

Dame Dorothy Primary School Weekly Newsletter

What's gone... 16th-20th November
Star of the Week


Remember, our whole school target is above 95%.

Year 1	Ellie Thompson
Year 2	Alfie Johnson
Year 3	Tim Ellis
Year 4	James Emerson
Year 5	Sarina Hosseini
Year 6	Samuel Conlon



Head Teacher's Award
Micky Herron



House Group Winners!	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
Yellow	Y6 100%	91.1% 



Our school council paid a visit to Springwell Village Primary on Monday to meet their counterparts, have some lunch and get the chance to have a tour of their school. The children were really impressed with the wonderful wall displays and classrooms and all of the children were very taken with their drum kit!



The Dame Dorothy Has Got Talent competition is quickly becoming one of the most looked forward to days in the school calendar. Again this year we can most certainly say WE DO have a lot of talent in this school. A big well done to all those who took part and to Miss Baker for taking the time and trouble to organise the event. The winners were Errin, Lana and Charlotte, 2nd place Shelby, Tiegan and Kacey was Rhianna, Jael, Lacey-May, Amiee and Elle, Congratulations



The Children all looked fantastic on Friday to raise money for Children in Need we made £180.00. Well done everyone.



Jess and Neil our community police officers called into EYFS with Nigel from Tesco. The children had been given the chance to enter a colouring competition. Jess, Neil and Nigel brought sweets for everyone and supplied prizes for the winners Lola, Alex and Britney.



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 you 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.

The children have been taking part in the national Anti-Bullying campaign this week. They have produced some wonderful work whether it be posters, writing, dancing, songs or videos. All of their work contained the messages that bullying should never be tolerated and with useful advice of what they should do in the event that they were to be bullied.



What's on... 23rd - 27th November

Shoe Box Appeal: It's that time of year again when on behalf of the Seaburn Rotary Club we begin our shoebox appeal. We are asking that all items donated for the appeal are received by Friday 27th November. Below is a list of the type of items you could donate.

Toys: Matchbox type cars; small bouncy balls; yo-yo; dolls; colouring books; crayons; felt-tip pens; pencils; notebooks; jigsaws; lego. (No chocolate or sweets in toy boxes, no war related toys or toys that require batteries).

Teenage: Make-up; toiletries, sports wear, hats, gloves, scarves, comb, mirror, writing materials etc

Household: Washing powder, fairy liquid, hand soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, disinfectant, letter paper & envelopes, ball point pens etc.

Another busy week is approaching with our year 5 children travelling to Durham Cathedral to sing with the Durham Choristers on Wednesday. It's a busy week for year 5 indeed as they are taking part in the tennis festival at the Nissan Centre to recognise the achievement of Britain reaching the Davis Cup final. Also, we are very excited because our reception children have a very special trip planned for next Friday. More about that in the weeks to come!

FLU VACCINATION: The school nurse is carrying out flu vaccinations by nasal spray on Monday 30th November for children from year 1 to year 6. In order that your child can receive this you **MUST** return the permission form on **Monday 23rd by 9am**. Any received after that will **not be accepted** by the school nursing team.

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.

- 25.11 Year 5 @ Durham Cathedral
- 27.11 Year 5 Tennis Tournament
- 08.12 Swimming Gala Event
- 10.12 Christmas Lunch
- 11.12 Christmas Fayre (2:30pm)
- 14.12 Christmas Concert (4pm)
- 16.12 Panto @ Customs House



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Anti-bullying Week

Year 1



Year 1 have been talking about how to be a good friend

Lennie—you can share.
Brooke - if someone falls over you have to help.
Leon— be kind to people.
Ellie T—play with each other nicely.
Olivia— don't push people over or say nasty words to them.
Alexis—give flowers to somebody.

We made anti-bullying posters to put up round our school to remind people to be kind to each other.

We learned a poem with an anti-bullying message

We don't bully in our school,
Everyone is kind,
No matter what you look like,
We don't really mind.

There's no place here for bullies,
Just friends both old and new,
With one short simple message,
I'll be there for you!

We gave each other special Good Friend Certificates.



Year One say, "Be a good friend, No bullying here!"

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Year 2



This week in Year Two, we have looked closely at what it means to be a **good friend** and in small groups we have written and acted out our own short stories about **good** and **bad** friends.

