



Although it has been a short term, it has been packed with activities beyond the classroom. Read on to find out more! I would like to take the time to wish all of our families a restful break and Happy Easter, fingers crossed the sun will shine and we can all be outside reaping the benefits.

The Pride of Yorkshire



We have been fortunate enough to have secured one of the last cubs as part of the Pride of Yorkshire event. For those of you who remember the bear trail a few years ago, this is similar. As a school, we will decorate the cub and raise money for the Children's hospital. Children have been given the opportunity to share their artistic ideas and may come home with a sheet to complete over the holidays if they have expressed an interest. Please can they be returned Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March so we have time to view all of the ideas prior to decorating.

Year 5 Kelham Island

The Year 5 trip to Kelham Island Museum was an exciting and hands-on experience. During the visit, the children explored how gears, levers, and pulleys were used in real machinery, helping to power factories and transform industries during Sheffield's industrial past. Through interactive exhibits and demonstrations, they discovered how these simple mechanisms work together to make heavy tasks easier and more efficient. The trip not only deepened their understanding of key science concepts but also gave them an insight into how engineering shaped the world around them - especially in Sheffield!

Year 3- Millhouses Park



To broaden and deepen the Year 3s knowledge of their local area, they went on a trip to Millhouses Park. The children recalled crucial knowledge about land use and how it has changed over time. They enjoyed seeing where the old tram terminus used to be and noticed how the land is now used for residential buildings. The children identified the location of the old lido and enjoyed drawing the current water park. We got incredibly lucky with the nicest weather of the year, which

helped to make it a very enjoyable trip. As ever, thank you very much to all the parents who supported us!



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Coming up next term

- 13/4 School reopens
- 14/4 Y3F Broomcroft Trip
- 17/4 Y5 Charity afternoon
- 22/4-24/4 Y4 Mount Cook
- 25/5 XC relays, orienteering, London Mini Marathon
- 28/4 Y3T Broomcroft nursing home
- 1/5 Y3 Outdoor learning day (on site)
- 4/5 School closed (bank holiday)
- 11/5 Y6 SATs week
- 16/5 Orienteering
- 18 or 19/5 Y5 Thornbridge
- 19/5 Y3T- Broomcroft nursing home
- 20/5 Y3J Class assembly
- 22/5 Dress down day
- 22/5 School breaks up for half term

## 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, took part in activities such as designing a book cover, had fashion shows to show off our costumes and shared our favourite books with our peers. We also swapped classes and read with children from different year groups. 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.

We also hosted a book fair, which was incredibly successful. Over £1500 was spent meaning we raised a total of £976.78 to be spent on books for school! Thank you so much to everyone who came and purchased a book.



## FODs events/funds

**Dobcroft Junior School's discos were a huge hit! Thanks to our FODs team, we had two discos - one for Years 3 and 4 and another for Years 5 and 6. Both evenings were hugely popular and everyone had an amazing time. There was a DJ and lots of fantastic dancing, a quiet games area to retreat to and varied treats to buy. All staff and volunteers were incredibly pleased with how well pupils behaved throughout the night. The children also really dressed to impress and had a super enjoyable time with their friends.**

**A huge thank you to the FODs team for organising such popular and successful events!**

**In the meantime, FODs have funded many items in school including our new funky settees and bean bags.**



### Y4 Halle Orchestra

The children really enjoyed learning about families of instruments in the orchestra when they went to the City Hall to watch the Halle Orchestra. They will be continuing this learning after half term when they study this topic in music and build on what they learnt about conducting. The concert was celebrating International Women's Day, featuring music composed by women or about women. The children enjoyed hearing the music and smelling scratch and sniff cards to get a fully immersive experience. Favourite pieces were the theme from Dr Who, Plants Vs Zombies and a song from Moana that had sign language to learn with it. We were very proud to take such a brilliant group of children to enjoy this amazing experience of watching a live orchestra.



