

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: Aaron Bradford Class RA Year 1: Holly Wright Class 1T
Year 2: Isabella Dodds Class 2S Year 3: Michael Turner Class 3R
Year 4: Olivia Thompson Class 4C Year 5: Brooke Maddock Class 5Gn
Year 6: Adam Storey Class 6D

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

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

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A in Key Stage 1 who achieved 97.20% attendance rate for week ending Friday 6 March and to Class 4A (99.30%) in Key Stage 2.

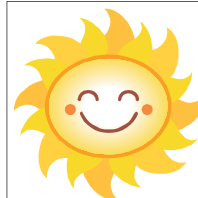
Overall attendance for the school was 94.60% - a little down on our target figure of 95.00% - hopefully we will be back up there next week everyone!



Dunston Hill Community Primary School



Official Opening



We are all eagerly awaiting the official opening of our new school by His Royal Highness, The Duke of Kent, next Friday. The royal visit is part of a three-venue itinerary that includes Kingsmeadow School and the War Memorial outside St Nicholas' Church. On arrival our royal visitor will be greeted by civic dignitaries and representatives of the school's governing body. He will have a guided tour to see our new state-of-the-art facilities and have the opportunity to meet and talk to the staff and children. The Duke will then unveil a special commemorative design in our main hall to mark this prestigious occasion and to celebrate our whole school behaviour initiative 'Golden Time'. This is clearly a very special day in the school's history and one we hope will be enjoyed and remembered by all.

Red Nose Day

It was great today to see everyone entering into the spirit of Comic Relief and taking part in various activities centred around the slogan: "**Do something funny for money!**" Clearly, much thought had gone into our multi-coloured mis-match theme and some of the children's outfits and hairstyles were most imaginative. As always, the support for this special appeal was excellent and all told we raised over £390.00. The children have watched a DVD this week to understand how our donation will help those in most need in Africa. Do ask them about a poor 10 year old boy called Fred



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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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Bede's World



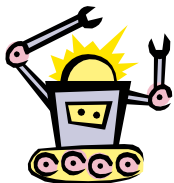
Our Year 4 children enjoyed an enlightening trip to Bede's World on Tuesday afternoon as part of their work on comparing different environments. The rain held off just long enough for us to explore the Anglo-Saxon village and find out more about the environment in which they lived. The children were particularly interested in the various animals on show and how useful they were in Anglo-Saxon life, especially George the goose who proved an excellent burglar alarm!

ICT Visits

Today Classes 5Gn and 6D visited Heworth CLC for specialist ICT lessons. Mrs Grayburn's children were working on producing animations and Mr Dixon's children were looking at lego robotics. These sessions always prove popular and are often a springboard for follow up work in school.



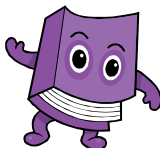
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As part of Newcastle Science Festival 2009, Alexander Brown in Class 3R, will be competing all weekend in this year's 'ROBOT WARS' UK Championships at The Centre For Life. The times are: Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 11am-4pm. All day admission costs are: adult £3.95 and child £2.95. Go along and support Alex as it's great fun watching fighting robots getting bashed, smashed, trashed and hurled through the air!

Author Visit

A reminder that next Friday also sees the visit of acclaimed storyteller, Chris Bostock, and musician, Richard Scott, to school. They will be working in the afternoon with our two Year 1 classes and then performing 'Tales for the Turning Year' to children and parents at 4pm in the hall (refreshments will be available from 3.30pm in the community room). All ticket orders must be returned to school by Wednesday 18 March.



Parent Consultations: A reminder that parent consultations have been arranged later this term on Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 March. A progress update will be provided with future targets.

Sport

Football: Good luck to the Year 6 boys who are taking part in the next round of the Blaydon and District East League fixtures next Tuesday night. They are currently sitting third in the league with 10 points but can be confident of catching the leaders Clover Hill (18 points), who they have beaten already this season. The games will be played at Fellside Primary School from 4pm and your support is welcome as always.



Dance Festival: A fantastic morning was had by all at Wednesday's Dance Festival at The Sage, with fabulous dancing, a great atmosphere and outstanding behaviour. Everyone involved had a fantastic time. All of the dancers had worked incredibly hard to learn their routine, so well done, you are all stars! A big thank you also to those families who supported the Festival.



Cricket: Class 4A completed their introductory cricket sessions with Mick Armstrong from Durham CCC this week. They have had the opportunity to develop their skills in fielding, batting and bowling and although things may not be looking good for this summer's ashes series against Australia, the future looks a little brighter! Next week it's Class 4C's turn.



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.



Mothering Sunday Service

St Nicholas' Church will be holding a special Mothering Sunday family service this weekend at 9.45am. All are welcome to attend.