

# Dame Dorothy Primary School Weekly Newsletter

**What's gone... 19th -23rd October**  
**Star of the Week**

Remember, our whole school target is above 95%.

<b>Year 1</b>	Olivia Akinrogunde
<b>Year 2</b>	Evan Pike
<b>Year 3</b>	Errin Peebles
<b>Year 4</b>	Daniel Harrison
<b>Year 5</b>	Leighton Pike
<b>Year 6</b>	Leah Holmes

**Head Teacher's Award**  
**Jack Dalton**

House Group Winners!	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
<b>Red</b>	<b>Y3 99.3%</b>	<b>95.5%</b>



**Harvest Festival:** Thank you to our year 5 children for a splendid harvest celebration assembly. The children have worked incredibly hard over the past weeks to learn their lines and new songs. Special thanks to Mrs Campion for all her efforts and to Mrs Ireland and Mr Brown for the songs and music. It was made extra special by all the many kind donations received from our families who provided a wonderful harvest display which we have already passed on to our local Salvation Army. They in turn will distribute your gifts to the most needy in our own community. A special thanks to our cook Mrs Barrington for supplying the homemade bread and biscuits—delicious!

Big congratulations to the gymnasts who were awarded their certificates of achievement in our Gymnastics Club.



**Clothing Appeal:** Our old clothing collection ended today and once again you have done us proud. The items will be passed on to Martino's in Seaburn and will be used to help support their ongoing efforts in an African village.



The Big Tidy Up last Friday was most successful. The children were fantastic and shocked by the litter they found. They asked really difficult questions, such as 'why do people drop litter next to our school? Who would do that?' Hopefully, our children at Dame Dorothy will grow up to be responsible adults who set a good example and not litter our streets.



**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.**



## WINTER GARDENS

Year two had an afternoon of exploration at The Museum and Winter Gardens this week.

We all had a tasty lunch and then learnt about homes in the past. We were able to dress up in Victorian children's clothes and we even had a chance to do the washing using a dolly stick and a wash board. It was great fun!

A big thanks to the Big Lottery Fund for helping us with the funding towards our new outdoor equipment. Our children will now be able to access the tyre park all year round and as you can see they are really enjoying it!



To all our parents, carers and children have a lovely week off and make the most of the autumn sunshine. We will see you back at school on Monday 2nd November at 8:45am.

## what's on... 2nd - 6th November

**After Half Term - Extended Schools:** All clubs commence in the week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. A timetable is on the notice board and the school website should you need it.

**Gymnastics** changes to Year 4, 5 & 6. **Makey Makey** changes to Year 3 & Year 4. **Lego** starts for Year 1 & 2. **Breakfast, Early Birds, High 5, Football, Karate & Choir** continue for all children the attended in the first half term.

We currently have a few spaces in High 5, Football on Fridays and selected days in Breakfast Club. Please see Mrs Elliott or the school office if your child would be interested. Well done to all the children who have attended a pre-school, lunchtime or an after school activity this half term. As usual, we have had great feedback from the children and coaches/staff alike, who are very impressed with your children's behaviour, talents and positive attitudes.

**Bonfire Lunch:** On Thursday 5th November we will be having a Bonfire Lunch in school, if any children on packed lunch would like a school meal they are welcome to join in for the price of £1.90

Mayor Barry Curran is coming into school on the 4th of November to announce the winner of the Christmas card competition.

The police are hosting a special assembly talk on the 3rd November about Bonfire safety.

Parents' evening will take place on 9th November after school, appointments will be sent out after half term.

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.

- 26.10 Half Term holiday
- 02.11 Children return to school
- 05.11 Bonfire Lunchtime Special
- 09.11 Parents Evening by appointment
- 13.11 Children in Need
- 13.11 Dame Dots Got Talent!
- 16.11 School Council visiting Springwell Village Primary School
- 16.11 Anti-Bullying week
- 19.11 Year 6 residential in London

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