

May 2023



Year 4 residential- Mount Cook
Earlier this month, Year 4 travelled to Matlock to spend 2 nights at the Mount Cook activity centre. The purpose of the trip was to build on their problem solving skills, working together as a team and



communicating effectively- as well as having two nights of fun with their friends away from home 😊. Once they had arrived, they quickly got into small groups and started their first activity. Activities included zip line, shelter building, problem solving, fire lighting and indoor climbing- just to mention a few! The days were extremely busy and action packed and by the end of the three days everyone was very tired but had enjoyed the trip immensely.

Janushika - "I was a bit scared at first, but I gave it a go and I wasn't scared by the end."

Emily - "I thought it was really amazing because I got to do lots of amazing activities that I've never done before."

Eliza - "It was fun and I really liked the archery and bush craft activities."

Well done year 4 – you certainly demonstrated many of our school values and had a brilliant experience. Thank you to our amazing staff team who gave up their time to attend and look after the children.



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Coming up:

- 5th June: INSET day- school closed to pupils
- 8th June- FODS special person stall (see letter this week)
- 9th June- sports day (details to follow)
- 16th June- reserve sports day
- 20 June- Y6 Crucial Crew
- 20th June- Y2 transition day
- 21&22 June- Y6 transition days Silverdale only
- 23 June- school photos
- 30 June- Dress down fundraiser (Hallam Cash for Kids)
- 1st July- FODS summer fayre
- 4 July Y2 parent tour
- 5 July - Y6 performance (1:45pm)
- 5&6 July- Y6 performance (7pm)
- 11-14 July- Y6 residential
- 14 July- reports sent home
- 17 July Summer music concert (details to follow)
- 18 July- Y3,4,5 transition morning
- 18 July- Y6 leaver's party (eve)
- 18 July-drop in open evening for parents
- 21 July- break up for the summer

Advice and support for children and families



Contact MAST when your family needs some extra help

MAST Support Drop-in

At the start of April, DJS hosted our first MAST coffee morning of this academic year, and it was great to see a wide range of parents/ carers from an array of year groups! The session was led by the MAST area manager, Paul O'Neill, who shared information on what MAST (Multi-Agency Support Teams) is, what support they can provide families with, and answered more case specific queries from the parents/ carers that attended. Parents were networking incredibly well and we want to say a massive thank you to those who attended and to those who have then gone

on to request further guidance and support from MAST following the coffee morning. Some of the areas of support that MAST can support families with are:

- children who are missing school
- children with challenging behaviour
- children with sleep issues
- children and adults with emotional and mental health issues
- families affected by domestic abuse

We do understand that not everyone is able to attend events like the coffee morning for multiple reasons, however, if you ever feel that you have concerns which you would like further support with, MAST are always a great option. To book in a MAST advice session then please get in contact with school so that we can set this up with our MAST link worker. Alternatively, if you would like to make a self-referral to MAST then this too is an option.

KING'S CORONATION

ON FRIDAY 5TH MAY, DJS TOOK PART IN CORONATION CELEBRATIONS. CHILDREN WORE RED / WHITE / BLUE AND SOME CHOSE TO TAKE PART IN A FUN 'ROYALTY' THEMED FANCY DRESS PARADE. AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE HAD A FANTASTIC SHOWCASE OF CREATIVITY INCLUDING WONDERFUL POETRY THAT CAPTURED WHAT THE CHILDREN OF 2023 WOULD LIKE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR LIVES TODAY AND THEIR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE. ALL IN ALL WE HAD A REALLY SUCCESSFUL AND CREATIVE DAY!



Parent Shout Outs

Many thanks to Matt Watson (Caitlin's Dad), who works in Cyber Security, for coming to speak to Year 6 this term about keeping themselves and their data safe online. They really enjoyed listening to advice to help keep themselves safe online and also learnt about his role protecting data across the world, including supporting the UK and American governments. Thank you too to Jacob's mum- Claire Beet - who came in to share her knowledge as a dentist as part of the year 4 Science learning about teeth. We love having parents in showcasing their knowledge and skills and please do get in touch with Mrs Kirk (akirk@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk) if you have anything you feel could be useful to share.

Staff Shout Outs

A massive well done and thank you to our amazing teaching assistant Miss Booth. She has won our Dobcroft Staff Pride award for May. Not only is she super skilled in delivering support for pupils in class, small group interventions or supporting pupils 1-1, but she is a fabulous lunchtime football referee, making sure all of the children are playing safely and to the rules 😊



Year 5 Space Dome

Year 5 had a fantastic 'Awe and Wonder' day learning all about the wonders of Space. We were very lucky to be able to use the Space dome for our special day. Each class got to experience time in the dome and further their learning all about Earth and Space, guided by the Space Dome's expert, Matt. The children were able to learn more about what is in our Solar System and also truly understand how big Space actually is. They asked some insightful questions and also had some wonderful facts too.



Lucy - 'I loved the space dome because I got to see the Milkyway and I got to learn about space.'

Larissa - 'I think that it was awesome, cool and interesting to learn about space from an expert!'

Pupil's Parliament Visit

We teamed up with Taylor Shaw (our school meals provider) to participate in a project sharing Coronation experiences with elderly people in a local care home. This week our Pupil's Parliament visited the care home to share some of the work children had done as part of the Coronation and more importantly to listen to first hand experiences of how the Coronation was celebrated in 1953. It was a lovely experience for the children involved and a way to develop community links.

Year 6 SATS

The Y6 children took their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (commonly known as SATs) this half term. The assessments measure what pupils have learnt throughout their time at Dobcroft Junior School, from Year 3 to Year 6. We are really proud of how the children responded to the assessments, taking them in their stride and working hard to show off what they know. The papers are marked externally, and the results will be included in the children's end of year reports. We will also share headline data with all parents. Many thanks to the adults who volunteered their time during SATs Week to support individuals across the year group - we really appreciate your time.



Term Time Leave Requests

We would like to remind parents that all requests for term time leave should be submitted via the 'Leave of absence in term time request form' form at least 20 school days in advance as per Sheffield City

Council's 'Exceptional Leave during Term Time Policy'. Forms are available to collect from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website 'Forms' section and sent to enquiries@dobcroft-sheffield.sch.uk

Many thanks.