

26TH MAY 2021 - SUMMER TERM (1)



Doddiscombsleigh
Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Kindness - Resilience - Aspiration - Respect

OUR SCHOOL VALUES



The school value which we
are focusing on this half term
is **Respect**.

Happy Half Term!

And just like that, we are half way through the Summer term! The past six weeks have absolutely flown by, but there has been some fantastic learning going on, both inside and outside of the classroom.

I wish you all a restful half term break and thank you for your continued support.

As always, if you wish to contact us please call the school office or email admin@doddi.devon.sch.uk. Your parent Governors are Simon Gray and Peter Stothert.

With best wishes,

Sophie Wiseman
Head of School



ARTICLE 28 - Every child has the right to an education



Creativity Project



Across the Federation, we are taking part in a creativity project, which is being run by Elfyn Jones and Kip Pratt who are music specialists from the Devon Music Hub and Ruth Atkinson, who from the University of Plymouth.

Doddi has been chosen as the school which will take part in the pilot project and last week I had a very exciting meeting to discuss the plans for our project.

The project will focus on creativity and we have chosen to focus on Music and Art, with the idea of creating a mini 'Doddi School Art Show', in place of the Art Show which would normally be happening this October.

The details of the project have yet to be decided; we are going to be involving the children in the creation of this project, as pupil voice is of such importance to us at Doddi. On Thursday, 10th June, we are going to launch the project with a visit from Kip, Elfyn and Ruth. For this special afternoon, we are inviting all children to bring in a piece of artwork that they love; this could be something they have created, a piece of pottery, a sculpture...it could be anything!

We look forward to keeping you updated about this project as it flourishes with the children's ideas!



Food Project Update

At the beginning of the week, all parents will have received an email via Parent Pay, with the 3-week trial menu attached, as well as a letter with more information about the project.

If you haven't yet seen it, we also had a very special video message recorded for us at Doddi by Hugh Fearnely-Whittingstall! Take a look below:

Short Interview version: <https://vimeo.com/549734767>
Hello Doddiscombsleigh: <https://vimeo.com/549737482>
Password: foodeducation

This week, both classes will take part in cooking and tasting sessions, where they will be making a dish from the new menu. Have a chat to your children about how they found the experience! We are hoping that these sessions will make children interested and excited to try different foods at lunchtime.

This week, we also welcomed a visitor to school this week, Sarah Martin. Sarah owns a number of zero waste shops locally. This assembly launched the project and we are very excited to see how this project progresses over the next half term.

As with the creativity project, we look forward to keeping you updated with all of the exciting opportunities and activities that the children are getting involved with.



ARTICLE 24 - Every child has the right to the best possible health





3 Peaks Challenge

Over the past three weeks, the children at Doddi have done an amazing job of running/walking their own 3 Peaks Challenge. Despite the weather, they have all built up their fitness and endurance each day, whilst raising awareness of Young Minds, the children's mental health charity. And now it's finally my turn to complete the challenge! Thank you to everyone who has sponsored. We have now raised over £4000 which is just incredible and we are very grateful to everyone who has so very kindly donated. Keep your eyes peeled on our school social media pages to find out how we get on this Thursday and Friday!

There is still time to sponsor us should you wish, and you can do this through our just giving page.
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/usfthreepeaks>

Thank you for your kind support.

PE Days and Club Days

The children have been enjoying their PE lessons with our new PE provider Achieve 4 All and it has been fantastic to see so many children joining in with the sports club on offer throughout the week.

After half term, there will be a change to the day that we will be doing PE. PE lessons will now be on a Friday morning, rather than a Monday morning. Children should wear their PE kit with school jumper to school as they have been doing so this term.

In addition, we are changing the day of the Acorn Class sports club, from a Tuesday to a Friday. The timings will be the same from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

The clubs after half term will be:

- Acorn Class: Summer Sports on Fridays
- Oak Class: Dodgeball on Thursdays

If your child is interested in attending, please sign them up for this term's clubs. Please note: even if your child attended clubs this half term, you will need to sign them up again for next half term's clubs via www.achieve4all.co.uk Thank you.