We have designed badges telling people our important **Anti-bullying** message.



We have used circle time to talk about our **friendships** in school. We have looked at the importance of our own feelings when we are playing with friends and how to be kind to one another.

Working with Year One, we have performed a short poem called **I'll be There For You** for the whole school in our Anti-Bullying Assembly.

What the word bullying means:

'It is something that people do that is mean or horrid over and over again...' **Ben.**

'It is something that happens over and over again that hurts people.'
Jessie.



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Year 3



We know that bullying is not acceptable in any area of our lives. It makes people feel sad, uncomfortable, miserable, lonely and heartbroken. We don't want anyone to feel like this.

We know that there are many forms of bullying:

- **Physical Bullying**
- **Verbal Bullying**
- **Emotional Bullying**
- **Cyber Bullying**



Year 3 know how to care for each other and what to do if they see anyone being bullied. Year 3 is a happy place to be!

Care for your BFF!



Treat others as you want to be treated!

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Anti-bullying Week

Year 4



Remember

It doesn't matter what colour hair you have; what trainers you are wearing; how you speak; how you walk; how you talk – **it is not your fault if you get bullied.** We are all different in some way and that's what makes us amazing.

We found out what bullying actually is!

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behaviour among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumours, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding some-

Some advice

- Whether you are a boy or a girl, old or young, big or small – bullying makes you feel rubbish and it's okay to be upset about it. The important thing is that you tell someone about it.
- If you feel you can, talk to a teacher you trust or your parents, brother or sister. If you don't want to do that you can always call **Childline 0800 11 11** or visit www.childline.org.uk.
- Keep a record of what happened, when it happened, and who was involved. If the bullying is online, keep the evidence –

Be kind :)

Remember to be kind to other people! Just because someone is different to you and your friends – that doesn't mean you are better than them or have a right to make them feel bad. If you mess up, say sorry. You don't have to be friends with everyone – but you should always show respect, make it clear that you don't like it when people bully others, and stick up for people who are having a hard time.

The key aims of the week are

- To empower children and young people to make a noise about bullying – whether it is happening to them or to someone else, face to face or online;
 - To help parents and carers have conversations with their children about bullying – both as a way of preventing bullying, and to help children who are worried about bullying;
 - To encourage 'talking schools' where all children and young people are given a safe space to discuss bullying and other issues that affect their lives, and are supported to report all forms of bullying;
 - To equip teachers to respond effectively when children tell them they're being bullied; and
- To raise awareness of the impact of bullying on children's lives if they don't tell anyone it's happening – or if they are not given appropriate support – with a focus on the impact on mental health.





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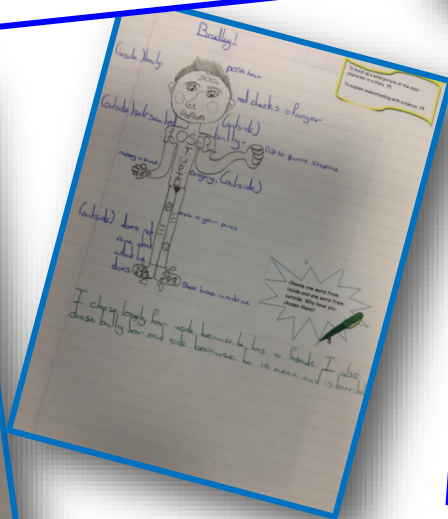
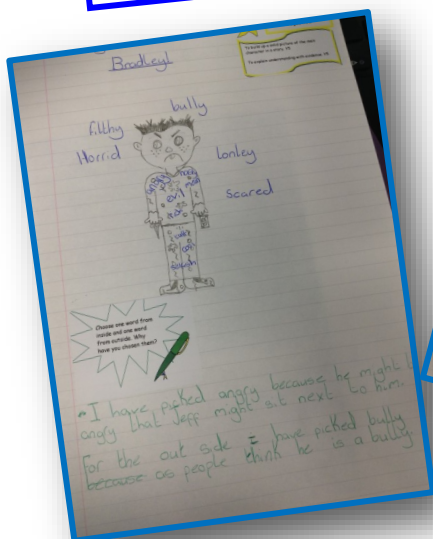
Anti-bullying Week

Year 5



Year 5 discussed how to get the message across to younger people about anti-bullying. After researching the internet we decided a music video with a key note to help people speak up against bullies would be the best solution. Finding just the right song, we split up the parts and thought about setting the scene and started recording. After many re-takes and three days of determination, our rap has now been sent to editing, with children learning how use I-movie. Watch our website and face book for our finished recording.

