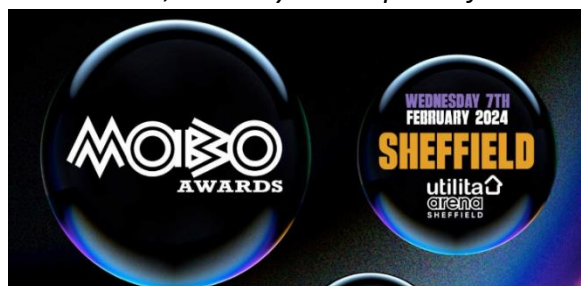


We have had a busy start to the New Year. Children have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm and everyone is working super hard in all elements of school life. Read on to find out more.

DJS and MOBO Project

The year 3s really enjoyed singing Blinded by Your Grace (part 2) – by famous UK rapper STORMZY for this year's MoBO Awards which are being held in Sheffield this month. This is part of a city-wide musical performance led by the Sheffield Music Hub. The year 3s sang the song beautifully, showing an excellent sense of timing and pitch! Mrs Dawson worked really hard with them, in a very short space of time. Watch this space for the full performance- it will be available online at the Sheffield Music Hub and we will also pop it on DoJo once it has been released.



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- 19 Feb- school reopens
- 21. Feb Young Voices (Y5&6)
- 24 Feb- XC Champs Graves Pk
- 7 March- World Book Day- (Dressing Up!)
- 4 March- 8 March- Book Fair
- 19, 20 March- Parents evening
- 27 – 28 March- Year 3 residential visit to Castleton
- 28 Break up for Easter holidays



Pupil's Parliament

This term in Pupils' Parliament we have been starting to think about our upcoming Charity Day in school. We have chosen some charities which the Pupil Parliament reps have taken back to their classes to explain about and then each class will vote for which charities we want to support as a school. We will support one local charity and one international charity and hope to raise a good amount of money for each. We have also started to think about activities to do for our Charity Day which would be fun, creative and meet our school values. Watch this space for when we have made our final decision...

Staff update

We have said goodbye to Mrs Beasley this half term as she has begun her maternity leave with her second baby. Mrs Conroy is teaching 5WB with Mrs Winters. We are also saying goodbye to Miss Cooper one of our amazing HLTAs at the end of this month. Miss Cooper has decided to embark upon a career with the DFE and is putting to use her teaching skills and knowledge to use across a broader range of schools. We will miss her so much but wish her all the best in her new role.

Year 5- Bikeability

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 5 have taken part in bikeability - the government's national cycle training programme. The children have enjoyed spending time with qualified instructors, improving their bicycle proficiency and road safety awareness. We have loved being able to give children the opportunity to learn beyond the classroom and in class we have discussed the positive impact of time spent outdoors and exercise on our mental health. For some children, it took great determination and courage to learn to ride a bike. For other children, they lived our values by problem solving while cycling on the roads around school.



Y5B Class Assembly

Mrs Bayles' class created a syunning assembly for parents and carers earlier this half term, whereby they showcased much of their learing since September. Highlights included performance poetry, a song in French, individual musicians, gymnastic demonstrations.... The list was endless. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who took time out of their busy day to join us. The next class assembly is 3SH- Thursday 22nd February at 9:10 am.

Special Person Gift Stall

Thank you to all of the adults who volunteered to help make the special person gift stall a success, it is really appreciated as without you these events can't go ahead. Huge thank you to Jo Brown and the FODS team for organising and to all who donated a gift or contributed funds. Enjoy your gift if you are the lucky recipient



Year 5 & 6 Disco- by Saihaj & Essie

The disco was incredible, amazing and fun! We all enjoyed dancing in the neon lights and screaming along to the lyrics. The DJ played all our favourite songs, including YMCA, the Cha Cha Slide and the Macarena. Many different outfits were worn: dresses, skirts, pyjamas and trousers. The DJ had many different games in store for us such as a dance-off that we all took part in. If you won a competition, the prize would be a giant glow stick and a cheer from the crowd.



When a break was needed, we could walk over to the concourse for sweets along with a free drink and biscuit. In the concourse, there were many different ways

you could spend your money. For fifty pence you could get your nails painted, and for even less you could purchase sweets and chocolates.

All in all, we believe that the disco was a huge success, and we are sure the Y3/4 disco will be just as good.

Note from Mrs Sexton- Thank you to all of the parents who helped out on the night, without you the event could not have gone ahead and another thank you to Jo for her hard work with FODs.

Terracycle Scheme

Terracycle is a scheme that helps us to recycle 'hard to recycle' products and packaging. Everyone is able to join Terracycle and send off products for free as well as joining, like we have, as Dobcroft Schools to raise money from the weight of rubbish we send to them. At present Dobcroft Schools are registered with the following Terracycle schemes:



- Dental care recycling
- Cheese
- Crisps
- Marigold

The recycling bins are located at the infant school entrance in the carpark.

Unfortunately, our involvement in this scheme is in danger of coming to an end as there are no longer the number of volunteers required to carry out key roles. The following are a few key requirements of what is needed to help the system to continue:

- Manage the signage and labelling of bins (needs to be checked and re-done as and when, perhaps quarterly).
- Collect the rubbish as per time frames (potentially sort as there will be some contamination) – check there are weights in the bottom when bin is emptied. Wheelie bin bags are used to make collection easier.
- Weigh and send off the boxed rubbish to Terracycle.
- If you're passing check all the bins are in good condition and the lids are on securely (located at the infant school gates)

If you think this is something you or other parents may be able to offer some time to please get in touch with school enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk and we will pass on your details to the organisers.

Crucial Crew

On Wednesday 7th February, Y6 visited Crucial Crew, a key part of their personal development curriculum. It was a jam-packed day full of different educational experiences, aimed at helping to keep themselves (and others) safe both now and in the future. They learnt a lot about UK law, particularly regarding arson, theft, hate crime and knife crime and even took part in a mock magistrate's court trial! They became junior Crime Scene Investigators whilst learning about Child Criminal Exploitation, learnt what to do if a fire broke out in their home, how to be safe near open water and how to stay safe whilst travelling on buses and whilst crossing the road. It was certainly a fun but educational day enjoyed by all!

Number Day

Our school enthusiastically participated in the NSPCC Number Day on Friday 2nd February. Children had a great time engaging in various mathematical activities. From exciting investigations to challenging math puzzles, the day was filled with fun and learning. The children also showcased their creativity by dressing up in costumes related to numbers and mathematics, adding an extra element of excitement to the day. There were also plenty of outdoor maths games and activities, where children enjoyed applying their numerical skills in real-world contexts, fostering a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. One pupil in Y4WL said, 'I loved going outside to investigate the perimeter of shapes,' another pupil in Y5 said, 'I can't believe that having one penny doubled every day is better than having £1,000,000 all at once!'

Overall, the NSPCC Number Day was a resounding success!

FODS events this year

Please make a note in your calendar to help support school with these events this year.

7th March – Y3/4 School Disco 5:30pm – 7pm

Any volunteers really appreciated

29th June – Summer Fayre

Lots and Lots of volunteers really appreciated- just an hour each will really enable the fayre to be a huge success!!

School Calendar- 2024-2025

We have received several requests for INSET dates for next year. We have now set the dates with infant school and full calendar is below.

INSET DATES 2024-2025 (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

2nd September 2024

3rd September 2024

21st July 2025

22nd July 2025

23rd July 2025

so far, these plans have yet to come to **fruition**

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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR

For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (21 Days)							October (19 Days)							November (20 Days)						
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Denotes Bank Holidays



Denotes INSET days



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