

Dame Dorothy Primary School Weekly Newsletter

9th - 13th July

The Tall Ships Big Sing: On Wednesday Sunderland Music Hub hosted a singing event as part of the Tall Ships Festival. The choir looked amazing in their bright yellow t-shirts and sounded fantastic too! There was a huge audience on the riverside and the event was also streamed live on the internet; the children performed confidently despite all these eyes on them. Special mention must go to Jessie and Ethan H from Y4 who sang fabulous solos. A big thank you to our "choir heroes" - a group of children from Y4/5 who are not usually in choir but volunteered to help us out as some of the choir were at Derwent Hill. It was lovely to see so many people there to support the choir!



Our new number is 0191 2505525

Wimbledon Visit: Eight children had the most amazing day last week when they visited Wimbledon to see the action on number 2 court where we watched the legend that is Novak Djokovic playing! Joshuane was interviewed live to the nation on Radio 5 Live and was superb. The children met Karim from CBBC (no Mr Byers and myself hadn't a clue who he was either!) and they met the British tennis player Liam Broady for autographs and pictures. It was a fantastic day and everyone of the children were amazingly well behaved and they were an absolute pleasure to take.



EYFS @ Tall Ships: EYFS had a great day at the Tall Ships with their parents and carers. It was lovely to see the ships and enjoy the entertainment, especially our own children singing on the stage.



Clubs: Places are now being allocated for September 2018 for the morning clubs - Sunrise Breakfast Club, Early Birds & Mini Pigs. A few spaces remain, please see a member of staff in the office or Mrs Elliott if you would like to apply for a space. From September, if you have been allocated a space in breakfast club, each session you have booked needs to be paid for, whether your child attends or not. If you no longer need the space you must inform a member of staff. Also, if children miss two consecutive sessions in Mini Pigs with no given reason to staff, their space may be at risk. This is due to the high demand we have for this activity. Thank you.

Beach day: Weather permitting, we will be taking KS2 children to the beach on Thursday next week. We will stay for lunch up until 1pm and then depending on how hot (or cold) will decide how much longer we should stay. Please bring clothing for all eventualities as well as sun cream.

Leaver's Awards: It doesn't seem possible that the school year is all but over and that the current crop of year 6 pupils are leaving us. To mark their achievements and say our goodbyes to them, and in some cases parents and families, we are holding a Leaver's Awards afternoon on Wednesday from 2pm that will be a chance to share some memories over an afternoon tea before announcing the winners of our awards. Never an easy job! On the Tuesday we will be having a meal together at Martino's which is always a lovely event.

Year 1 trip: On Tuesday 17th July Year One will be going to the Glass Centre for a special experience entitled A Whale's Journey. In the morning they will have a guided look around the gallery, which includes a variety of exciting activities, including a glass blowing demonstration. Then, in the afternoon, they will take part in a glass fusing workshop under the expert guidance of the staff at the centre. A packed lunch will be provided and school start and finish times remain unaffected by the trip. Please send children in their uniforms as usual.

Phone number: As mentioned in previous Newsletters, we have installed a new telephone system in school which means our new number is **0191 2505525 – this is now in effect.** This number will be for both School and Day Care and will give options to choose from including the ability to leave a message if your child is absent from school. The new phone number will also be visible on your telephone so it can be saved for future use. (The current telephone number will still be available until the end of July).



On behalf of all the staff, governors and families of Dame Dorothy we would like to send our best wishes to Janice Hardy who is leaving the Daycare after nearly 10 years of service at the school. Janice has helped so many children and families over the years whether it be with form filling, advice or a kind words. She will be a huge miss and she will not be forgotten.



Edinburgh: It was an early alarm call for Year 5 on 21st June. We were Edinburgh bound, after a year of fundraising and we were off on our adventure. Once arriving at Newcastle Central Station, we were lucky enough to be welcomed into the first class lounge for Virgin Rail. What a treat! Complementary hot chocolate and cold drinks waited for us. The manager came to see us, as she had read the persuasive letters we had written earlier in the year. She wanted to say how impressed she was with our fundraising and our literacy skills. We were given lots of goodies such as sunglasses, lip balms, phone speakers and highlighters.

How exciting to not only be going by train all the way to Edinburgh but by First Class! We soon got comfy in the large seats and ordered our breakfasts. Yum!

