

Dunston Hill Community Primary School



Pakistan Floods Appeal Week



A reminder that all next week we will be raising money to help the children who have been affected by the terrible floods in Pakistan. We would like our children to walk to school in their wellies and then to stop off at the main entrance outside the office and make a wish and donation in our new wishing well.

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Book bags are now available from the school office priced at £2.95.



Autumn Discos

Autumn discos have been arranged after school next Thursday in the hall for all of the children. Times are as follows:

Rec, Yrs 1 and 2: 4.00-5.00pm

Yrs 3 and 4: 5.15-6.15pm

Yrs 5 and 6: 6.30-7.30pm



Entrance is £1.50 and includes a drink and crisps. Please note that all children are expected to be collected by an adult after each disco.

Our Nursery children will have their own disco next Friday.

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School Photographs



We trust that this year's preview photographs arrived home safely yesterday and met with your approval. All proofs and money should be returned to school by Friday 5th November. They will then be collected for development in time for Christmas.

Parent Consultations



As stated in our earlier correspondence, parent consultations have been arranged for Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November to discuss children's progress to date. A letter with more details will be sent out to all parents next Monday and reply slips should be returned by Wednesday with your preferred date and appointment.

Reception Visits

Next Monday our two Reception classes are visiting the Planetarium at the Centre for Life to support their project work this term 'In the Dark'. The children will be having a workshop where they will hear about a little mouse who wants to be an astronaut. They will then be given the opportunity to make their own mouse to send up into space. Sounds like great fun!



Girlguiding UK



Next Wednesday is the final day of the Girlguiding UK's Centenary Year and to mark this special occasion any of our girls who attend either Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, are being asked with our permission to wear their respective uniform to school.

'Daybreak' and Alex

Unfortunately, Alexander Brown's (Class 5D) planned appearance on last Tuesday's 'Daybreak' show with Adrian Childs and Christine Bleakley was postponed at the last minute. Alex was obviously very disappointed but has been informed that he will be invited on sometime soon to celebrate his recent success at the Robot Wars Featherweight National Championships.



School Admissions



A reminder to our current Nursery parents that the closing date for returning application forms for next year's Reception group intake is Saturday 15th January 2011.

Sport

Football: Our Year 6 footballers got off to a solid start to the Blaydon & District Primary Schools League on Tuesday night with two impressive victories against Lobley Hill and St Philip Neri. Fellside proved stronger opposition, however our children should be very pleased with their performances and they currently sit joint third in the table with ten points. We look forward to the next round of fixtures in March and to making up more ground on the leaders. Thank you once again for all your fantastic support.



Schools' Fantasy League: All entries for the Fantasy Football are now in and the competition is closed to any further entries. Keep a check on your team this weekend and look for updates on www.schoolsfl.com, early next week!

Gymnastics: Our gymnastics club takes place after school on Mondays. There are still a few spaces for any interested boys from Year 2 upwards. Any parent who would like their son to attend should see our coach, Julie Brydon, on Monday at the end of school in the hall.

Karate: A reminder that our karate club operates on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5-6.30pm in the school hall and is open to any of our children. If you are interested in joining do go along to see the instructor, Brian Taylor-Allen.



Family Learning



We had another fantastic turnout for the second of our Nursery and Reception parents' workshops earlier this week. The focus was ideas on how to support the children with their speaking and listening skills. The next session on Monday afternoon in the community room will be on 'phonics' and will be led by Miss Gornall.

Next Thursday Mrs Cox and some of our parents will be going along to 'National Parent's Week' at the Old Town Hall in Gateshead to celebrate the valuable role of being a parent/carer and lots of activities will be on offer.

School dinner menu next week is **Week 1**.

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.



Weekly Newsletter

If you would like to sponsor our Weekly Newsletter, please see Mrs Hogarth, our School Business Manager, in the General Office.

School Website

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 in front of 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: Fraser Clark Class RM Year 1: Brook Cutter Class 1S
Year 2: Luis Johnson Class 2A/R Year 3: Adam Coulthard Class 3R
Year 4: Milly Houston-Codling Class 4A Year 5: Shaughn Rose Class 5G
Year 6: Emily Marran Class 6A

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



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

Attendance: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 1A in Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 8th October and to Classes 3R and 6S (with a fantastic 100.00%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.90% - another super effort everyone! Keep it up.