For our class book we are reading a novel, which is all about anti-bullying, called there is a boy in the girls bathroom. It's about a bully who is changing who he is and what his emotions are like. It links our imagination to what it is like to be a bully and to be bullied. Not judging the bully but finding out why they are doing what they are doing. It teaches us about finding a responsible person to tell about your situation and not being left to feel alone in this situation.



We thought about Bradley, the main character, and how other people thought of him, we then discussed what he was really like on the inside. Using our own ideas about what he looked like we drew his image, labelling inside and outside thoughts and feelings. This helped us with our inference skills within reading. Explaining why we thought the way we did is a testing skill!

Looking at writing in the first person and thinking about explaining a characters feeling as well as actions we have written Bradley's diary. It really gave us an insight to how children, who are being bullied, might be feeling and why they keep quiet. We discussed what we might do if we found ourselves in this situation, thinking about who to tell. We thought about how our actions may affect others as well.

I came in to my class and sat at my desk in the back of the room last seat, last row, also no one sat at the desk next to me or at the one in front of me, it felt like I was on an island of my own. I would have sat in the closet then I would shut the door so I wouldn't have to listen to Mrs. Ebbel. I didn't think she'd mind she'd probably like it better that way too. So would the rest of the class all in all, I thought everyone would be much happier if I sat in the closet but unfortunately my desk didn't fit. Mrs. Ebbel introduced this new kid called Jeff also he came from Washington D.C, I looked up at the new kid who was standing at the front of the room next to Mrs. Ebbel.

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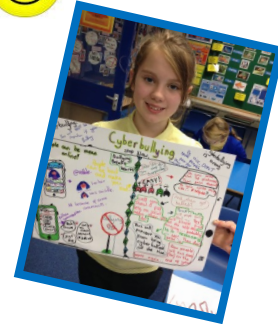
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Year 6



Cyberbullying

Year 6 have been learning all about cyberbullying and its effect on the mental health of its victims. They have also been learning how to avoid becoming a victim of cyberbullying.

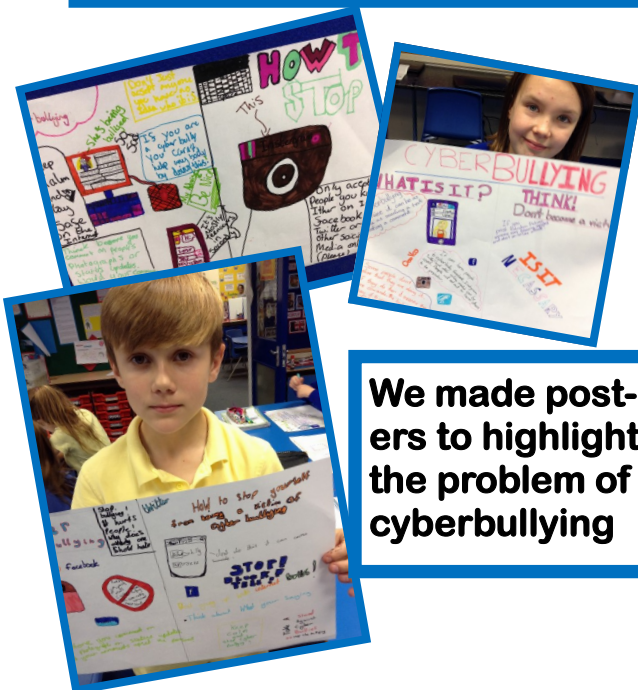


We found out what Cyber bullying actually is!

It is the use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature.



We made posters to highlight the problem of cyberbullying



We must think before we make comments about people on their social media sites and before we send a text message. We should ask ourselves:

- Would we say it to the person face to face?
- Would our comments hurt the person?

These are some things we can do to avoid becoming a victim of cyber bullying:

- Be very careful about the photographs we upload onto social media sites
- Be careful about the messages that we post on line.
- Ask ourselves if the content of our messages/status updates would give a bully ammunition to harm us through electronic media or in person

Social media sites can be great if they are used sensibly. These are the most popular ones:



WhatsApp