

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

Year 1	Tommy F
Year 2	Freya
Year 3	Olivia
Year 4	Karen
Year 5	Joanna
Year 6	Hope

## House Point Winners



**\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\***

**BANK HOLIDAY**

**MONDAY 4TH MAY**

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

### YEAR 5 – MINI POLICE

Our Year Five Mini Police had a great time at Castletown Primary school this afternoon, as they went to visit the mounted division of the police force. We learnt about how the horses who are a part of the police force are looked after, and also how they get ready for 'work.' We were lucky enough to meet Parker and Pep who are just two of the horses that work with the police.



# Head of School Update

What a fantastic second week it has been in my role as Head of School at Dame Dorothy Primary! It continues to be an absolute pleasure to meet so many of you at the school gates each morning. Thank you for the warm welcomes - please do keep saying hello when you see me; those conversations really do make my day!

We have certainly been treated to some beautiful sunshine this week, and I am delighted to say that our pupils have been shining just as brightly. It has been wonderful to see our school flourishing with so much enthusiasm, teamwork and determination.

Our Girls Active Leaders impressed during their training session, demonstrating incredible confidence, cooperation and leadership skills. Meanwhile, our Mini Police enjoyed a visit to the mounted division of the police force. In EYFS, our young gardeners have been busy getting hands-on outdoors, planting and exploring in outdoor area.

We are also incredibly proud of our girls' football team, who have progressed to the finals of the Jill Scott Cup - a wonderful achievement that shows how hard work and team spirit can help our pupils flourish.

Across the school, pupils have been fully engaged in their athletics sessions, embracing challenge and showing great energy and resilience.

There is never a quiet moment at Dame Dorothy - we never stop and our pupils continue to flourish in all that they do!

Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend.

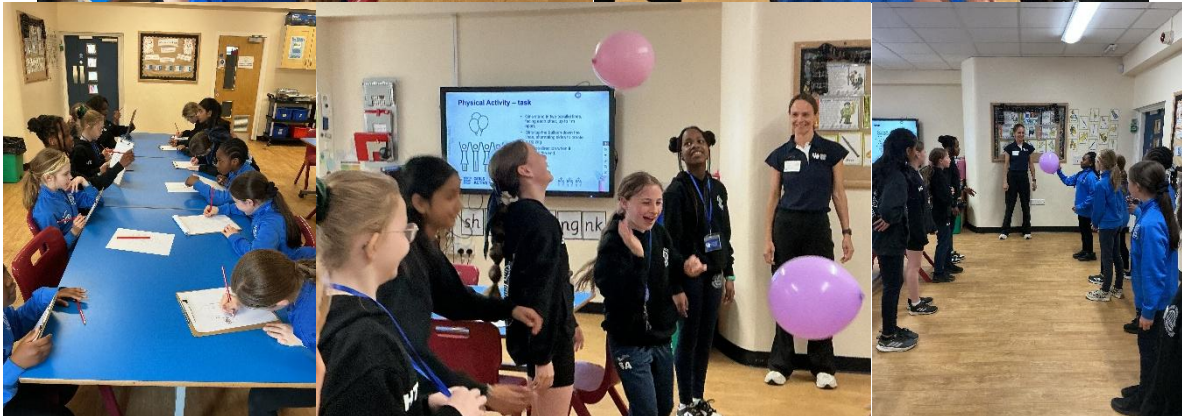
Laura Tullock

## GIRLS ACTIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Girls Active continues to play a fundamental role at Dame Dorothy Primary School, and our dedicated leaders are always looking for new ways to inspire and promote movement for both girls and boys across the school. This week, our Girls Active leaders took another exciting step forward in their development.

On Monday, the group took part in a hands-on leadership training session with Heather from the Youth Sport Trust. The afternoon was packed with practical activities designed to strengthen their communication, cooperation and teamwork skills. The girls explored how movement, confidence and fun can work together to create positive experiences for everyone.

The session not only helped the leaders build new skills but also gave them fresh ideas for encouraging active play and participation throughout the school. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and commitment.



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## YEAR 3 WALK TO ROKER PARK!

