

Dame Dorothy Primary School

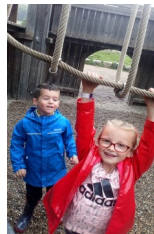
Weekly Newsletter

8th - 12th July

Star of the Week

Year 1	Myla
Year 2	Thomas C
Year 3	Thomas Z
Year 4	Courtney
Year 5	Ethan O
Year 6	Chloe

Gibside: Running free, exploring the adventure park and having fun at the play park. These are just some of the activities that EYFS enjoyed at Gibside Chapel. Well done to all the little legs who walked almost three miles to enjoy the views. Thanks to our volunteer helpers who helped to make a successful trip. As ever, the behaviour of the children was exemplary.



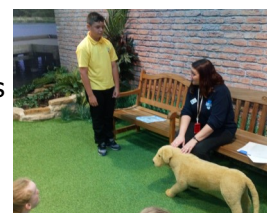
Head Teacher Award
Abigail B & Dana

Wimbledon: The children had an amazing day at Wimbledon last week. Despite the early start there was a lot of excitement on the train as we headed off to London and there was even time for Ethan to dazzle the morning commuters with his piano playing skills at St Pancras before we caught our link train to Wimbledon. The children had prime seats on Number 1 court to watch the legendary Roger Federer in action and he did not disappoint with a succession of wonderful and outrageous tennis shots. It was a late finish to the day but the children were superbly behaved throughout and a credit to both their families and school.



Safety Works: Year 6 had a fabulous morning on Monday, traveling to the Safety Works in Newcastle. We learnt how to place people in the recovery position if they become unresponsive, a very important skill to have.

The whole site is adapted to look like real life situations, even with a real Metro to help learn about safety around train lines and platforms. We learnt about what happens in a police station when someone is arrested, and were amazed how small the cells were! The fire department, helped show us fire hazards in the home and we even got to make a call to 999 to learn what questions they will ask and how its important to stay calm.



Farewell: The end of term marks the final days at Dame Dorothy for three valued members of our school team. Firstly, Mrs Leslie is retiring from her TA role after some 30 years of service. Mrs Leslie has cleaned up thousands of cut knees during that time whilst supporting hundreds of children in the classroom with their reading, writing and numeracy work. Mrs Leslie is always on hand to help out when the need arises and has been instrumental in making our Young Leader programme such a success. The good news is that it's not a total goodbye to Mrs Leslie because she will remain at Dame Dorothy each day to carry out her lunchtime duties. So she will be able to have a lie in each morning and not worry about coming to serve breakfast at school. Secondly, we are saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Gordon who has been such a wonderful support to children, families and staff over the past five years. Mrs Gordon has always had a smile to greet the children every day and she is a member of staff who always goes that extra mile to help the children in our school. She will be a great miss to everyone at Dame Dorothy. Finally, Mr McDougall (Mr Mac) has only been here for a short period of time but he has made a wonderful impression on staff and pupils alike. He has provided the children with an excellent role model of behaviour whilst providing invaluable support to staff. We sincerely hope that Mr Mac goes on to enjoy a successful career in teaching in the not too distant future.

The Year 6 Leavers Afternoon Tea and Awards ceremony will be taking place in the school hall on Wednesday 17th July from 2pm. We would be grateful if those friends and relatives who will be attending let the school office know so that we can estimate the amount of cakes to make! Thank you.

Reminder: There will be NO after school clubs on next week. Sunset club will be on Monday to Thursday.

SATs: The end of year SAT results were published this week and once again I would like to pay tribute to the hard working and skilled teaching team we have in school who help our children achieve the very best results possible. Congratulations also to all of our year 6 children. No matter what numbers or letters appear on their results slip I know that they have put in every last drop of effort and I know that they have made great progress. Our results are very pleasing indeed but that is not what defines a 'good school'. The opportunities to play sport and musical instruments, visit new places and show empathy towards others are even more important in my opinion. Well done to our year 6 pupils for achieving so well but also for being outstanding young people.

Day Care: We announced a short while back that our Day Care setting would close due to falling numbers and it will be an incredibly sad day for us all when, next Friday, we say goodbye to the children and the staff. On behalf of Governors and staff I would like to send my best wishes and thanks to Laura, Ashley and Jenna for their hard work and care they have given to countless children over the years.

Sports Day: We are holding our annual sports day next week. We hope to see you here to support the children, enjoy the weather and have a good time. The EYFS children kick off proceedings at 9:15am followed by Y1&2 from 10:00am. Year 3&4 will be competing from 1:10pm and Y5&6 2.10pm. Please note timings are approximate.



From September there will be an increase to Dinner money to £2.20 per day making it £11 per week.

Diary Dates:

15.07 Y3 Farm visit
15.07 Big Sing
15.07 Summer Disco 4-5pm
16.07 Sports Day—EYFS / KS1 am
16.07 Sports Day—KS2 pm
17.07 Leavers assembly 2pm
17.07 Leavers Prom 5pm
18.07 Beach Day Whole School
19.07 Leavers Assembly
19.07 Finish 1:30pm

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.

