



Read on to find out how we have kick-started the New Year at DJS!

**Year 5 Ancient Maya Workshop**

Dr Diane Davis, who is a leading expert in Maya archaeology, came in and showed the children a variety of rare Maya artefacts and explained all about her experience in America. It was a great way to start the term and sparked the children's interest in their history learning.



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**Coming up:**

- 10/2 INSET: school closed to pupils
- 20/2 School reopens
- 25/2 XC Graves Park
- 2/3 School Book Fair
- 2/3 World Book Day
- 23/3 School Disco
- 24/3 FODs Quiz @ DIS
- 25/3 XC relays
- 27/3 4WL start swimming
- 29/3 Y3 residential
- 29/3 Y5 parent assembly
- 31/3 break up



**Year 6 Mini First Aid**

This term, our Y6 children took part in a mini first aid training session centred around how to respond to choking scenarios. Together, they looked at how to prevent such an event as well as what actions to take if they were ever to encounter an individual choking.

The session was interactive and highlighted the following steps:

- stay calm
  - shout for help
  - call 999
  - 5 slaps on the back
  - 5 abdominal thrusts
- (And repeat until the blockage leaves the body)

The children really engaged with the session and hopefully came away with life-saving knowledge to take with them into the future.

**Staff Shout Out!**

Well done to Miss McLelland who is our Pride of Dobcroft Staff winner for January. Miss McLelland is one of our fabulous teaching assistants who always goes above and beyond and is willing to step in in an emergency situation! Thank you so much the children and staff are so lucky and proud to work with you 😊



### Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day

Earlier in the term, Year 4 spent the day learning all about the Anglo Saxons. Children had the opportunity to look at some artefacts to learn about what everyday life was like. They also used their creative skills to create an Anglo-Saxon settlement, using paint, cardboard and other resources. They also researched what Anglo-Saxon jewellery looked like before creating their own Anglo-Saxon inspired necklace. At the end of the day, all the Year 4 children got together to share what they had learnt during the day. Everyone agreed it was a lot of fun.



### Welcome to Our "Pride of Dobcroft" Bear

You will be aware of our half termly school values award of the Warrilow Trophy. Our trophies have become rather old and tired and we have gone for an upgrade! Rather than children taking a trophy home for half a term and returning it we wanted to celebrate with something children could keep hence our new bear! We will be naming the bear over coming weeks and all staff and pupils who are awarded the accolade will receive their very own friend to keep forever☺



### Year 5 Bikeability

The children in Y5 had the opportunity to take part in a bikeability Level 2 course over the last few weeks. This was to educate them about road safety on bikes and boost their confidence when cycling on the road. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt some valuable life skills. We definitely embraced our value of 'together we are safe'.

There are bike racks in school if children would like to cycle to school for children to use their new skills.



'Bikeability was amazing and I enjoyed it on the road' – Y5C pupils

### Year 3 Assembly to Parents

On Tuesday 7th February, the children of year 3 invited parents and carers to a very special assembly. The children showcased their learning from the autumn term with each class performing a different subject. A group of children from the 3 classes opened the show with a performance of a lively piece of music, "Strictly D", for the "glocks" that they have been learning in music with Mrs Dawson. Y3SH then explained their art topic from last term with a classroom scene and two art lessons about David Hockney and portraiture. Y3B talked us through their history topic of the changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age with details about last term's interactive Stone Age day. Y3F took us on a geography trip around the UK with a gorgeous song and even some parental involvement asking them to join in with a rally robin activity (thanks parents!). We had songs from singing assembly, science lessons and French lessons. We are all so proud of the year 3 children, together they really did their best! Well done and thank you children and teachers for a fabulous performance. Photos of the year 3 assembly to parents are available on Class Dojo 😊



### Active Travel

Mr Huckstepp and Mr Wassell are engaging our school in the "Modeshift Active Travel" project and consequently will be working on trying to encourage more walking, cycling, scootering to school over the coming months. Please look out for their communication and surveys. They are engaging with other local schools as well as assessing our specific needs as a local community. They would especially like to highlight the irresponsible parking around the school area.

Specifically there are a number of cars parking up in front of our school gates to drop off or collect children before and after school. This area is demarcated with double yellow lines and is a space for cars to turn at the end of the road. Parking right by the school gates is a potential hazard for the children and other pedestrians. We would politely ask for parents / carers to use other safe parking spaces as an alternative.

***Thank you for helping us keep our roads around school safe.***



### Year 5 & 6 Young Voices

**“What have you done today to make you feel proud?”**

Well, 70 of our children travelled to Sheffield Arena to sing at the annual Young Voices event.

They joined a choir of over 5000 children from schools from across Sheffield and Nottinghamshire who had all been learning the songs since they were released in September 2022.



There are always some fantastic performers to inspire the children and this year was no exception! The Urban Striders showed off their incredible dance moves, the Beatbox Collective created music without instruments and only their voices, Anna Phoebe wowed us with her skills on the violin and we certainly felt proud when we were able to perform with **Heather Small from M People!**

The children, as always, were the stars of the show and sang their hearts out, thoroughly enjoying the experience, despite it being such a long day and a late night! We are pleased to be able to give them such exciting opportunities that will be memories for many years to come.

Many thanks to all the staff and parents who volunteered on the night to accompany the children: Becca Francis, Helena Jones, Mrs Burton and Mr Harrison. More thanks to the staff who not only sang with the children, but have led choirs at lunchtime throughout the year to prepare the children: Mr Earl, Mrs Bayles and Mrs Collis. Finally, thanks to Miss Taylor for organising the entire Dobcroft team to ensure that the children are able to access such a wonderful experience.

