

## Weekly Newsletter

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### 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 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: Lewis Darbyshire Class RM Year 1: Carl Morrison Class 1S  
Year 2: Oliver Giles Class 2A Year 3: Katelin Dwyer Class 3G  
Year 4: Hannah Gibbons Class 4A Year 5: Zakk Noakes Class 5S  
Year 6: Emma Carter Class 6G  
Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.



**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class 2G in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 3G in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance Award:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class RA in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.70% attendance rate for week ending Friday 12th March and to Class 4A (99.40%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.40% - another very good week everyone - keep it up!



## Dunston Hill Community Primary 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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### Miles of Fun - Sport Relief



It was great today to see all of the school community supporting the 'Sport Relief' initiative. The staff and children came dressed in various sporting attire and we saw plenty of Wayne Rooneys, '118s', etc.

There were lots of activities for the children to participate in including completing a combined mile around the field. The emphasis was on participation and being active rather than competition. All proceeds raised on the day will be sent to the Sport Relief charity.

### Race Night

Don't forget that tomorrow night we are holding a community race night and disco at Dunston Social Club from 7pm onwards. We hope to make this night a real success and raise money for our outdoor learning environment. Tickets are still available for £2.50 including a programme and can be obtained on the door. We hope you can come along and you never know what you might win.



### Parent Consultations

A reminder that **parent consultations** have been arranged later this term on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March. To accommodate parental working circumstances and after school child care arrangements, we are asking **all parents/carers** to return a slip to school indicating their preferred appointment date and time. These letters will be sent home on Monday next week.

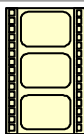
## Dance Festival



We were extremely proud of our dance team who took part in this year's Gateshead Schools' Dance Festival at The Sage on Monday afternoon. The children have been practising for some time with Miss Anderson and Miss Cassidy and it was rewarding to see all of their hard work paying off with a super performance. We are sure that this fantastic experience will stay with the children!

## Animation Competition

Four lucky Year 5 children represented our school in an animation competition at Heworth City Learning Centre on Tuesday. Jamie, Sunny, George and Megan were asked to make a short film on 'running' and coped very well with the task.



## City Learning Centre



This week Year 6 attended the City Learning Centre as a follow up to their wonderful visit to Beamish. The children used a 'bespoke' programme to make a film of their visit including images, captions and commentary, all accompanied by background music. The children had great fun and their work was informative and in some cases, very humorous. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Watch this space for further details about how to listen to your child's work!

## Chess Challenge!

On Monday lunchtime this week a group of Year 6 children were presented with certificates and personalised prizes - rewards for participating in a chess tournament run by Kingsmeadow School. For at least one lunchtime a week, the children have taken up the challenge and played rounds against each other. Overall winner was Megan Watson who also received a special gift voucher. Some children were new to the game and are now obviously very proud of their achievements.



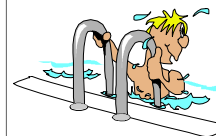
## Road Safety



On Wednesday our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children received a visit from a road safety officer, Mrs Hart, who brought along her special friend, Billy Bear. The boys and girls were reminded to always take extra care when walking by our busy roads and how to cross them carefully.

## Sport

**Football:** A big well done to those Year 6 boys who took part in the latest league fixtures last night at Whickham Parochial School. Some shrewd captaincy from keeper Danny Rippon ensured that the blustery conditions proved to be a help rather than a hindrance and the boys performed admirably, winning three, drawing one and losing only once to league leaders Front Street. Having only conceded twice all night, the boys showed great spirit in defence and kept their cool in front of goal. Thanks again for all the support; we will keep you posted on any upcoming fixtures.



**Swimming:** A reminder that Class 6G will be transported by coach to Blaydon Pool next **Thursday afternoon** for their final swimming lesson.

**Netball:** Our school netball team have been working hard in preparation for the forthcoming Tyne and Wear Final at the Blue Flames Sports Ground, Benton. The boys and girls are eagerly awaiting the Final and will definitely benefit from the specialist coaching they are currently receiving.



**Athletics:** On a further note, we must congratulate the Year 5 indoor athletics team, who picked up the silver medal spot at the Kingsmeadow cluster event on Thursday. The sixteen boys and girls who took part competed brilliantly in a variety of running, jumping and throwing events and there were some first class individual and team relay performances from those involved. The organising team said the standards of athleticism and behaviour were the best they had seen in Gateshead and we look forward to hearing if any of our children have been selected to go forward to the next round of competition. Well done Year 5!

## School Dinners

The children enjoyed the Alice in Wonderland theme menu today provided by Gateshead Meals Service.

A reminder that from Monday, 19th April, the price of a school meal will be £1.85 a day or £9.25 a week. Cheques should be made payable to "Gateshead Council".



Next week's school menu is **Week 2**.