

What's gone 20th - 24th November

Star of the Week

Year 1	Roxy
Year 2	Emily
Year 3	Imogen
Year 4	Evan
Year 5	Sudhir
Year 6	James G

Weekly Attendance League Table

😊 = 100% class attendance

😬 = best class attendance (not 100%)

R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
😬	😬	😬	😬	😬		😬
😬	😬		😬	😬		
😊	😬		😊	😬		

Remember to check out our Facebook page



Head Teachers Award
Alisha O



Best Class
Attendance

Y1 & Y4
99.3%

Whole School
Attendance

97.1%



Children in Need:

Well done to all the children, parents and staff on Friday who raised £210 for Children in Need.



Christmas Dates:

Christmas dates are on the school website and Facebook and a paper copy is available from the office if required.

Parents' Evening: There was an excellent turn out for parents' evening this week and it was lovely to get the opportunity to speak with so many of you. If there were parents or carers unable to make the appointments this week please contact the office and we will do our best to arrange appointments at a later date.

School of the Week: I hope you have been keeping an ear out on Sun FM to hear our pupils popping up with their answers and thoughts to a wide range of questions. The children will be on again during December singing the "Countdown to Christmas" song.

Swimming Gala @ Castlevew:

Mr T took a small team of 7 children to Castlevew Academy on Tuesday to take part in their first inter-school swimming tournament. There was a mixed squad of girls and boys from years 4, 5 and 6. They took part in a range of races including front crawl, back stroke and breast stroke and the children performed very well. We were very unlucky to finish in 2nd place a point behind the winners, Castletown Primary.

INSET Day:
A reminder that our final INSET day of the year will be taken on Monday 27th November.

Durham Cathedral:



The choir had an exciting day on Wednesday, taking part in the Cathedral Choristers Outreach concert. There aren't many people who can say they have sung in the cathedral.

The choir have worked hard over the last couple of months to learn some challenging songs, which were performed with 7 other schools and the choristers. The morning was spent rehearsing - a long hour and a half session with no break - the children were really patient and well behaved. They had their lunch in the cloisters and then a photo call and a whistle-stop tour of the cathedral. The pews in the church were packed with family members and the Mayor of Sunderland was there too. The concert was a real success and the sound of the children's voices was amazing.

All the children involved did really well and thoroughly enjoyed their day. A special well done to Aleesha and Maddison from Y6, who were chosen to do a reading. They were confident and a credit to our school. They had one quick practise during the lunch break and had only been given the words that morning.

We are lucky to have had such a fantastic musical opportunity! Now it's full steam ahead for the busy Christmas weeks!



Dame Dorothy's Got Talent:

Our winner was Lana and the runners up were Jessie and Aleesha. Everyone did a fantastic job, well done to everyone who took part!



Standing reminders

- 27.11 INSET Day
- 28.11 Flu Nasal Sprays
- 05.12 Swimming Gala @ Monkwearmouth
- 12.12 Choir Singing @ Flats & Spring Tide Cove (am)
- 13.12 Choir Singing @ Tesco
- 13.12 KS1 Christmas Service
- 14.12 School Christmas Lunch
- 14.12 Choir @ Park Lane (5pm)

The Safeguarding designated people are;

**Mr Williamson,
Mrs Pearson and Mrs Burdon.
The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school are;
Mrs Burdon and Mrs Pearson.
Please view the Anti-bullying policy on the school website.**

Dame Dorothy Primary School

Year 5/6 residential to London 2017



Well we managed it! Year 5 last year raised enough money with their fundraising 2016/2017, to get themselves to London for their residential trip! A huge well done to all the children and their families who supported us. Due to some Year 6 children not making the trip, we offered the remaining places to Year 5, as we had already covered the costs. As a class we discussed the topics we had covered in year 5 and we voted on what we wanted to see whilst in London. Two days and a vast amount of ideas made it a busy but unforgettable trip.

An early alarm call for us all, leaving at 6am! We travelled down to London on the coach, excited at what the next two days had in store for us. First stop Buckingham Palace, looking at the famous royal balcony and the guards protecting the Queen. We moved on through to the horse guards parade, where we were lucky enough to see the change of the guards! Next, 10 Downing Street! What an honour to be allowed through the gates and to be able to stand outside the Prime Minister's house!



We had to hold Mrs Campion's hand tightly as we all boarded the London Eye, as she was a little nervous! We, however, were excited. What a view! It was amazing to see the lit up skyline of London and use the maps to spot key landmarks. After visits to the Cenotaph, parks and many other amazing places we ended the evening at Pizza Express. We filled ourselves with pizza and ice cream, before falling into bed ready for another amazing day!



Day 2! First stop Trafalgar Square, followed by the National Science Museum. It was fantastic to get hands on with all the experiments and investigations. We even saw Buzz Aldrin's Spacesuit; we read his autobiography in Year 5. We were so surprised to see how large the Tower of London was. Reliving our topic book *The Bloody Tower* and retracing the steps of Tilly, the main character brought the history alive! Not to mention the seeing Crown Jewels!

