

Dame Dorothy Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

1st - 5th April

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Attendance Assembly: A very big well done to all of our certificate winners from today's attendance assembly. It is so important that each pupil attends well to help them achieve the best possible educational outcomes. Our special guest for this term's assembly was Judith from SCAG who has been a regular face in school running our very popular after school Art and Craft club on a Friday evening as well as our holiday provision. Many thanks to Judith.



Broom House Farm: On Tuesday, Y1 enjoyed a fantastic day at Broom House Farm. We loved seeing all the different animals and we had an amazing experience when we saw some lambs being born. It was so interesting. We enjoyed spotting various signs of Spring and making our very own nests for the birds. Jayne, at the farm, told us that some swallows will very soon be flying back to the farm, all the way from Africa. They will even use their nests from last year if they are still there! How amazing is that?! On the afternoon, we loved playing in the adventure forest where we flew down ziplines, zoomed down slides and much more.

Everyone was exhausted by the end of the day!



Well done to Oliver in Y2 he swam 440 metres on Sunday in his swimathon @ Becon hill school #puddleducks.



Gymnastics Competition:

Our gymnastics team had a great morning this week at their Key Steps competition. We took 4 teams to compete in Key Steps 1, 2 and 3 and also had a round robin of workshops in trampolining, vault, beam and bars. All children had a chance to try new things and also got to show their skills using their routines they'd practiced. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to their results in the coming weeks.

Beamish Visit: On Thursday Year 4 had their second visit to Beamish courtesy of the Sir Tom Cowie Trust. All were very well prepared however so the weather didn't dampen the high spirits of the children in any way. The wellie brigade experienced the Pit Village, including the Pit Cottages and all the puddles in the back lane! We decided we didn't need to visit the school classroom again so we trooped up the hill to Home Farm. There we got to see a cow with her calves, some noisy geese and some sleeping pigs. An assault on all the senses! Finally we witnessed some new life coming into the world in the sheep pen - an Easter treat for all though thankfully it was before lunch. After lunch, it was onto the sweet shop where everyone stood very patiently and quietly to get their treats. It's quite surprising how much you can buy with £5. Even more surprising was how little time it took to eat!



Our final stop was Pockerley Manor and waggonway - with every puddle dealt with along the way!
Thank goodness for waterproofs! Next trip is Vindolanda on 2nd May 2019.



Disco: Thank you to our fantastic Friends of Dame Dorothy for arranging the Easter disco on Monday.

The Easter raffle was drawn on Wednesday afternoon well done to all our winners and to our first prize winner Michael in Nursery.

Easter: It has been a very busy week to mark the end of the spring term. A huge thank you and well done to our Reception children for their Easter Bonnet parade complete with songs and actions. Thank you too our year 3 and 4 children for their Easter service on Wednesday and all the hours of hard work they put into this along with Mrs Booth, Mrs Gordon, Mr Thompson and Mrs Tweedy.

House Point Winners: Congratulations to the members of 'Green' house for winning the house point competition, Y2 for Path laps and Year 5 for Attendance.

Happy Easter: I would like to wish all of our families a happy and relaxing Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 23rd April.



Egg Competition: Congratulations to our Easter Egg competition winners for their fantastic ideas and designs. They made the job of picking the winners incredibly difficult for our Friends of Dame Dorothy PTA. There were some very creative designs indeed. Well done to all.

Diary Dates:

- 05.04 End of Term
- 23.04 School Re-opens (Tuesday)
- 24.04 RNLI in school with Y1-6
- 02.05 Vindolanda Visit Y4
- 07.05 Y5 Rugby @ Monkwearmouth
- 09.05 Y5 @ Newcastle University—Robotics
- 13.05 SATs Week Year 6
- 21.05 Y2 @ Alnwick Gardens
- 03.06 DERWENT HILL week
- 17.06 INSET Day

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.



Safeguarding Governor —Mrs Roberts.



Mental Health and Well-Being Champion - Miss Baker.

