

Weekly Newsletter

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www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk



Beehive Club

The Beehive Club which provides quality affordable childcare provision before and after school is now situated in the Lifelong Learning Centre behind the main gates on Market Lane. The Breakfast Club operates from 8.00-9.00am and the After School Club from 3.15-6.00pm. If you require further information, please call in to the Club or telephone either 07986673950 or 07979734312.



Special Awards



Year Group Awards were presented today to the following children:

Reception: Alex Peareth Class RH Year 1: Kieran Carr Class 1M
Year 2: Sam Stout Class 2A Year 3: Bethany Gilchrist Class 3A
Year 4: Emily Marran Class 4A Year 5: Connor Surtees Class 5G
Year 6: Lindsey Clarke Class 6G

Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.

Class Awards this week were presented to Class 2A in Key Stage 1 and to Class 4A in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 1M in Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.70% attendance rate for week ending Friday 24 April and to Class 6D (98.60%) again in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.00% - another good week everyone!



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Basic Skills Award



We were delighted to be informed recently that following a successful assessment visit from a local authority inspector, we have been awarded the prestigious Primary Quality Mark in recognition of the provision we offer in teaching the basic skills in literacy and numeracy. The award is valid for the next three years and is particularly rewarding for the staff given the time and hard work they commit to ensuring that our children are well served.

Walk to School Week



As part of our new School Travel Plan, we will be taking part in Walk to School Week from 18-22 May. The children will be involved in a range of initiatives and activities to encourage them to take to foot and walk to school when ever possible. Parental support for this national campaign is obviously very important if we are to address some of the health and safety issues which our school community are currently experiencing. Further details will be sent home in due course.

Provisional dates for sports days:

Mon., 29 June (1.45pm): Years 5 and 6
Tues, 30 June (1.45pm): Reception, Years 1 and 2
Wed, 1 July (1.45pm): Years 3 and 4
This year we will be able to hold all of our sports days on our new school field.



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PE Kits

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on the required days each week.



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'Show Racism the Red Card'



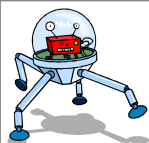
Yesterday our Year 5 children spent the day with the 'Show Racism the Red Card' team. Throughout the day they took part in a number of activities that raised their awareness of the causes and effects of racism. The children made an excellent impression during their thoughtful and mature discussions and demonstrated fantastic sporting skills and team work during their football coaching session. Both Naithan Breen and Lewis Hogg earned themselves tickets to a forthcoming Newcastle match for contributing so enthusiastically to all the activities - well done Year 5!

Class 1M at the CLC

On Monday morning, Class 1M went along to Gateshead CLC and had an excellent ICT experience. They created a story about shape characters, adding fancy font text and their own voices! They learned lots of new skills to use back in school. It was certainly a fun and valuable out-of-school learning opportunity.



Lego Robotics



Four lucky Year 5 children were given the opportunity to develop their ICT skills today, when they took part in a 'Lego Robotics Competition' at Heworth Grange CLC. The children had to give a robot instructions to complete various tasks.

Family Learning

A reminder that we are planning on running a free ten week ICT course for parents on Tuesday mornings from 9.30-11.30am. The first session is scheduled for 12 May. If anyone is interested in going along they should either contact the school office for further details or return the proforma slip to Mrs Redpath.



Coffee Morning



Our next 'coffee morning drop in' is on Tuesday. Why not pop along to our community room between 9-10am for a coffee and a chat with other members of our school community. 50p for a cuppa and a biscuit.

Sport

Football: Twenty-five of our Year 2 children took part in their first coaching session with the Newcastle Football in the Community coaching team on Wednesday night. The boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to make full use of our new field and the lively weather. The children not only had their work cut out as they gave 100% to impress coaches, Barry and Chris, but also the on looking former England star, Paul Gascoigne! They are looking forward to the rest of the sessions.



Cricket: The 'Chance to Shine' cricket programme continues to run in school this term with Mick Armstrong from Durham CCC. Mick will be working with children in Year 5 on Wednesday mornings and also running a lunchtime club for children in Year 4. We will be keeping a close eye on our future cricketing stars as we look for representatives to perform some drills and skills on the pitch at the forthcoming England test match against the West Indies. Keep your eye on the ball Year 5 and watch this space!

Gymnastics: There are places available for any boys in Key Stage 2 who would like to join the Gymnastics Club after school on Monday evenings from next September. Anyone who is interested should go along and see our coach, Julie Brydon, in the upper Key Stage 2 hall.



Don't forget PE kits and sandshoes / training shoes this term!

Active Kids

Our school is once again taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids campaign. Last year, with your help, we collected over 5,000 vouchers which we were able to exchange for a range of new PE resources. The scheme this year runs until 3 June 2009 and up until this time you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at Sainsbury's, including petrol stations and when you shop online at www.sainsburys.co.uk. There is no limit to how many Active Kids vouchers our school can collect, so we hope that you will spread the word to your family, friends and colleagues so that we can continue to ensure that we provide our children with the latest and most up to date equipment for in and out of the classroom. Our Active Kids collection box is located outside the staffroom in the learning zone.

