

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 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: Ewan Spencer Class RM Year 1: Brooke Hepple Class 1S
Year 2: Aisha Rahman Class 2A/R Year 3: Flynn Brass Class 3R
Year 4: Isabella Dodds Class 4A Year 5: Faye Dawson Class 5G
Year 6: Odin Winter Class 6A

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



Class Awards this week were presented to Class RM in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 5G in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 1S in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved a 98.50% attendance rate for week ending Friday 4 March and to Class 3T (with a fantastic 100.00%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 96.90% - a superb achievement everyone - keep it up!



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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.

Comic Relief



A reminder that **Comic Relief** is coming soon - Friday 18 March. We will be having a non-uniform day when children will be encouraged to wear red for a £1.00 donation. We will also be hosting a talent competition for our key

stage 2 children to show that Dunston Hill has the 'X-Factor'. The auditions were held before half term and there were some really good acts and performers. Those children lucky enough to get through this stage are being supported by their very own X-Factor mentor. They will then perform at our talent show which will be held on Comic Relief Day. We are still also looking for any parents who would like to perform in our show. All proceeds raised from ticket sales and other activities will be donated to the Comic Relief charity.

Year 5 Performance

A reminder to all Year 5 parents that the rescheduled performance of 'The Aztecs' will take place next Monday at 2.30pm. The original seating arrangements have been carried forward but if you were unable to attend the original date, you are more than welcome to attend on Monday. Good luck to all those involved!

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for later this month on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 March. A progress update will be provided with future targets. Further details will be sent home next week and displayed on classroom doors to sign up.

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Year 6 Parents' SATs Meeting



A big thank you to those Year 6 parents who were able to attend Tuesday night's Key Stage 2 SATs meeting. We hope that the information provided was useful in providing an overview of the arrangements and assessment tasks the children will undertake during the week of 9-13 May. For anyone who was unable to go along a booklet is available from each respective class teacher offering advice on how parents can support their children in the lead up to the assessments.

A reminder to Year 2 parents that we have arranged meetings for you next Wednesday at 2.30pm and 5.30pm to provide you with information about the forthcoming end of key stage assessments the children will be undertaking during the summer term.

Family Learning

ICT: Would you like to gain more confidence with computers while also learning some basic skills? Then look no further as we are currently running a course every Monday from 1.15-3.15pm. Last year's programme was a great success and everyone had a great time learning alongside their children. For more information please contact Mrs Cox, our Extended School Co-ordinator.



Cycle Proficiency



Our Year 5 children enjoyed their cycle training sessions this week and have learnt a lot about control skills and safety which they had the opportunity to put into practice when riding their bikes out in the local community.

A reminder that those children who ride their bikes to school each day should always wear a helmet.

Year 4 Visit

On Monday our Year 4 children will be visiting Bede's World to support their topic work this half term. They will have the opportunity to find out about life in Bede's and Anglo-Saxon times through the use of the museum, the farm, the monastic site, St Paul's Church, dressing up in costumes and role play, and looking at replica artefacts. We are sure that the visit will prove to be of great interest to the children.



Sport

Tri-golf: The first Tri-golf session took place last night with visiting coach Brian Levy. The children enjoyed familiarising themselves with the new equipment and developing their hand eye co-ordination. Next week's session will also take place indoors before the children set up their own junior championship course on our school field in the final three sessions. We look forward to seeing those new skills in action!



Football: The Blaydon and District East League kicks off next week with a full set of fixtures at Fellside School on Tuesday night. Well done to those Year 6 children who have been selected for the squad and we look forward to building on the solid start to the season made back in the autumn term. Good luck to all those involved!



Dance: Our dance team are really looking forward to taking part in this year's Gateshead Schools' Dance Festival at The Sage on Tuesday. The children have been practising for some time with Miss Anderson and Miss Cassidy and we are sure that all of their hard work will pay off with a super performance. We know that this fantastic experience will stay with the children for a long time!

Active Kids 2011

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 31 May 2011 and up until this time you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at main Sainsbury's stores, including petrol stations and when you shop online.



Beanies



We are currently selling 'Endangered Beanie Animals' in aid of **St Oswald's Hospice**. There are three different beanies to choose from priced at £1.20 each: a dolphin, a kangaroo and a panda.

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.

