



# CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER – Summer 2024

## Dobcroft Infant & Pre-School

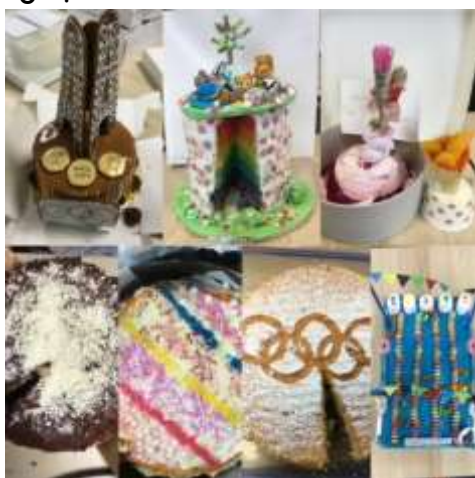


### London Mini Marathon

On 20<sup>th</sup> April, a number of children from Dobcroft ran the TCS Mini London Marathon, a one-mile route finishing on the finish line of the London Marathon. They had a fabulous time and we are very proud of them. Their efforts raised £150 for the school. Well done to everyone involved!



### Olympic Celebrations



Thank you to everyone who helped out at our Olympic Day. Whether you helped manage the circuit that the children ran round (every child completed the circuit to a total of 444 laps, which is the number of miles to the Olympic Stadium in Paris!), made cakes or ate cakes(!), We are extremely grateful to you for helping and supporting us.



Mrs Bussey brought a 2012 Olympic torch to share with the children.

#### 🌟 Congratulations to all the Star Bakers! 🌟

2 adults – Pamela Challis and Jenni Ward  
 5 children (we really couldn't decide) – Mia Crawshaw, Hannah Cruikshanks, Olivia Gordon, Rushoti Saha, and Constance Yarwood

### School Fayre Celebration

The sun shined for us and families had a great day at our school fayre. Thank you to everyone who supported the event – we made a record amount this year (just under £10k which is shared between the junior and infant schools) and this will largely be spent on creating a new pond in our wildlife garden and making the whole space an excellent learning environment for our whole school.

## Dobcroft's Hero



Miss Wilson helped to save someone's life recently and this has been recognised by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue. We are very proud of her and weren't surprised at all by her quick reactions and desire to help. She is a real life superhero!



## Green Day

We had another wonderful Green Day. We considered how to live sustainably through recycling, reusing, and reducing our waste. We planted seeds to improve the school's biodiversity and learnt about road safety so we can walk to school amongst many more. We had a great day of learning and fun!



## Green Flag Reaccreditation

*"It is evident that young people at Dobcroft Infant School are aware of environmental issues and passionate about protecting our planet"*  
(feedback from our application)

This academic year, students at Dobcroft Infant School have once again received international accreditation for their exceptional work in promoting sustainability and raising environmental awareness amongst their peers.

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: 'The Eco-Schools' Green Flag is an international benchmark that demonstrates a commitment to fighting climate change and high standard of sustainable practice. Students and staff who earn this award deserve recognition for their dedication toward protecting our planet. Every day, they demonstrate that each of us can contribute to making our planet a better, more sustainable, place.'

To learn more about Eco-Schools head to [www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk)

Our feedback was excellent and as a result we were awarded a MERIT, which nationally is a great achievement.



## Charity Fundraising

Penelope and Olivia (and Violet and Isla) did a charity bake sale on the 9<sup>th</sup> June and they raised just over £200 for the RSPCA. Some other parents/carers also helped by contributing baking which they were extremely grateful for and lots of families came down to buy the goodies. They had a brilliant day and we are all really proud of their achievements.





## Charity Fundraising

Teddy from Hedgehogs did the 5km Race for Life in June and raised £225 for charity. Well done Teddy!



## Salad Bar

As a result of feedback from our parent working group, we have re-introduced a salad bar that children can access independently during lunch time to enhance their meal. The children are loving it and it's definitely a hit!



## Art Exhibition

In June, Foundation Stage pupils celebrated their art work. They had the opportunity to show their parents and carers the art they had created, they modelled the skills they had learnt over the past term and had a really lovely time explaining what they know.

## Animation Club Showcase

Click on the link below to see a showcase of some clips from the children's animations at the after-school animation clubs.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/35k4g8p0xa5ug63/Animation%20Showcase%20Dobcroft%20Final.mp4?dl=0>

In the club, they have been talking about the plot, characters, themes and settings for the children's animations. What a great way to develop and reinforce storytelling skills!

## Moose the dog

Moose, the auditory therapy dog, came to visit. Children learnt all about how he helps others. They were amazed how big he is!



## Gardening sessions



We had a number of gardening sessions this term. Lots of families have supported these events. We have planted up our new outside area, made a start to a wild flower perimeter to the willow castle, weeded and planted up the raised beds amongst much more. Please join us in the future if you are able to.

## Goodbye to the Y2s

Y2 have had many ways to celebrate their time at Dobcroft Infant School but one of their favourites has been their leavers disco. They had lots of fun and it was very loud!

They also enjoyed performing in their end of year play, which was watched by Y3 pupils and parents/carers alike.

Another highlight was getting an ice cream from the ice cream van that visited us on Monday.

We will miss all our Y2 pupils and we wish them success at Dobcroft Junior School.



## Art work displayed at Ponds Forge

Sheffield Young Artists extended their congratulations to all the children who submitted artwork for this year's exhibition. Special congratulations to Rhuaridh Boyd whose artwork has been selected for display at the Art in The Garden Exhibition, which will take place in September 2024.

## Science Ambassadors Celebration at Hallam



The year 2 Science Ambassadors have been amazing this year by making the difficult decision who won the science season photograph competition, leading a science day to the whole school as well as supporting their own class in their science learning. They even took part in a celebration event at Hallam Primary School with 9 other partner schools of the Ogden Trust Community where they shared different experiments along with receiving a celebration pack created by Sheffield Hallam University. Miss Tinker would like to thank the amazing ambassadors!



## SCC's Early Years Commitment to Quality Award

Dobcroft Infant School have been awarded the Sheffield Early Years Commitment to Quality. The following comments were made



**The Early Years team at Dobcroft Infants have dedicated time each day to follow children's interests in provision, allowing them to develop language, conversation and communication strategies through the use of a variety of questioning techniques and research-based approaches such as 'Time to Talk', Sustained, Shared Thinking, OWLing and more.**

## Food For Life Award



We are very proud to announce we have received a bronze award. This was achieved through serving fresh, seasonal school meals prepared by a well-trained school cook. Pupils and parents being involved in planning improvements to school menus and the dining experience via a school nutrition action group and boosting school meal take-up. Every pupil has the opportunity to visit a farm during his or her time at Dobcroft Infant School, and opportunities are given for cooking and food growing activity through our gardening club and Cook & Eat sessions.



## Outside Area



One of our outside areas has been transformed! Children love using the stage to act out their favourite songs and stories. They can access the sensory garden by looking through coloured tiles that shine interesting



shapes onto the floor (when the sun finally shines!), smell herbs and



plants that have been planted in the new raised beds (including watching worms wriggle around through the viewing panel), wind their way along the new path or chill out on the amphitheatre style seating area. It has been a real hit with all the children.