

# Dame Dorothy Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

**29th October - 2nd November**

### Star of the Week

Year 1	Lenny
Year 2	Daisy
Year 3	Alex B
Year 4	Harry L
Year 5	Jack
Year 6	Adomas

Weekly Attendance League Table						
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House Group Winner	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
<b>Green</b>	<b>Y4 100%</b>	<b>97.2%</b> 

**Halloween Party:** The children had a frightfully good evening at our Friends of Dame Dorothy disco on Wednesday. They looked absospookily wonderful in their costumes and made enough noise to raise the dead.



We are very proud and highly delighted to receive the Platinum Sports Award for our top quality PE provision. This award has been given to only seven schools in the city who have earned the gold standard over the past four consecutive years. The school is thrilled to receive recognition for our efforts to provide sporting opportunities and competition to our children and we will continue to do so in the future.



**Choir in Roker Park:**

Just a reminder that everyone is welcome to come and see the choir perform in the bandstand in Roker Park next Thursday (8th Nov) at 4:30p.m. Please remember that you need to organise an entry ticket to the park at the cost of £2 per person. These can be bought online from <https://www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk/illuminations>. It would be lovely to have an audience of family and friends to support our wonderful choir.

**Shoe Box Appeal:** We are now asking the children to help fill our class shoeboxes. The boxes will be collected by the Rotary Club and distributed to those children who desperately need our help. A list of the items which can be included are as follows:

**Toys:** Matchbox type cars, small bouncy balls, yo-yos, 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 need batteries).

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

**Household:** Washing powder, fairy liquid, hand soap, shampoo, toothbrush and paste, disinfectant, letter paper and envelopes, ball point pens etc. (By adding warm gloves or scarf the box is suitable for an older person).

**Footwear:** Can parents and carers please ensure that children come to school dressed in sensible black footwear that keeps their feet dry. With the arrival of some wetter weather this week several children have come into school with their feet wet and cold and needing their shoes dried out.

**Apple Store Visit:** One half of the year 5 children will be paying a visit to the Apple Store in Newcastle next week to have a look at all the latest new technologies. The children will leave school just after 9am and return in time for lunch. There is no cost for this visit.

**Attendance:** Good attendance in school is vital for your child's academic progress. School strongly urges parents to avoid taking term time holidays and for parents to ensure that children arrive in school on time at 8:45 each morning. Our whole school attendance for this week was an amazing 97.2%. A massive well done to everyone.

**Events:**

- 07.11 Y5 @ the Apple Store Newcastle
- 08.11 Choir singing in Roker Park (4:30pm)
- 12.11 Anti Bullying Week
- 15.11 School Mindfulness Day
- 16.11 Children in Need
- 22.11 Y5 @ Eden Camp (8am departure)
- 27.11 Swimming Gala Y5/6
- 04.12 Athletics City Final—Y5/6
- 07.12 Christmas Fayre

**Bullying Awareness:** A huge thank you must go to Danny Gilchrist from Kidscape for delivering a very clear message to our Year 5 and 6 children about bullying. It is often difficult for both the staff and the children to differentiate between teasing, being mean and bullying. Danny gave us all guidelines to help us understand the difference between these three behaviours. He told us that **teasing** is when both children are happy with the teasing and a lot of laughter between the two is taking place. It must be acceptable to both children. **Being mean** is when one child is making the other uncomfortable by the behaviour and there is an imbalance of power taking place. **Repeatedly being mean** is when this escalates into a **bullying** situation which is more sinister than the other two. As a school, we will continue to reinforce these messages and hope you will do the same at home. Kindness and good manners is at the heart of Dame Dorothy Primary School and Danny commented on how polite and well behaved our children were during his visit. Well done everyone!

**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.**