### Y6 Maths Quiz

On Saturday 7th March, six Y6 pupils entered a Sheffield Hallam University Pop Maths Quiz. They worked superbly well together as a team and managed to score 17/20. The winning team scored full marks, so they were not far off! Well done everyone.



### Y5 Bikeability

Our Year 5 pupils have recently taken part in three weeks of coaching with Cycle North (Bikeability). The children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and have developed valuable safety skills for life. We have been particularly impressed with the progress made by those who were previously non-riders, showing great determination and confidence.



Bikeability is not just about learning to ride a bike, it equips children with the skills and knowledge to cycle safely throughout their lives. It also encourages cycling as an everyday activity. We hope that the children will continue to enjoy cycling at weekends, on their journey to school, and during the holidays.

### Y3T assembly

It was an absolute pleasure and joy to watch our Y3T assembly. The children spoke confidently, clearly and worked incredibly well together as a team; taking turns and helping one another. The range of learning they showcased was quite impressive, as well as sharing their individual music talents. Thank you to Miss Taylor and her class for a wonderful performance and of course to our lovely audience!

### Y4 Foodbank

For the year 4 community project, our foodbank reps did a fantastic job promoting the spring collection for the S6 Foodbank to every year group across the school. We gathered a generous number of 'lunch' items to support both adults and children across Sheffield who do not have enough to eat. The Year 4 children have truly embraced this cause, and their enthusiasm has made a real difference. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to this collection.

### Y5 St Luke's

As part of their community project, Year 5 recently took part in another fantastic fundraiser for our local charity, St Luke's Hospice. They completed a "penny challenge," collecting spare change and points along the way. We are delighted to share that they raised an amazing £297.40! Thank you so much to everyone who donated – your support is truly appreciated and will make a positive impact.



**Comic Relief**



We had a fantastic time celebrating Comic Relief at school! A huge thank you to all the children for fully embracing the day by coming dressed in red or wearing something funny and joke-related!

During our assembly, we learned about how the money raised by Comic Relief supports important projects both in the UK and around the world. We listened to powerful stories about children and adults who have faced challenges in their lives, and how these projects make a real difference in helping them overcome difficulties. Throughout the day, we also enjoyed sharing our favourite jokes and getting creative by designing our own red noses. It was wonderful to see so much laughter, creativity, and kindness, all while supporting such an important cause.

**Attendance**

Our attendance target for the 2025-26 school year is 98%. Currently school is at 97.28%. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their ongoing support in ensuring that pupils attend school regularly.

A reminder to all families wishing to apply for term time leave – you must submit the request at least 20 school days prior to the first day of requested absence. The Department for Education states that schools are unable to authorise requests that are submitted retrospectively.

**Governors**

We want to take a moment to sincerely thank Sadia Azim, our Finance Governor, as her four-year term comes to an end. Throughout her time with us, Sadia has brought so much dedication, valuable skills, and knowledge to our board.

Her efforts and leadership have made a real difference, and we truly appreciate all the time and energy she has given. We're grateful for everything she's contributed and wish her all the best in her future pursuits. It's been a pleasure working with her!

**Ofsted**



It has been a long wait but our Ofsted draft report should be with us by the 13<sup>th</sup> of April. We will share it with you as soon as we can!

**Dob-Crop!**

Our two gardening clubs are going to begin to sell some of our plants. They will be on sale in the area outside reception. If you wish to buy a plant simply take it to the office and you can pay cash or Mr Wright will organise for a payment via parent pay. Currently we have an abundance of kale 😊 . All of the funds will go back into our club to fund equipment etc.



**Parking Reminders**

Thank you to the parents who continue to report unsafe parking around the school area. Our office team do continue to pass on the concerns to the parking enforcement team at the council, however we feel that direct communication from parents would have even greater impact. Please continue to raise concerns with us but taking the time to email the council too could have even more impact: [parkingenforcement@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:parkingenforcement@sheffield.gov.uk)

Please also note that school do not have any control/decision regarding the zig zags and turning bay- this is the highway code, we will continue to do all we can to challenge and remind the community about parking for the safety of all.