

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 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: Adam Davies Class RG Year 1: Kayla Willey Class 1L
Year 2: Billy Rippon Class 2AW Year 3: Luis Johnson Class 3R
Year 4: Jack Kelly Class 4A Year 5: Layton Wilsonburn Class 5SB
Year 6: Adam Dobson Class 6A

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



Class Awards this week were presented to Class RG 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 2AW in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 97.90% attendance rate for week ending Friday 11th November and to Class 4A (99.00%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was a fantastic 97.00% - a super effort everyone!



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Anti-bullying Week



This week has been National Anti-Bullying Week in schools across the country with the focus on raising awareness of 'Stop and think ... Words can hurt!' Our children have enjoyed a range of activities relating to this subject and every year group learnt and performed a song during yesterday's special key stage assemblies. This work has obviously supported our 'Golden Time' initiative and we have looked to help the children develop skills such as peaceful conflict resolution, assertiveness, empathy, self-esteem and resilience. To see your child's performance, please log on to our school website.

Children in Need

What a great turn out today for 'Children in Need'. School was awash with 'spots as we tried to raise lots' for this very worthy cause. It was great to see so many different and original ideas. We must in particular say a big thank you to all those children who have taken it upon themselves to raise money this week for charity using their own initiative. They have so far raised the fabulous total of £165 through their hard work both in and out of school and their efforts have been recognised with special Headteacher's Awards this week. So well done to Emily Watson, Megan Strong, Robyn Iredale, Jessica Heslop, Daisy Johnston, Maleiha Nazir, Ella Harvey, Justin Champion, Harry Smails, Josh and Tim Davis, and all of the girls in Class 4A. We are very proud of you all.



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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 with your friends.

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Christmas Fayre



Our annual Christmas Fayre takes place on Friday 2nd December from 3.30-5.00pm in the hall. Please send in donations of bottles, soft drinks, chocolate, toys, teddy bears, books, toiletries etc for our tombola. If any parents are able to get any donations of gift vouchers/prizes from their workplace for raffle prizes we would again be extremely grateful. Any offer of help would also be most welcome. Please see Mrs Cox, our Extended School's Co-ordinator.

Car Parking Issues

We have received further complaints this week from some of the local residents who live in Park Terrace regarding inconsiderate parking at the beginning and end of the school day. In particular, we know that one resident's mother's carers were unable to park up and provide the support at the time they should have. He was also subjected to some verbal abuse which is most disturbing. Once again we ask that you remember to keep the access to and from the garages clear for the local residents.



Family Learning



There are still a few places left for our latest Family Learning course 'Playtime Activities' which are taking place on Monday afternoons from 1.15-3.15pm. The six week programme involves making a range of games and activities including 'Messy Play', Rhyme Bags, Story Boards and Number Games. If you are interested in going along to the next sessions please contact the school's website.

Attendance Initiative

We will be running another attendance incentive scheme in partnership with the local authority's education welfare service after Christmas. The initiative will run from 3 January to 23 March and any child who achieves 100% attendance during this period will be entered into a draw with other schools in Gateshead. Hays Travel are once again offering a prize of £500 for the winning pupil whose name gets drawn out.



Sport

Football: After another successful week of football in the community on Wednesday, Coach James has requested that we remind all children to come prepared for indoor sessions in the coming weeks as the dark nights and wintery weather set in! Don't forget your trainers boys and girls.



Basketball: Well done to all those children who took part in the Year 6 basketball tournament at Kingsmeadow on Wednesday afternoon. Our two teams competed well against rival sides from Brighton Avenue and gave a good account of themselves. We claimed first and fourth place finishes after some nery playoff games!

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: 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.

Jars of Grace



This year we are once again supporting St Nicholas' Church **Jars of Grace** appeal in aid of UNICEF's Emergency Fund, which ensures a rapid and effective response to disasters. To support this appeal, all classes will be making their own collections. Please remember to send in any loose change you may have in an envelope marked 'Jars of Grace'.

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 Sunday 15th January 2012.



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.