

We have had a busy half term. Exciting events in school, fundraising activities, visitors and school trips- read on to find out more!

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- 29 March- Bank Holiday- school closed

### Coming up:

- **15 April-** Back to school
- **Art trips Y4:**
- 16/4 Y4WL, 17/4 Y4H, 19/4 Y4C
- **26 April-** assembly Y3JF
- **1-3 May** Y4 Residential
- **w/c 13 May-** Y6 SATs assessment week
- **23 May** Y6 Charity Fayre
- **23 May** Y5CT assembly
- **24 May-** dress down day (pay a £1)
- **24 May-** break up

### *World Book Day*

*Dobcroft definitely got into the World Book Day spirit this year with a whole range of activities and events going on! We dressed up as book characters (or in our comfy PJ's), took part in activities such as 'The Masked Reader' and a 'famous opening lines' treasure hunt outside on the playground, shared our favourite books with our peers and had a visit from a different teacher to our classroom for them to share their favourite books. Some of us even designed potatoes to look like our favourite book characters! This was all carried out with one aim- to ignite our passion and love of books and reading!*



### **Staff Update**

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Canavan this week- one of our wonderful teaching assistants. We wish her much success in her new career and we will miss her calm, hardworking presence around school.

## Book Fayre

This year, the school held a Scholastic Book Fair on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March. The fair was visited by lots of children and their families and we sold a total of £1330 of books. This means that we can purchase £730 worth of books for school. A huge thank you for all families who supported us.



## Young Voices

We kicked off this half term in fine voice with 100 of our Year 5 and 6 children performing at the Young Voices concert at the Utilita Arena - helping to make the largest children's choir in the world. The show was a massive success, and it all came from the hard work put in during rehearsals and at home learning all those words!

Our children got to perform alongside soul singer Natalie Williams (who has performed with Emeli Sandé, Jamie Cullum, Michael Bublé, and Amy Winehouse to name but a few), multi award-winning rapping teacher, World Book Day Ambassador and star of Sky Kids, MC Grammar, the phenomenally talented young drummer Nandi Bushell as well as the Young Voices band and the Urban Strides dancers.

Sophia loved singing in front of the enormous audience while Charlie's favourite moment was the Matilda Medley. Eleanor loved the drama of when the lights went out and we all waved our tiny torches and Katie was WOWed by the backflips from the break dancers. Oliver couldn't believe that Nandi Bushell was only 13 and could play the drums so well and James lapped up the audience's applause.

It was an incredible concert and the children performed fantastically - thank you to all that came to support it. They were a joy to be with and a credit to you all.

Highlights from Young Voices 2024 can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fm8M5N5tDPk>

Invitations to join next year's concerts will be sent out to our current Year 4 and 5 children in the summer term.



## FODs Events

**Year 3 & 4 Disco-** by written by Jessica, Lacey, Arman & Freddie Y4WL

It was so much fun at the Y3/4 school disco, we loved the games, music and dancing with our friends! The best songs to dance to were 'Barbie Girl' and 'Cha Cha Slide'. We mostly danced but there were some really good games in

the games room, like Exploding Kittens. We had some fun games of tig and really liked doing knee slides across the floor. We also enjoyed the yummy treats you could get like Freddos, Refreshers and Milky Bars and there was a good biscuit selection with Party Rings and Custard Creams. Our favourites were definitely the fizzy laces though. We had such a great time, we can't wait to go to the Y5/6 disco next year!

## Quiz Night

*This was another event hosted and organised by Jo and her team- once again thank you for all your hard work. Currently this year FODs has raised **£2241** for the junior school which we are ever grateful for.*



### Class Assemblies

This half term I was privileged to be invited along to two more of our class assemblies led by Y3EF and Y3SH. It was so wonderful to see both classes showcase highlights of their learning since September. Little gems included dance and gymnastics, performance poetry, individual musical pieces and singing relating to French and science– just fabulous Y3’ s we are so proud of you. I would also like to thank all of the parents, grannies, grandads.... who came along for support. The assemblies are such a lovely atmosphere and it is so important for the children to be able to perform to a real audience and families to see what learning has taken place! Please see above for more assemblies in the diary!

### Parent Shout Outs– Assemblies

This spring term, we have been really lucky to have more parent assemblies. Philippa Fenlon (Niamh’s mum) delivered a fabulous assembly all about the work of a physiotherapist. Philippa explained where physiotherapists work, what skills are needed, why she enjoys being one herself and finally how the children can help themselves. The children were taught 4 important stretches to practise at home. Thank you so much Phillipa!

Later in the term, Jacob and Jemima’ s dad – Jamie Beet and his colleagues delivered a fabulous whole school assembly about cyber crime and the career of a police officer. There was lots of useful information shared with the children including the impacts of cyberbullying and how to report it and the importance of keeping our identity confidential whilst gaming online. Everyone (including staff!) found out lots of useful information. Thank you!

If you would like to share the work you do in your job with the children in assembly, please email [akirk@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:akirk@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk). The children engage really well with the assemblies and find them really informative.

### Thank You Too

I would like to thank all of the Year 4 parents who are and have helped out with swimming each week- just fabulous and it is really appreciated.

### Governor Update

We welcome a new governor to our board this half term. Jade Potter who lives and works in the local community. We are delighted to have her on our team. In particular to note is a letter sent earlier this week from governors relating to school's current situation regarding multi-academy trusts. As always if you have any questions relating to the governing board please contact Paul Shawley: [chair@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:chair@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk)

### Maths Quiz

Some of our Y6s entered a Pop Maths Quiz this term and gave up their Saturday morning to compete against other local primary schools. Saturday (9th March). They had to answer 20 very tricky questions! They worked really well as a team and they all said that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and overall came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 20 schools- a big well done and also thank you to Mrs Lowe for organising and attending the event.



### Pupil Shout Outs

A huge well done to Leila and Ed in Y5 who entered a theatre review for the Lyceum- their reviews were so good they are now on the Sheffield Theatre's website!

website! <https://www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk/news/young-reviewers-review-the-boy-at-the-back-of-the-class>

A huge well done to Nitin, Amaya, Sam, Oscar, Henry and Alfie, and Annabelle, who with their younger siblings raised £470 at a bake sale for The Sheffield Children's Hospital Bright Young Dreams Charity, linked to Verve performing arts. Well done children- we are very proud of you for your hard work and kindness!



### Comic Relief

*Thank you to Ms Harrison for organising another successful Comic Relief event. We raised £273! Thank you to everyone who contributed.*



### FODS events this year

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

**29<sup>th</sup> June – Summer**

### Fayre

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

### Premises- DASHmobile Refurbishment

I'm sure you may have noticed the improvements that have already been made to the DASH mobile on the back playground. After many months of discussions with the local authority DASH have had the final go ahead to begin renovation works. This includes, new roof, cladding, improved internal layout and re-decoration. This work is going to be so beneficial to both school and the children who attend DASH. DASH hope to be able to increase their pupil numbers due to the increased space and school will be able to utilise the room in the afternoons for our whole class music lessons. We are all extremely excited for the work to be complete and fingers crossed in September the space will be ready to be used again.