Arriving in Edinburgh, the children were in awe of the large buildings and the buzz around them, stopping to watch the street performers and finding J K Rowlings hand prints in the concrete next to the City Chambers.

Then, Edinburgh Castle loomed in front of us. We were so excited to go inside and visit. Visiting the WW1/2 museum, experiencing what it was like to be a prisoner of war within the castle grounds - it was a little spooky deep down in the chambers! The Scottish crown jewels were breathtaking. Errin stated she was never washing her shoes again after standing in the chapel where Queen Mary had prayed during her stay! The one o'clock salute was fascinating to watch with soldiers loading the canon and the noise echoing across Edinburgh.

After taking in all the history our brains could take, off we went for ice cream. We ate them right next to were JK Rowling used to sit in the Elephant Tea rooms to write Harry Potter. I wonder if any of the children become inspired writers from this fantastic city?

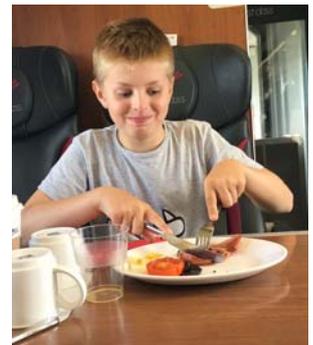
We then went off for more inspiration, around the sights that inspired the names of the characters of Harry Potter, finding names of Tom Riddle, Professor McGongall and many more. We even learnt about the fantastic character of Bobby and how he was the only dog to be given freedom of the city.

Next stop, The Museum of Childhood. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed going back in time, to learn about toys of the past. They were entertained by making puppet shows, riding on rocking horses and playing the old board games. Tim was a little worried that some of the dolls were watching him! We decided that Victorian dolls were a little creepy!

We still hadn't finished our amazing trip, Jamie Oliver's Italian was our next port of call. Walking into the amazing assembly rooms, the children stopped to take in the chandeliers, the ceilings and the fantastic atmosphere. We were so lucky to be going into such a restaurant. All thanks to the children's hard work of fundraising to pay for it all and their letters, which we produced in literacy. Goodie bags waited for us again, and water jugs of fruity water. The children enjoyed three courses of amazing food, some trying things they had never eaten before. Their manners were impeccable and the manager commented how lovely all children were.

Last stop Edinburgh park. Time to run off any left over energy, creating memories with friends, rolling down grassy hills and watching squirrels go about their daily activities.

With tired legs, year 5 headed back to the train station, ready to relax in our first class carriage for our journey home. What an adventure! All because 28 year 5's set their heart on a mission and achieved it!





Teddy Bears Picnic:

Year One and their teddies had a fantastic time at the Teddy Bear's Picnic last week. We took part in lots of different fun events like Stick the Nose on the Teddy Bear and a fabulous obstacle course where our bears enjoyed being thrown through a basketball hoop!

The most fun though was when the bears were put onto the parachute and bounced around!

Year One behaved beautifully the whole time we were there and children and bears alike had the most amazing afternoon.



Tennis Visit: Year 4, 5 & 6 pupils had a fantastic day of fun at Boldon Tennis club this week playing mini games and skill drills. A big thank you to Steve and Hannah for organising the day.



Derwent Hill: The KS2 children have been having a fantastic time at Derwent Hill this week. I hope you have been able to keep up to date with all the goings on via our Facebook page and website.



Key Summer Dates:

Coming up in the summer term 2018:



- 16.07 FDD Disco 4pm—5pm R- Y6
- 17.07 Leavers Assembly for Nursery 11am
- 17.07 Leavers Assembly for Reception 2.15pm
- 17.07 Year 1 Glass Centre Workshop 9.45am
- 17.07 Y6 Meal @ Martinos 5:30pm
- 18.07 Y6 Afternoon Tea and Presentation 2pm
- 19.07 Beach Day KS2
- **20.07 School Closes at 2pm for the Summer Holidays**

School Uniform:

Just a reminder that school uniform is a yellow polo shirt, royal blue cardigan or jumper with grey school trousers or school skirt and black shoes. A blue and white school dress can also be worn this term.

Leggings and jogging bottoms are not appropriate for uniform.

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.**