



Another busy half term has flown by in Pre-Prep. The girls have achieved some excellent academic results and have contributed fully to life at Dodderhill. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter which is full of this half term's events and wish you all a restful half term break.

Miss Berwick

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### Reception

This term the Reception class had an exciting delivery of 'royal eggs' coinciding with the birth of HRH Prince Louis! We have learnt all about babies, both human and animal and explored animal life cycles including chickens, butterflies and frogs! After a very patient 21 days, our royal chicks were born! The girls watched the eggs hatching and enjoyed lots of cuddles with our fluffy babies!





### **The Little Red Hen**

Our special delivery in the Reception class led us to read the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the story and were extremely excited to take on a character role and act out the story. We were so impressed with the girls acting skills that we arranged a performance for the Pre-Prep department. Lines were rehearsed, props were gathered and the beautiful sunshine allowed for a spectacular outdoor performance. Well done Reception!



### Year 1

This term the start of our Topic 'Wild and Wonderful' took us outside exploring the grounds of our school. We used our senses to discover what we could see, hear and smell on our walk. Here we are enjoying learning outdoors in the sunshine.





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In class we have been busy finding out about mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. We have also been learning which animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

In Maths we have been working hard on addition and subtraction. We have had lots of practical fun measuring weight.



We used different bottles and containers to compare and describe capacity and volume.



In French this term we have enjoyed learning new vocabulary. We have learnt the words for pencil case, pencil, pen, ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener. We are also learning to sing the song 'If you're happy and you know it' in French.





### Year 2 & 3

Years 2 and 3 have had an exciting time learning about the distant past. They have been inspired to write poems and paint pictures about the Big Bang and have learned a lot about the solar system, including a very catchy song – ask them to sing it if you dare, it goes on and on!

Next came dinosaurs. The girls were amazed to learn how long dinosaurs ruled the Earth and were awestruck at the sheer size of them. After the dinosaurs became extinct the mammals took over and then came the evolution of man. There can't be many children of this age who can talk with authority about Homo Sapiens and Neanderthals.

At the moment the class are busy making Stone Age jewellery, collage mammoths and cave art. They were intrigued to learn about how a mammoth would provide food and clothing for a Stone Age tribe. Initially not believing that a Stone Age person would eat every part of a mammoth, even its tongue, the girls had a variety of reactions when they were given some tongue to try. Yummy, disgusting, tasty and delicious were just a few of the comments.

After Half Term it will be the turn of the Iron Age and life in Britain up to the Roman Invasion.





### Year 4

Year 4 experienced their first overnight trip with school this month at Malvern Outdoor Elements <http://malvernoutdoors.co.uk/>. With mixed emotions, the girls waved goodbye to their families on Friday afternoon to embark on a weekend full of excitement, fun, challenges and friendships. The girls took part in a night walk to End Hill on the Malvern Hills, bouldering, rock climbing, king's swing, a wild walk through the forest, nightline and the zip-wire. It was a pleasure to take the girls who were all a credit to you. They worked together as a team and supported each other when needed.





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## Fundraising

Reception – Year 6 have taken part in the NSPCC “Speak Out, Stay Safe” campaign. All year groups took part in differing abilities of obstacle courses during their P.E. lessons. The staff would like to say thank you to all those families who donated money in sponsoring the girls who managed to raise a grand total of £1067.52!



## A Royal Celebration

Pre-Prep celebrated the Royal wedding in style by hosting a ‘dress as a princess day’. We were delighted to see a range of traditional, Disney, modern-day and even Star Wars princesses! On Saturday morning, the younger members of Pre-Prep attended our Royal wedding garden party. It was lovely to see so many parents on such a beautiful morning and all the girls enjoyed taking part in cake decorating, face painting and making tiaras in readiness for the big event.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Summer Half Term Break – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Start of term – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**End of Term – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### Tweets!

I hope that you are following the school on Twitter. You will see regular sporting updates amongst a myriad of other activities and events that Dodderhill have been busy doing.

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