



# Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> May



## ★ Stars of the Week ★

Year 1	Arthur
Year 2	Miley
Year 3	Nathan
Year 4	Kitty
Year 5	William
Year 6	All Year 6!

## Head of School Award

# ★ All Year 6 ★

### House Point Winners



# Head of School Update

What another fantastic week it has been at Dame Dorothy – our children really have shone!

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who have approached their SATs with such resilience and determination. We have been incredibly proud of the way they have conducted themselves throughout the week – calm, focused and, most importantly, doing it all with a smile. They are an absolute credit to themselves and to our school community.

Looking ahead, we have the Sunderland 3K weekend – another brilliant opportunity for our Dame Dorothy community to shine beyond the classroom. We wish all those taking part the very best of luck. If you're not running, do come along and cheer on our pupils and families – your support makes such a difference!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Laura Tullock**  
Head of School

# Attendance

So far this year, school attendance is 94.9%. Well done Dame Dorothy, keep up the good work! We know as we come to the end of the term and children can begin to get tired, there may be a temptation to keep them at home, just for the day. However, everyone really does need to be in school every day. We notice when you're not in school - you belong with us!



Last week each member of our Y2 class was in school every day and so won a treat of some extra playtime. This meant for five days last week they didn't miss out on vital learning time and we didn't miss out on spending time with them!

# Parking outside of School

You may also have noticed the new cones outside school at drop-off and pick-up times. These have been put in place to help keep the area clear and, most importantly, ensure our children can walk safely into school. Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us keep everyone safe.

# Birthdays in School

We love celebrating birthdays at Dame Dorothy and always enjoy sharing these special moments with the children. We are often blown away by the kindness and generosity of families who send in cakes or party bags to help mark the occasion.

As we do have children in school with allergies and medical conditions, we kindly ask that any cakes sent in are shop-bought and clearly labelled with ingredients. Cupcakes are particularly helpful, as they are already portioned.

However, please don't feel any expectation to send anything in at all – celebrating each child is what matters most to us!

# Thank Crunchie it's Friday

This week, two of our staff members have been nominated for making a real difference within our school community. A huge thank you to them for all they do, and to those who took the time to nominate them. We love celebrating these acts of kindness and the positive impact they have on our school.



**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!



**Mr Byers received this nomination:** *I would like to nominate Mr Byers for the Crunchie Award. I would like to nominate him as an unsung hero for Running Club. For the years I've been involved in Running Club, he has been a mainstay, using up time when he is potentially needed elsewhere, to ensure kids remain active, and have a positive experience. Also for the work, time and effort that goes into the organisation of the Sunderland 3km. From a personal point of view, it's allowed me to come to the school, spend more time with Emilie, both doing something we love and enjoy.*

**Dionne our school cook received this nomination:** *I nominate Dionne for everything she's doing for the Y6 children this week, providing lovely breakfasts, making sure they have all the energy they need for SATs.*

**If you have a member of staff who has made a difference, please use the Arbor app to nominate them so we can celebrate with our community.**

# Safeguarding

This week has been Mental Health Awareness week. Taking care of our minds and bodies helps us to feel happy and healthy. We can spend a lot of time online so looking after ourselves online is just as important. This week, we are sharing some tips about how to look after your wellbeing online. These can be used by parents as prompts for discussions at home with children.

**Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE**

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.

**TAKE CARE WHAT YOU SHARE!**

**CHECK YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS**

**AVOID COMPARING YOURSELF TO OTHERS**

**TRACK YOUR SCREEN TIME**

**TAKE BREAKS**

**REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**

**PAUSE BEFORE YOU POST**

**BLOCK BULLIES**

**SPEAK UP AGAINST HARMFUL BEHAVIOUR**

**BE KIND & BE CAREFUL**

**GO TECH FREE BEFORE BED**

**STAY ACTIVE OFFLINE**

**NOS National Online Safety® #WakeUpWednesday**

**LOOK FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITIES**

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# Attendance

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 **100%** are **Year 6**.

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

- 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

# Year 1 Newsletter Special

We have been super busy, as always, in Year 1. Here's a little look at some of the things we've been up to recently...



On Friday afternoon last week, we had a lovely trip out, as a reward for filling our marble jar. We walked to the seafront and enjoyed some delicious ice creams, kindly donated by Sue's Café. We followed this with a walk to Roker Park, where we enjoyed running free and playing in the play area. Being able to spend time with our friends and experience the beautiful surroundings of our seafront and local park was just wonderful. The



children were amazing – so polite, as always, and their behavior was impeccable. Well done, everyone!



In PE, we are enjoying athletics sessions with Donna. We have been working our running and movement and we're now looking forward to improving our throwing and jumping skills.



We love taking our learning outside, whenever we get the opportunity. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful space to explore.

We have been working really hard in phonics. Fred Frog helps us to learn our sounds and use the sounds to blend and read lots of words. We have made some brilliant progress with our reading this year.





In our maths lessons, we have been learning about mass and capacity. We have learned the difference between the words capacity and volume – ask us to see if we can remember!



We have also been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We love using the counting stick to help us and we get really excited when Mrs Horn removes some of the numbers! We are still loving playing on Numbots and it is really helping us with our maths skills.

In music, we have been learning to play two-note tunes and we have even started making our own rhythm grids!

