

Weekly Newsletter

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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 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: Freya Colling Class RC Year 1: Leah Wiggins Class 1A
Year 2: Maddison Vickers Class 2S Year 3: Emma Parry Class 3T
Year 4: Jay Drummond Class 4G Year 5: Libby Cox Class 5D
Year 6: Jak Williams Class 6S
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 4G in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A/R in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.60% attendance rate for week ending Friday 10th June and to Class 4A (with a fantastic 100.00%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.30% - another good week everyone, keep it up!



Dunston Hill Community Primary School

Community Week



"Community Week" begins in school on Monday and we have an action packed week ahead. Each year group is learning a dance related to our local community in Dunston and the wider community in the north-east. Year 5 have an artist working with them and other year groups have made links with schools in neighbouring authorities. On Friday we will be celebrating with a big carnival and parents are invited to come and see the children's work from 2.45pm onwards.

Possible Strike Action

A reminder to Year 2 parents that due to the possibility of strike action by the National Union of Teachers on Thursday 30th June, the planned educational visit to 'Adventure Valley' in Durham has been rearranged for this Monday, the 20th. All other details remain the same. The strike may also affect the Years 5 and 6 sports day ... we will obviously keep you posted if we hear of any further news on this front.

Parent Governor Ballot

Following the recent parent governor ballot before half term, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Prest has been re-elected as a parent governor for a further four years. Sharon has already made a valuable contribution to our school and will undoubtedly continue to do so in the foreseeable future. The other two nominees, Miss Hodgkins and Miss Park, also received a lot of support during the ballot and we would like to thank them both for offering their services to school.



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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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Reception Induction Meetings



This week we held our induction meetings for parents of our new intake of reception children. The two sessions were both well attended and we are looking forward to welcoming the children for their 'taster' visit later this term.

Year 1 Visit to Alnwick Gardens

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting and action packed day out at Alnwick Gardens yesterday. The children explored their wild sides in the woodland as they created their very own wonderful dens. All of the children managed to find their way through the winding maze and earned themselves a delicious ice cream! The Year 1 team were very impressed with the children's behaviour and even members of the public commented on how well behaved they were.



Reverend Atkinson



We were pleased to welcome Reverend Atkinson, the vicar of St Nicholas' Church, in to school this week to take the key stage assemblies for both the younger children and our older ones too. Reverend David talked to them about his work experiences in the lead up to him becoming a vicar.

Dunston Gala Day

Dunston Gala Day has been arranged for Saturday 2nd July in Dunston Park. We will once again be organising a stall on behalf of the school. If you can offer any help or support, please let Mrs Cox know. Any donations for our chocolate tombola or 'Hook the Bag' game would be gratefully appreciated.



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

Football Coaching: The first coaching session with Barry, from Newcastle Community Football, took place on Wednesday night after school. As ever he was impressed with the efforts and attitude of all those involved and would welcome any more Year 5 or 6 children interested in taking part next week (see Mr Armstrong for details).



Golden Time: The first stage of our 'Golden Time' football tournament took place today with our Year 5 and 6 children. They enjoyed representing Newcastle, Real Madrid, Barcelona and Man Utd as reward for their efforts in school this week.

Athletics: Well done to those twenty Key Stage 2 children who have been selected to represent our school at the Gateshead Schools' Athletics Festival next Friday at Gateshead Stadium. This unique event is always a fabulous day out for the children and we look forward to hearing of medal success this time next week.

Provisional dates for sports days on our school field weather permitting:

Tues, 28th June (1.45pm): Reception, Years 1 and 2; Wed., 29th June (1.45pm): Years 3 and 4; and Thurs, 30 June (1.45pm): Years 5 and 6.

Save a Life - Give Blood

NHS

Please give blood on Sunday 19th June, 1.30-4.30 pm,
St Nicholas Church Hall, Dunston
To book an appointment visit blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23

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 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.

