

# Dame Dorothy Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## What's gone on... 2nd March - 6th March

Remember, our whole school target is above 95%.

### Star of the Week

There are so many stars from Nursery and Reception we can't fit them on! Names can be seen in the windows outside the Nursery and Reception classrooms.

Year 1	Abdullah Alghamdi
Year 2	Olivia White
Year 3	Summer Christie
Year 4	Amiee Lundy
Year 5	Kaja Jach
Year 6	Billie Cessford

House Group Winners!	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
Blue	Year 6 98%	96 % 



*Head Teacher's Award*  
**Caitlin Wilson**



Y5 visited Durham Cathedral on Tuesday. We took part in a workshop on Northern Saints as part of our RE topic. The children were initially overawed when they walked into the Cathedral. Great enthusiasm was applied when engaging in looking around at stained glass windows (especially when the sun reflected images onto the opposite wall), as well as statues around the

Cathedral. The children found out about Saints Oswald, Aiden, Hilda, Cuthbert and Bede. Some children even got in role by dressing up!!



We have some sad news to announce this week that Miss Parkin will be leaving Dame Dorothy at Easter time after over 10 years spent working at our school. During that time Miss Parkin has helped hundreds of children to learn how to sing, play instruments, compose music and perform to audiences. For those of you have attended one of our Christmas concerts you will appreciate the effort Miss Parkin puts in to making it such a big success and showcasing the talents of our children. Miss Parkin is taking time to sing professionally on cruise ships mixed in with some teaching work on her return. I am sure we will be able to make use of her talents in the future when we hold future musical performances.

We have sad news, Mrs Weatherby our school cook is leaving us today to take up a post elsewhere in the city. During Mrs Weatherby's time here she has improved the quality of school meals enormously as well as providing lots of fun themed days that I know the children really enjoy. The good news is that we already have found a replacement with Mrs Barrington moving from Barmston to join us. She has already been working in the kitchen for the past week alongside Mrs Weatherby and she has settled in very quickly.



World Book day was a great success photo's will be on next weeks Newsletter!!

On Tuesday, year 4 took a trip to the Blue Reef Aquarium in Tynemouth as part of their Blue Abyss topic. They saw a huge variety of marine life- fish, invertebrates, mammals and reptiles which has given them lots of inspiration for their art work! Favourites seemed to be the sea lions and the sharks- it's just a pity that the octopus decided to keep hidden. Maybe next time!



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



Guy Bass, the children's author, visited school last Friday and what a fantastic day we all had! Guy shared story ideas and illustrations, answered questions about his books, characters and even about his own hair! Guy's visit was made possible by

the wonderful Steph Roundsmith, a familiar face in school to our children, who creates these links between the books the children are given as whole class

novels and the author him/herself. The event was organised by kidsreadwritereview and that books were

supplied by Blackwell Books. Guy left a message for everyone that we could use in the newsletter which is, "Seventeen truckloads of Thanks to everyone at Dame Dorothy Primary school. I had a absolute whale of a time. (Actually I had a absolute Sheep of a time, but that's another story....) Fantastic to meet you're all! Your all legends. The link to visiting author Guy Bass website is as follows you can [www.guybass.com](http://www.guybass.com)



## What's on... 9th March - 13th March

On Friday 13th March it is Comic Relief day and all children are encouraged to come into school in non-uniform, wearing something red with a £1 donation which will go to Comic Relief. Friends of Dame Dorothy (PTA) will also be holding a tuck shop and selling red nose cakes on the day. If you would like your child to participate in this please send money in with them all funds raised from this will go to the PTA. The design a red nose competition the children have done today will be judged and prizes will be given out on the 13th March.



Could you please ensure that your child brings a pair of P.E. shoes or trainers on the day they have P.E.

Please provide suitable footwear for P.E.—outdoor boots/shoes cannot be worn and for some sessions bare feet

We will also be having a special themed lunch day on Friday 13th, the menu will consist of assorted red nose pizza, jumbo fish fingers, jacket Potato with cheese and red nose beans, chips or noodles and to finish with a red nose biscuits.



are not appropriate.

The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school are, Mrs Burdon Mrs Maughan. Please use the link to the school website to view the Anti-bullying policy

Reminders for upcoming events:

- 10.03 City challenge Event
- 13.03 Comic Relief Day— non-uniform (Red Clothing)
- 20.03 Year 3 @ Broom House Farm visit
- 30.03 EYFS Easter singalong 9.30 am
- 01.04 Easter Service **2pm in school**
- 02.04 School closed normal time today for holidays
- 20.04 Children return to school

Link to Guy Bass photos