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Year 3 had a fantastic time on their science walk to Roker Park, exploring the beautiful flowers currently in bloom. Pupils observed each plant carefully and created detailed drawings, which we'll use later to identify the individual species. The children were fully engaged throughout the activity, showing great curiosity and care in their observations.

We even had time for a short play in the park and to enjoy the wonderful spring sunshine — a perfect end to a day of learning outdoors!



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## CONGRATULATIONS MR WILLIAMSON!

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Last week, Mr Williamson collected an award for Inspirational Teacher at the Worshipful Company of Educators' Trust Awards. Mr Williamson was awarded this accolade for building a school culture where sport and physical activity are not seen as optional, but as fundamental entitlements for every child and member of staff. We are incredibly proud of Mr Williamson and will ensure that the Dame Dorothy approach continues, with healthy bodies and healthy minds remaining at the heart of our school.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have all been enjoying the sun this week and we are hoping it stays! It's a good reminder that as we reach the summer months, please ensure your child comes to school on sunny days with a sun cap and a water bottle. Our uniform includes a shorts option ( see image) for warmer days. Perhaps this is a good opportunity to check any shorts from last year still fit and meet our uniform policy.

Items of uniform and book bags can be bought from Total Sport, Hendon Road Sunderland, SR1 2JD or they can be ordered online from [www.totalsport.co.uk](http://www.totalsport.co.uk)



The uniform is:

- Royal Blue ¼ zip top
- Royal Blue T-shirt
- Navy Pants / leggings or shorts
- Black trainers
- Book bag for reading books

**Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear (including coats, hats etc.) are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

# SAFEGUARDING

Staying safe on the road is a lifelong habit we want our pupils to develop. The attached guide offers practical advice about how parents can support their children to develop these habits, helping them to navigate streets safely and confidently.

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

- 1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS**

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.
- 2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN**

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.
- 3 EYES UP**

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.
- 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS**

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.
- 5 SLOW DOWN**

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.
- 6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB**

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Stopping before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming. Whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.
- 7 CROSS SAFELY**

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.
- 8 PARKED VEHICLES**

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way and ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move all silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.
- 9 REVERSING VEHICLES**

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?
- 10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE**

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

**Meet Our Expert**

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

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## THANK CRUNCHIE IT'S FRIDAY! – CELEBRATING OUR STAFF

We've launched a new initiative to recognise the amazing work our staff do every day. Whether it's a small act of kindness or something that's made a big difference, we want to celebrate it. Families can nominate any member of staff using the Arbor app and each Friday we'll share our appreciation and celebrate our staff in Friday's assembly.

It's a simple way to say thank you and to recognise the people who help make our school such a positive place.

**THANK**  
**crunchie**  
**IT'S FRIDAY!** ♥

Big or small, every act of kindness,  
help and hard work makes a  
**HUGE** difference at our school! ♥

Have you seen  
an **act of kindness**  
from a member  
of our staff? ★

Nominate them  
and let's say  
**THANK YOU!** ♥

**BECAUSE APPRECIATION MAKES OUR SCHOOL STRONGER!**

Let us know  
via the  
**Arbor app.** →

Let's  
celebrate  
our amazing  
**TEAM!** ♥

Have a fantastic Friday  
and a brilliant weekend! ♥

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## ATTENDANCE

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Attendance is so important for children to get the most from their education and the aim should always be 100%.

This week's attendance winners with **96.5%** are **Year 4**.

Children with **5** late arrivals will miss out on prizes and awards even if they are at **98%**.

**Our school day starts at 8:00am with our free Breakfast Club, which is open to all children from Reception to Year 6. Children must arrive before 8:30am to attend Breakfast Club. If your child arrives after 8:30am, they will not be able to enter school until the main gate opens at 8:45am.**

Classroom doors are open from 8:45am to 8:55am for the start of the school day. Any children arriving after 8:55am must enter through the school office and will receive a late mark.

Thank you for your support in helping your child arrive on time each day.

### DIARY DATES

- 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday **\*\*\*SCHOOL CLOSED\*\*\***
- 11 - 15<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATS week
- 17<sup>th</sup> May - Sunderland 3K
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half Term
- 18<sup>th</sup> June - Y3 @Broomhouse Farm
- 24<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Concert
- 14<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Leavers Assembly @2pm