us, please let the office know if you can help—they need two people to carry one.

### **CLUBS**

**THURSDAY 3.15—4.15**

**SCANDANAVIAN SPORTS**

**FRIDAY 3.15—4.15**

**FOOTBALL CLUB**

### **ATTENDANCE**

**WRENS— 93%**

**ROBINS 1— 100**

**ROBINS 2— 100**

**OWLS 3— 99**

**OWLS 4— 97**

### **STAR AWARDS:**

**WRENS: BELLA**

**ROBINS 1: KATIE**

**ROBINS 2: EVIE**

**OWLS 3: ESMAI**

**OWLS 4: HARRISON**

### **HOUSE POINTS:**

**AVON: 61**

**TEME : 51**

**SEVERN: 47**



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### Children's Mental Health Week—Place2Be

The children will be involved in assemblies and class activities to promote the theme of 'growth', the focus for this year's focus week. If you would like to look into supporting your child's mental health, please follow the links to some useful websites listed below or come and chat to your class teacher or myself who can signpost you to local services and organisations.

[Mental health support for parents and carers – Place2Be](#)

[Signs That a Child Is Suffering From Mental Health Issues | NSPCC](#)

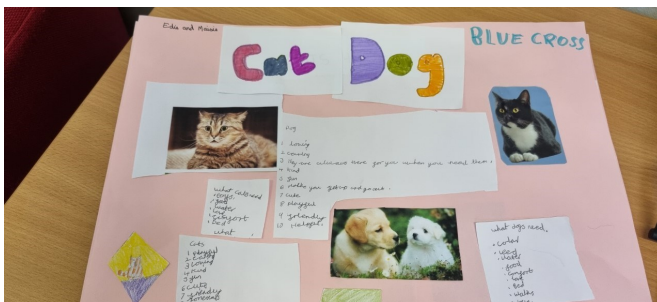
[YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](#)

### Safer Internet Day Tuesday 8th February - All fun and games?

Exploring respect and relationships online is this year's theme. Enabling children to understand that the virtual world can pose risk and that it is wrong to 'gang up', shout abuse or bully on line as much as in real life and how to protect themselves if this happens to them. This theme ties in with our on-line safety curriculum covered across the school.

### Love and Gratitude Day

A group of Year 4 girls have been working hard on devising ideas for this day and have chosen three groups they wish to show love and gratitude to in their local community. They are focusing on care homes—the elderly and those who care for them, hospitals—especially those working in ITU and on COVID wards and animal rescue homes.



### Recycle/donate for Blue Cross Charity

Please see separate flyer—can items be brought in on Monday 14th February and left with staff on the playground or at the office. Thank you!

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### Friday 4th February

National Number Day (NSPCC)  
(Dress up for digits NSPCC theme)

### Tuesday 8th February

Safer Internet Day

### Monday 14th February

Love & Gratitude Day  
(Dress in a colour that represents love to you)

Charity recycle collection—see separate flyer

### Monday 28th February

British Values Day—details to follow

### COMING SOON!

World Book Day

Fairtrade Fortnight

14th—18 March

STEM Week

Wb 4th April

Easter Craft Afternoon and Easter Egg competition makes a return!



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**Samuel Pepys Visit**



Robins had a great time when Samuel Pepys paid them a visit and even did a few science experiments with them which were greeted with oohs and aahs!

**On the hunt**

We are wanting to expand our offer of extra curricular clubs either after school or during lunchtimes. Do you know anyone in the local community who would like to do a non-sports based club here at the school once a week—an artist, knitter, construction, nature enthusiast etc. If you do and then are interested—please ask them to contact the school office. Thank you!