

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 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: Jessica Dial Class RH Year 1: Holly Wilson Class 1M
Year 2: Aaleyha Khan Class 2A Year 3: Aimee Blackburn Class 3A
Year 4: Amy Coulthard Class 4A Year 5: Connor Gunning Class 5G
Year 6: Kaine Ashall Class 6G

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

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

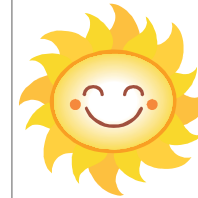
Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A again in Key Stage 1 who achieved 95.90% attendance rate for week ending Friday 13 March and to Class 6D (99.30%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 94.00% - a little disappointing - hopefully we will be back up there next week!



Dunston Hill Community Primary School



Official Opening



Today saw the official opening of our new school by His Royal Highness, The Duke of Kent. He received a guided tour to see our new state-of-the-art facilities and had the opportunity to meet and talk to the staff and children including members of our school council and governing body. The Duke completed his visit by switching on our special commemorative design in the main hall to mark this prestigious occasion and to celebrate our whole school behaviour initiative 'Golden Time'. This was clearly a very special day in the school's history and we hope that everyone enjoyed the occasion. The children's work on display was most impressive.

Year 6 Residential Visit

Next week our Year 6 children will be embarking upon their annual residential visit and this time they will be visiting Kingswood Outdoor Adventure Centre (formerly Dukeshouse Wood). The boys and girls 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.



Parent Consultations: A reminder that parent consultations have been arranged for Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 March. Further details will be sent out next week. Appointment times will be displayed outside classrooms in Key Stage 1 from Monday home-time.

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PE Kits

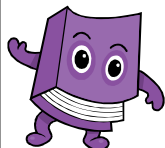
Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on the required days each week.



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Author Visit



We also received a special visit today from acclaimed storyteller, Chris Bostock, and musician, Richard Scott, to school. They worked in the afternoon with our two Year 1 classes and then performed 'Tales for the Turning Year' to children and parents in the hall. We hope that those of you who came along enjoyed their performance and the children will have gained much from their visit.

Northumbria in Bloom

We were delighted to hear yesterday that three of our children's paintings were judged to be winning entries in this year's Northumbria in Bloom competition. Lacey Chatto in our Nursery was commended and Niall Wilson (Class 4A) and Jemma Coulson (Class 5G1) were highly commended. The children used water colours to paint different flowers. All of the children who entered the competition will have their paintings displayed in school soon to share and celebrate their work.



School Dinners



A reminder that from Monday, 30 March, the price of a school meal will be £1.80 a day or £9.00 a week. Cheques should be made payable to "Gateshead Council".

Thornley Woods

Our two Year 1 classes will be visiting Thornley Woods over the next couple of weeks ... Class 1T on Thursday 26 March and Class 1M on Thursday 2 April ... to support their curriculum work this half term. No doubt the children will enjoy the opportunity to get out into the countryside.



UNICEF Jars of Grace Appeal



We have just received a lovely letter and certificate on behalf of UNICEF thanking school for our support for their Jars of Grace appeal. All told, along with St Nicholas' Church, we helped to raise £541. A big thank you again to all those children who helped this very worthy cause.

Sport

Football: Well done to the Year 6 football team on Tuesday night who were unbeaten in the second round league fixtures at Fellside Primary School. Two victories and three draws was enough to hold a top three spot going in to the final round of games after Easter. We look forward to building on our strong position then.



Athletics: Congratulations to the Year 5 indoor athletics team once more who received their long awaited trophy in assembly on Tuesday morning. Details of the next stages of the tournament will be shared later in the summer term.

Cricket: Class 4C completed their introductory cricket sessions with Mick Armstrong from Durham CCC this week. They have had the opportunity to develop their skills in fielding, batting and bowling and although things may not be looking good for this summer's ashes series against Australia, the future looks a little brighter! Our Year 5 children also worked with Mick during the lunchtime period.



Active Kids



Our school is once again taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids campaign. Last year, with your help, we collected over 5,000 vouchers which we were able to exchange for a range of new PE resources. The scheme this year runs until 3 June 2009 and up until this time you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at Sainsbury's, including petrol stations and when you shop online at www.sainsburys.co.uk. There is no limit to how many Active Kids vouchers our school can collect, so we hope that you will spread the word to your family, friends and colleagues so that we can continue to ensure that we provide our children with the latest and most up to date equipment for in and out of the classroom. Our Active Kids collection box is located outside the staffroom in the learning zone.

Mothering Sunday Service

St Nicholas' Church will be holding a special Mothering Sunday family service this weekend at 10am. All are welcome to attend. Bunches of daffodils will be distributed during the service.

