

## 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](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 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:

Year 1: Faye Capstaff Class 1S      Year 2: Thomas Hunnam Class 2AR  
Year 3: Katie Philips Class 3R      Year 4: Ellie Fagan Class 4A  
Year 5: Mark Gibbons Class 5G      Year 6: Emma Robson Class 6A

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



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

**Attendance:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2AR in Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.10% attendance rate for week ending Friday 10th September and to Class 4G (100.00%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 96.60% - an excellent start to the new school year everyone!



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If anyone has any old birthday cards please send them in to Mrs Leonard or Mrs Gaulton. Thank you.



### Attendance



We were delighted with last week's overall attendance rate of 96.60% which exceeded our school target figure of 95%.

This bodes well for the future and we hope that we can maintain this impressive start. Next week our new Reception children start full time and we look forward to helping them build on their nursery experience.

A reminder that if your child is absent from school for any reason, please ring the General Office so details can be passed on to the class teacher. Unexplained absences and holidays exceeding ten days in any one school year are classed as 'unauthorised' and will be followed up and if necessary referred to our Education Welfare Officer, Sharon Napier.

### Dates for the Diary

Mon 27th-Wed 29th Sep:	Y6 residential visit
Fri 1st Oct:	Coffee morning for Nursery parents
Wed 6th Oct:	School photographer
Fri 8th Oct:	Coffee morning for Reception parents
Thurs 21st Oct:	Autumn discos
Tues 2nd / Wed 3rd Nov:	Parent consultations
W/c Mon 15th Nov:	Anti-Bullying Week
W/c Mon 29th Nov:	Book Fair
Fri 3rd Dec:	Christmas Fayre
Tues 7th Dec:	FS Nativity
Wed 8th Dec:	KS1 Christmas production
Thurs 17th Dec:	Christmas grand raffle draw

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## School Photographer



The school photographer will be visiting on Wednesday 6th October and we have arranged once again for individual and family photographs to be taken. Due to the limited time available on the day, family photographs will only be of children who are currently in attendance at Dunston Hill. Further details will be sent home in due course.

## Curriculum Overviews

New curriculum overviews outlining the work to be covered by the children in each respective year group this term will be sent home on Monday. We hope that you find them informative.



## Year 2 Visit

Our two Year 2 classes had a wonderful day at St Mary's Heritage Centre earlier this week. The children and staff found out all about 'The Great Fire of London'; how and where it started, the people who were involved, how it travelled to Gateshead etc. The day involved investigating real artefacts and visiting sites alongside the quayside. The Year 2 team would like to thank the children and parents for bringing in so many interesting facts that have been researched at home.

## 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.



## Dukeshouse Wood



The week after next our Year 6 children will be embarking upon their annual residential visit to Dukeshouse Wood Centre, near Hexham, from Monday through to Wednesday. They will be participating in a variety of challenging and enjoyable activities and we are sure that the visit will prove as memorable as in previous years.

## Sport

**Football:** Well done to those Year 6 children who attended last night's trial for the school football team. The standard was good and Mr Armstrong was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and sporting behaviour. A second trial for the same children has been arranged for next Thursday again after school. Thereafter, a squad of players will be selected to represent Dunston Hill in the first set of 7-a-side league fixtures against other neighbouring schools.



**Netball:** The children who took part in the netball practice session after school on Tuesday worked very hard to improve their skills and tactical awareness and Miss Baud and Mrs Cox are quietly optimistic that the team will do well once again this year.

**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.

## Joe Maddison's War

Do look out for a new ITV drama, 'Joe Maddison's War', which is to be shown this Sunday at 9pm on Tyne Tees and stars two of our favourite Geordie actors, Robson Green and Kevin Whately. Our old school on Dunston Bank was used as the setting for some of the filming and last year's Year 6 children were fortunate enough to be invited across to have a look at how some of the old classrooms and halls had been transformed - very nostalgic!



**School dinner menu next week 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.