

## Weekly Newsletter

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### School Website

[www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk](http://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 7.45-9.00am 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: Caitlyn Baker Class RC      Year 1: Billy Rippon Class 1A  
Year 2: Dylan Ritchie Class 2S      Year 3: Kayleigh Burn Class 3T  
Year 4: Brooke Duggan Class 4G      Year 5: Hannah Gibbons Class 5D  
Year 6: Andy Guo Class 6S  
Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.



**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class 1A in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 6S in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance Award:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class RM in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 96.70% attendance rate for week ending Friday 24th June and to Class 3R again (96.60%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 92.60% - a very disappointing total everyone given our normal high standard!



## Dunston Hill Community Primary School

### Dunston Gala Day



We are keeping our fingers crossed that there is glorious sunshine for tomorrow's Dunston Gala Day in the Park. Once again we have our own stall and are hoping to raise some funds for the next stage of developing our school grounds. A big thank you to those parents who have kindly donated prizes for our chocolate tombola and 'Hook the Bag' game. Do come along and join us between 12 and 3.30pm.

### Year 5/6 Summer Production

A reminder to Year 5 and 6 parents that our older children will be performing their end of year production 'Geordie Fenwick' on Thursday 7th July in the school hall. There are two performances at 2pm and 5pm. We hope you will have received your letter regarding the ticket allocation arrangements and returned the slip requesting the number you require. Every child has been allocated two tickets which can both be taken for one show or shared equally over the two. Any extra tickets will be allocated once all of the initial requests have been catered for.



### Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school all next week from 3.00-4.15pm in the community room. There will be books for all children including their favourite authors. Do come and have a browse and help to make the Book Fair a great success as in previous years.



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Coffee Morning every Friday at 9am in our community room. Do come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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## Nursery Visits



Our two Nursery groups enjoyed their visits to Hall Hill Farm at the beginning of the week. They had a short coach journey to the Farm and were full of questions like: "Are we nearly there yet?" even as soon as they had left school. Once they arrived their day was action packed - feeding all of the animals, milking the lambs, riding on the tractor, cuddling the rabbits and chicks, and obviously lots of hand-washing! The sun was shining all day too, which added to their day. On the way home there were a lot of sleepy heads ...!

## Kingsmeadow Links

Next week some of our older children will be taking part in two special celebration evenings at Kingsmeadow School. On Monday a number of Year 5 pupils have been invited to a Gifted and Talented Awards Evening to receive a certificate for participating in a range of projects during the course of the year. And then on Wednesday some of our children will be taking part in a PE/Sport celebration with pupils from other local cluster schools.



## Next Week's Visits

Next week our Year 3 children will be visiting Beamish Museum on Thursday and Year 1 will be taking part in a teddy bears' picnic at Kingsmeadow School on Friday afternoon.

## End of Year Progress Reports



End of Year Progress Reports will be sent home to parents on Friday 15th July. This year they will be in a different format and will include a photograph and insert from the child. As always, reference will be paid to achievements during this last academic year focusing on Literacy, Numeracy and the Creative Curriculum.

## Further Attendance Initiative

Our latest attendance initiative with the local authority's education welfare service and Hays Travel runs from 3rd May to 8th July when anyone with full attendance will be entered into a draw with a first prize of £500 holiday vouchers for the winning pupil's family.



## Sport

**Sports Days:** We were so pleased to hold two of our three scheduled sports days this week. The children in our Reception and Key Stage 1 classes really enjoyed taking part in the carousel of activities on Tuesday afternoon and everyone had much fun running, jumping, throwing etc. The boys and girls in Years 3 and 4 took part in a more traditional event on Wednesday and the house team of Lambton were the overall winners. A reminder that the sports day for Years 5 and 6 has been rescheduled for Thursday 14th July (1.45pm) due to yesterday's industrial action.



**Athletics Festival:** Our twenty strong Key Stage 2 athletics team who took to the track and field at the Gateshead Primary Schools' annual festival last Friday enjoyed some notable successes and came away with thirteen medals between them: Elena Davidson took gold in both Y5/6 girls' 60m sprint and spring jumps, Robbie Barnaby silver in both Y5/6 boys' 800m and long jump, Libby Cox silver in Y5/6 girls' 800m, and both Y5/6 relay teams bronze. We are extremely proud of them all.



**Swimming:** A special well done must go to Mitchel Smails, Rebecca Smails and Elena Davidson who took part in this week's annual Gateshead Schools' Swimming Gala. They were representing Dunston Leisure Centre and performed extremely well against tough opposition from other areas in the borough.

**Netball:** Our Year 5 netball team played really well on Tuesday afternoon in a tournament at Lord Lawson School. They competed against some experienced teams, finished up as runners up overall and proudly brought back their silver medals.

## Active Kids 2011



Our **Sainsbury's Active Kids Campaign** has now finished and we have been delighted with the support we have received so far. A big thank you as always to everyone who has collected on our behalf. Last year, with your help, we collected over 5,000 vouchers which we were able to exchange for a range of new PE resources. We hope this year to surpass this total. If you still have any vouchers at home please send them in to school next week.

**School dinner** menu on Monday is **Week 3**. A reminder that as part of our Healthy School programme, we ask that children do not bring chocolate or fizzy drinks in their packed lunches.