RIGHTS RESPECTING FOCUS



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Keep up to date on the latest things that we get up to at Doddi by reading our school and class blogs on our website and social media pages.



ARTICLE 29 - Every child has the right to an education which develops their personality, talents and abilities to the full



Acorn Class News

Acorn have been incredibly busy over the last half term. As part of English, we have been sowing lettuce whilst creating our own set of instructions. The established seedlings were then pricked out with careful fingers during a Forest School session and are doing well - we expect to see them as part of our school lunches soon!

As part of our Learning Curriculum Challenge science lessons, we've been studying a variety of wildlife and had a go at dissecting daffodils. It was a fascinating experience identifying the different parts of the flower. Children have also created their own Spring poems from all of the inspiration of being outside, sowing and growing.

Reception have been retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood and adding their own twists with fantastic results. They've been thoroughly enjoying role playing the story and building Grandma's house.



Oak Class News

Oak Class have enjoyed a fantastic first half of the summer term. We have been fascinated by our topic "Who First Live in Britain." The children have been particularly interested in how early humans hunted and gathered food to survive. During the last week of the half term, the children came to school dressed as Iron Age Celts and we spent the morning outdoors building model hillforts, making earth paints, creating wattle and dawb and even using throwing arrows to simulate a hunt!

Our English topic, this half term, has been all about writing in a biographical style. We really enjoyed reading a biography about Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay's ascent of Everest. Inspired by this incredible achievement, we researched about other adventurers and their stories. The children then created their own biographical pieces.

We timed our Science topic about flowering plants to coincide with the beautiful flowers of spring. We have explored the school grounds to dissect and label the flowers of different species. We linked what we found outdoors to processes of pollination and seed dispersal and had a brilliant time exploring the natural world around us.



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Archery for Oak Class

Unfortunately we had to postpone the Archery session that we had planned for Oak Class, due to the bad weather and strong winds. We have managed to re-arrange this session which will now take place on Friday, 2nd July. We will send out a reminder nearer the time.

Woodwind Lessons

This week Mrs Todd, our woodwind teacher, delivered an assembly where children were able to watch some of our children playing their woodwind instruments. They were introduced to a range of woodwind instruments which they could learn and they were also given the opportunity to ask any questions that they had.

Mrs Todd delivers woodwind lessons at Doddi on Thursday afternoons. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please return the attached letter to the school office.



The Big Ask!

In response to our Rights assembly this week, where children have been thinking about article WHAT, children took part in 'The Big Ask'.

The Big Ask is the largest ever survey of children in England, which asks them about their aspirations and concerns for the future. The results of this survey will be at the heart of the Childhood Commission, which will identify the barriers that prevent some children from reaching their potential.

Pupil voice is a very integral part of what's important to us at Doddi, so we were really pleased that the children were able to take part and have their say.

Class Photos

We have class photos booked in for the first day back - Tuesday, 8th. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 doing Bikeability, please can they come into school in their school uniform and bring their clothes for bikeability with them. Thank you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...

- 27/28.05.21 - 3 Peaks Challenge
- 29.05.21 - Half Term Begins
- 07.06.21 - Non Pupil Day
- 08.06.21 - Summer Term (2)
- 08.06.21 - Whole Class Photos
- 08/09/10 - Y5 & 6 Bikeability
- 11.06.21 - School Farm Trip
- 24/25.06 - Teign Y6 Induction
- 01.07.21 - Teign Y5 Taster
- 02.07.21 - Oak Class Archery
- 16/17.07 - Year 2 Camp
(Info to follow)
- 21-23.07 - Oak Class Skern Lodge



ARTICLE 14 - Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose as long as they are not stopping others from enjoying their rights.

