

Dobcroft Junior School

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Community Partnership Projects: Together, We Embrace Difference

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the success of our community partnership projects last year, we are delighted to be continuing this work for a second year at Dobcroft Junior School.

Inspired by our school value, *Together, We Embrace Difference*, these projects give pupils wonderful opportunities to explore and celebrate our diverse community, deepen their understanding of protected characteristics and appreciate different perspectives, backgrounds and cultures. Most importantly, they help children build meaningful connections and develop a sense of belonging, inclusion and active participation in the wider community. Additionally, any funds raised through whole-school charity day activities will also support our community projects. (Funds raised by Year 3 will go to Age UK)

Below is a brief overview of each project, which we hope will spark conversations at home about your child's experiences. We would also love to hear from any parents or carers who could offer their time, knowledge or experience to support a particular project. Please contact Sheree Doyle or the named teacher if you can help.

We look forward to working together with our wider community throughout the year.

Warm wishes,
Sheree Doyle – Deputy Head

Who	Overview of project and aims	Dates for your diary so far		
		Y3F visits	Y3J visits	Y3T visits
Year 3 Teacher lead: Mr Frampton	Partnership project with Broomcroft Care Home With a focus on the protected characteristic of age, pupils will explore how growing older is a natural part of life and how people of all ages have valuable experiences to share. Through regular visits to Broomcroft Care Home and carefully planned classroom learning to run alongside visits, pupils will build their confidence in interacting and develop meaningful intergenerational connections.	11th December 2026 12th March 2027 11th June 2027	9th October 2026 15th January 2027 23rd April 2027	6th November 2026 26th February 2027 7th May 2027
Year 4 Teacher lead: Mrs Waggott	Partnership project with S6 Foodbank Pupils will work closely with S6 Foodbank to learn about food insecurity and the challenges faced by families experiencing hardship. Through visits from foodbank volunteers, classroom learning and food collections across the year, pupils will develop an understanding of the importance of supporting others and discover how they can make a positive difference in their local community.	- October – whole school assembly from S6 Foodbank - Autumn food collection – Theme is 'Harvest of Kindness: Every donation makes a difference' – donations to the school office from 9th November– 13th November - Spring food collection – info and specific dates TBC		
Year 5 Teacher lead: Mrs Beasley	Partnership project with St Luke's With a focus on the protected characteristic of disability, pupils will explore how St Luke's supports people living with progressive and substantial conditions. They will learn from charity volunteers, visit the day centre and discover how the charity positively impacts lives. Through the Bizkids project, pupils will also develop their entrepreneurial skills, using a seed fund to raise money through events including a festive singalong and penny challenge. Their fundraising efforts will culminate in a donation to St Luke's, presented via our 'big cheque' at the end of the year. Last year, pupils raised £3092.93.	11th September – Whole school assembly from St Luke's 30th September – afternoon Y5CB visit to St Luke's Day Centre 6th October – afternoon Y5P visit to St Luke's Day Centre 15th October – afternoon Y5L visit to St Luke's Day Centre 3rd December 3:30pm – 4:30pm 'St Luke's Festive Singalong'		
Year 6 Teacher lead: Miss Pratt	Partnership project with 'Assist Sheffield' With a focus on the protected characteristic of race, pupils will explore the experiences of people seeking asylum and refugees, learning about the work of Assist Sheffield and its commitment to supporting people and tackling racism. Visits from the charity will give pupils valuable insights into lived experiences of seeking asylum, alongside opportunities to consider how we can support others and embrace difference. Linked classroom learning will continue throughout the year, including the election of Embracing Difference representatives, who will help ensure Dobcroft is doing all it can to promote inclusion and celebrate diversity.	- October – Assist representative visits DJS - Autumn – Y6 'Embracing Difference' Representatives elected - February – Assist revisit us with a focus on lived experiences and support - Ongoing – linked curriculum / project work in class - June – Refugee week to round off the project We would love to hear from any parents or carers with professional experience in immigration, asylum, refugee support, related legal work or advocacy, or personal/family experiences they would be happy to share with pupils. Your insights would be invaluable in bringing this project to life. If you would like to contribute, please contact Miss Pratt.		

