

# Dunston Hill Community Primary School



## Anti-Bullying Week 15th-19th November

## Weekly Newsletter



This week has been National Anti-Bullying Week in schools across the country with the focus on raising awareness of 'Taking Action Together'. Our children have enjoyed a range of activities including a poetry competition and 'Who wants to be a millionaire?'. 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. Today we rounded off with **Blue Friday** and many children came to school dressed in something blue. We will continue to give this subject high profile throughout the rest of the school year.

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Coffee Morning every Friday at 9am in our community room. Do come and join us for a cuppa and chat.

## Environmental Area Update

The work on our new environmental area continues to gather momentum and it is of great interest to our school community. The pond is really taking shape and vegetable plots have been built for all year groups. The next stages will include decking around the pond and jetty, a willow tunnel and a large wigwam.



## Nursery Admissions



A reminder that applications for admission into our Nursery for September 2011 should be returned to the General Office by Wednesday 15th December.

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## Christmas Fayre



Our annual **Christmas Fayre** takes place on Friday 3rd 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.

## Harry Potter Themed Lunch

On Wednesday our school catering team will be offering a special 'Harry Potter Themed Lunch'. On the menu will be:



*Hogwarts Chicken Snitches with Severus Snape's Slytherin Tomato Sauce or*

*Voldemort's Vegetarian Toad in the Hole (V) and Gryffindor Gravy*

*Hufflepuff Peas and Potter's Potato Wedges*

*Quidditch Cake and Weasley Juice*

## Special Headteacher's Awards - Class 6A



We must say a particular well done and thank you to those Year 6 girls who took it upon themselves to create their 'Cup Cake Competition' for Children in Need this week. The girls raised £50 towards the charity through their hard work both in and out of school and their efforts have been recognised in this week's Headteacher's Awards. Well done to Megan Hamilton, Rebecca Smails, Lauren Stout, Emily Marran, Emma Robson and Amy Coulthard and thank you for all your selfless efforts.

## Attendance Initiative

We are currently running another attendance incentive scheme in partnership with the local authority's education welfare service. All those children who achieve 100% attendance for this half term up until Friday 3rd December will be entered in to a draw to win a pair of tickets for a forthcoming Newcastle Eagles Basketball home game on Friday 17th December.



## Sport

**Basketball:** Well done to those Year 5 and 6 boys and girls who represented the school at the Kingsmeadow Cluster Basketball Tournament on Monday afternoon. The two teams applied skills they have been working on in PE in recent weeks and both performed brilliantly against stiff opposition from Brighton Avenue. The children also displayed excellent sporting attitudes throughout and Team B were overall winners - we are very proud of them all!



**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'.



## Christmas Beanies'



It's that time of year again - we are selling 'Christmas Beanies' in aid of **St Oswald's Hospice**. There are four different beanies to choose from priced at £1.50 each: two different snowmen, a santa and a reindeer. Some of our Year 6 girls are also making clothes for the Beanies for an extra 20p.

## 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.



**School dinner** menu next week is **Week 2**.



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](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:

Reception: Jake Parkin Class RM      Year 1: Megan Black Class 1S  
Year 2: Chloe Bailey Class 2A/R      Year 3: Sophie Prest Class 3R  
Year 4: Grace Armstrong Class 4A      Year 5: Joshua Lamb Class 5G  
Year 6: See page 2 Class 6A

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



**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class 2A/R 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 2A/R (again) in Key Stage 1 who achieved 97.60% attendance rate for week ending Friday 12th November and to Class 4A (with a fantastic 100.00%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 94.80% - just below our target figure of 95.00%

