

Dame Dorothy Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

What's gone... 12th - 16th October

Star of the Week

Year 1	Julia Kaminska
Year 2	Amelia Redmann
Year 3	Olivia White
Year 4	Jamela Al-Balushi
Year 5	Yogisha Subramaniam
Year 6	Emma Burnikell



Remember, our whole school target is above 95%.



House Group Winners!	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
Blue	Y2 & Y3 100%	9,..% Smiley Face

Tesco Visit

Year 2 went to Tesco to visit Nigel on Thursday morning. We had an absolutely fantastic time making bread. We watched Lauren make the dough in the huge mixer. Then we each got some dough to knead. We even got our own scrummy loaf to take home to eat. Ben said "This is the best morning I have ever had at school!"



Clothing Appeal

Friends of Dame Dorothy and Martino's.

For one week only to support a village in Africa we are asking you all to donate:-
Bed linen, shoes, coats, clothing, textiles anything you have spare.

"Fill a bag and feel good about it"

Any child who donates anything to help this appeal will be entered into a draw to win £20 voucher for Martino's.

Musical Notes!

On Tuesday, the choir joined with other children from Sunderland primary schools to rehearse with the boy choristers from the cathedral choir. The combined sound was amazing. Our children were wonderful ambassadors for Dame Dorothy; their behaviour and musical performance were both complimented by cathedral staff. Have a look at this You Tube link to see some of the songs we are learning.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?
list=PLzJeEoysk7sluU7q7SN4KUTfafZnTGmuk](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzJeEoysk7sluU7q7SN4KUTfafZnTGmuk)

Reminder

School closes for half term on Friday 23rd of October. Children to return Monday 2nd November.

E-Safety for parents. Keeping children safe in the virtual world is one of the biggest challenges school and parents face today. In many cases our children know far more than we do about the very latest form of social media. In order to help you understand better about ways in which we can keep our children safe we have published a guide on our school website with some useful tips and advice. Please take a moment or two to have a look and consider just how safe your own children are.

REMINDERS TO PARENTS:

Term time holidays cannot be authorised by school and should be avoided. In certain cases fines may and can be issued.

Dinner money needs to be paid each Monday for the coming week. It can also be paid online, see link on school website.

Please ensure your child has PE or swimming kit at school on the day of their lesson. PE is a statutory subject which requires every child to participate every week. Please support us in achieving this.

INSET Days: New Inset days for the 2015/16 academic year as follows:
Monday 25th January; Monday 20th June 2016.

Tesco have donated the paper for this newsletter. Thank you.



Athletics

On Tuesday our Year 5/6 athletics team were invited to Monkwearmouth to compete for a chance to represent our cluster in the city finals next week. Both boys and girls were given chance to compete in both track and field events including sprints, hurdles jumping and throwing. Our ladies' team excelled themselves by achieving a first place and the boys only missed first place by the narrowest of margins. Overall we came second out of four schools.

The whole event was an excellent example of our cluster schools coming together and competing in a fantastic event. Well done to all those who took part.

What's on... 19th - 23rd October

Boldon Lawn Tennis Club are having a multi sports fun day on Friday 30th October from 10—3. The event costs £12, please ask at reception if you would like more details.

Hallowe'en Lunch: There is a special Hallowe'en lunch planned for next Friday. All children are welcome to join in. Normal price of £1.90

Football Y4/5—Our friends at Castleview Academy have arranged a special football skills day for 8 children from Y4/5 combined to take place next Friday at their school. We will be notifying parents/carers shortly with details of what sounds like a fun packed soccer skills day.

Harvest Festival: The year 5 children have been working very hard indeed to prepare their special Harvest assembly for next Wednesday afternoon in school. They have been learning their words, rehearsing their songs and I am sure it will be a lovely event. Don't forget we are now taking donations of food for our harvest display so that in turn we can give to our local Salvation Army who will ensure that the kind offerings from you get to those people in the community who need it the most.

The school has secured funding to improve the outdoor area in EYFS, add some matted areas around our tyre park and install a traversing wall on the school field. We are very excited about this and we are eagerly awaiting the work to start on Monday next week. There will be minimal disruption for the children at playtimes and during the lunch hour and we are hoping that all work will be completed during Wednesday.

Swimming: After half term Year 3 will be Swimming on Mondays and year 4 on Fridays. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit every week. As always volunteers are needed to walk to and from the Aquatic Centre. If you can help - even for one week- please contact the office or class teacher.

Hallowe'en Raffle: Friends of Dame Dorothy are holding a raffle. Tickets are for sale 20p per each from school for a chance to win some hallowe'en goodies from the hallowe'en hamper. The draw will take place on Friday. There will also be sweet sale for £1 a bag at the end of school on Friday outside the main entrance.

Year 2 are going on another trip next week! We are going to the Museum and Winter Gardens on Tuesday afternoon to find out about home in the past.

Remembrance Day: Poppies are on sale in school, there is also a selection of items for sale to help raise money for the poppy appeal ranging from 50p to £1.



The Safeguarding designated people are; Mr Williamson, Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burdon.
The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school are; Mrs Burdon and Mrs Maughan. Please view the Anti-bullying policy on the school website.

Diary Dates

- 20.10 Year 2 @ Winter Garden
- 21.10 Harvest Festival (Y5 leading)
- 26.10 Half Term holiday
- 02.11 Children return to school
- 09.11 Parent Evening by appointment



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