

## 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 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 Richardson Class RM Year 1: Reece Hedley Class 1S  
Year 2: Holly Wilson Class 2A Year 3: Mahmod Al Suweiti Class 3G  
Year 4: Adam Dobson Class 4A Year 5: Jak Williams Class 5A  
Year 6: Victoria Moffitt Class 6G

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



**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class 2A in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 4A in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class RA again for Reception and Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 13th November and to Class 6G (also 98.30%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 93.70% - still some way off our target of 95% everyone!



# Dunston Hill Community Primary School

## Anti-Bullying Week



This week has been National Anti-Bullying Week in schools across the country with the focus on raising awareness of 'cyber bullying'. Our children have enjoyed a range of activities including a super fashion show today and Kingsmeadow's steel pans. 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.

## 'Children in Need'

The total raised in school this week for this very worthy cause was £207. A big thank you to all those who contributed - we hope that you enjoyed the children's biscuits, cakes etc yesterday. Winners of our two competitions were: Guess the name of the teddy - Anya Abraham in Class RM with Purdy and Guess the number of sweets in the jar - Jordan Wildish in Class 6S with 290.



## Nursery Admissions



A reminder that applications for admission into our Nursery for September 2010 should be returned to the General Office by Friday 11th December.



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

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## Christmas Fayre



Our annual **Christmas Fayre** takes place on Friday 4th 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.

## School Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair has been in school this week. We are able to earn up to 60% commission from Scholastic to buy books for our own school library. Thank you to everyone who has supported and helped to make the Book Fair a great success again.



## Year 5 Community Service

A group of Year 5 children, who live in and around the Holmeside estate, continued their community project in conjunction with the local housing office. Previously they went for a walk around the area to discuss what they would like to see on their estate and last Tuesday they planted some bulbs in and around the street where they live. The group also have some other tasks to complete.

## 'Smoothie' Project

This term Year 6 have been involved in an 'Enterprise Project' which is a joint venture between ourselves and Kingsmeadow. Throughout the project, the children researched the product type; developed a questionnaire; conducted market research; advertised their product and calculated the cost and profit. The project has culminated in a 'Smoothie Café' and all children will be involved in making and serving smoothies. They have had an excellent response from their fellow pupils who will be visiting the Café to sample the smoothies today and on Monday 23rd.



## Fire Service Visit



Years 5 and 6 had a visit from the Fire Service and received a very informative talk about fire safety and how to stay safe if a fire occurred in their home. The children were very surprised how quickly a fire can spread. The children demonstrated a mature understanding of the actions they should take.

## Sport

**Well done Thomas!** We were delighted to learn this week that one of our Year 6 children, Thomas Mein, was runner up in this year's Gateshead Young Sports Achievers Awards. Thomas is currently the national cycle-cross champion for his age range and we are very proud of his achievements.



**Basketball:** Well done to those Year 5 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 brilliantly to secure second and third places, narrowly missing out to eventual winners, Brighton Avenue. The children displayed excellent sporting attitudes throughout and we are all very proud of them.

**Rugby:** Any boys or girls interested in joining Blaydon Rugby under 9s team should go along and meet at the club on Sundays at 9.30am ... ask for Justin.

## Whickham Cubs

Whickham Cubs are looking for new members - if interested in joining, go along to St Mary's Centre on a Friday night between 6.15pm and 7.15pm.



## Future Events

**Community Carols and Lighting of Christmas Tree at St Nicholas Church:**  
Thursday 3rd December

**Theatre Company Visit to School:** 4th December

**Christmas Productions (9.30am and 2pm):**

Tuesday 8th December - Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 9th December - Nursery and Reception

\* Please note that Years 3 and 4 will have their special production at Easter and Years 5 and 6 at the end of the summer term \*

**Christmas Parties:**

Monday 14th December - Years 1 and 2 (pm)

Tuesday 15th December - Years 3 and 4 (pm)

Wednesday 16th December - Years 5 and 6 (pm)

Thursday 17th December - Nursery (am) and (pm) and Reception (pm)

**Community Carol Service in St Nicholas Church:** 15th December at 6.30pm

