

Doxey Digest

Your weekly newsletter from the pupils and staff at Doxey Academy: Friday 4th October 2024



Last week Year 5 had an amazing adventure, as they went on their residential trip to Laches Wood. On the first day, they got a grand tour of the site and then everyone had time to unpack and settle into their dormitories. With a little help from their friends (and a demonstration from Mrs Jones!) the children all managed to make their own beds and were proud to show off their organisation skills for their very first dorm inspection. They then got stuck in with their first activities. Learning to light fires took lots of perseverance, but the toasted marshmallows and fresh popcorn were certainly worth the effort! After that it was time to take part in some awesome axe throwing. The children learnt all about Viking gods, traditions and the many uses of axes in the Viking era.

The next day started with canoeing. Everyone had a fantastic experience on the water working as a team to paddle with speed and accuracy. There were plenty of activities and games along the way, including dancing and singing penalties, which were almost as fun as winning! The children were even complimented on their super behaviour by a passing canal boat.



In the afternoon, each team competed in challenges which helped them work on communication skills. They all showed great determination and were so proud when they succeeded. Next up was orienteering, which had the teams racing to read their maps. Once it got dark, Year 5 then headed down to a campfire in the woods, where there was some very loud singing as well as the ultimate game of hide and seek. Finally they faced their fears with crate stacking and the high ropes. We were incredibly proud of the courage shown by the children as they climbed great heights and took a leap of faith. It was also lovely to see how encouraging and supportive they were of each other.

The Year 5's did Doxey proud with their brilliant behaviour, infectious enthusiasm and positive attitudes. It was a pleasure to take them to Laches Wood and see them thriving, as they pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, tried new things, developed vital skills and created memories to last them a lifetime. Well done Year 5!

Dream Big. Fly High!

Resilience

In assembly this week we talked about resilience and how important it is to be able to bounce back when faced with challenges. Children have demonstrated it in the classroom by not giving up even when work is challenging.

Message from the Head

This week we have battled through wet playtimes but have ended the week with beautiful sunshine. The children are making the most of all of the kind donations which have enhanced our OPAL dinnertime play.

Open Evening

We are holding an open Evening on 15th October. This is open to all families and the community. We would love for you to come and see all the fantastic learning that happens here. We will be sending flyers home about it. Feel free to give these to any other families you know within the local community.

Dates

9/10/24	PTFA Disco
15/10/24 5—6:30pm	Open Evening
22/10/24 24/10/24	Parent's Evening
23/10/24 1:30pm	PFTA AGM
28/10/24 —1/11/24	Half Term Holiday
4/11/24	INSET Day
20/11/24	PTFA Movie Night
6/12/24	PTFA Christmas Fair
19/12/24	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at the church
23/12/24— 3/1/25	Christmas Holiday
6/1/25	INSET Day