

## 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 now 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: Kayla Willey Class RC      Year 1: Rhiannon Borley Class 1A  
Year 2: Ellie Bloomfield Class 2S      Year 3: Molly Goodbarn Class 3T  
Year 4: Joe Cavanagh Class 4G      Year 5: Rebecca May Class 5D  
Year 6: Sunny Fang Class 6S  
Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.



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

**Attendance Award:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2S in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 95.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 8th July and to Class 3R once again (98.00%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 93.90% - just below our normal high standard everyone!



# Dunston Hill Community Primary School

## End of Term



A reminder that the children break up for the summer holidays next Wednesday. Let's hope the recent sunny weather continues for the last three days of term.

## Secondary Schools' Transition

This week the majority of Year 6 children have been involved in transition visits to their respective new secondary schools. The feedback on their return has been very positive and the children have certainly enjoyed the variety of activities on offer and the opportunity to meet their new teachers. For your information our current Year 6 cohort will be transferring to the following schools in September:

School	Number	Percentage
Kingsmeadow	35	59%
Whickham	14	24%
St Thomas More	2	3%
Emmanuel	8	14%

## Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

The final pieces of our Leavers' film have now been shot and are ready for the premiere at the special event in the school hall on Tuesday at 5.00pm. The children of Year 6 have taken letters home this evening with further details. Please let us know how many of you are able to attend as soon as possible.



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A reminder that this month's deadline for placing uniform orders online is Wednesday 20th July.

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## Reception's Visit



The weather couldn't have been better for our visit yesterday! The sun shone all day whilst we explored the park, got lost in the maze and ate our ice creams. The children made some super smelly potions, adding just a drop of Merlin's Magic water and some secret words! A big thank you to those parents who helped with the visit.

## Year 3 Visitors

Today Class 3R played host to their new friends from New Hartley First School in Northumberland. The contrast between the two respective schools is very different and our children were proud to show off our facilities and take our visitors on a guided tour of Dunston.



## Let's Get Cooking!



As part of our Let's get Cooking programme, Year 2 had the fantastic experience of working with Nick the chef. The children chopped, mixed and sliced the ingredients to make a delicious Sunshine Shepherd's pie. They all had a fab time!

## End of Year Progress Reports

We trust that our end of year progress reports arrived home safely today and you were pleased with the comments. This year the reports are in a different format and include a photograph and insert from the child. As always, reference has been paid to achievements during this last academic year focusing on Literacy, Numeracy and the Creative Curriculum. Please remember that the parent proforma should be returned to school by next Tuesday.



## Further Attendance Initiative



Our latest attendance initiative with the local authority's education welfare service and Hays Travel ended last week when anyone with full attendance from 3rd May to 8th July was entered into a draw with a first prize of £500 holiday vouchers for the winning pupil's family. The first name out in school to be entered in to the main draw was Abbie Guyan in Class 1A.

## Sport

**Football Coaching:** The final session of football coaching took place with Barry from Newcastle Community Football on Wednesday night to cap off another busy year of sessions. As ever, Barry was very complementary about the attitudes of all those involved but a special mention must go to Alex Harm (5G) who won the 'Best Attitude' award. Well done Alex!



**School Fantasy Football:** Great news! The company who operate our web based fantasy football competition have announced that there will be no cost to sign up for next season's competition so we are looking forward to record numbers of entrants next season. Details to follow in the autumn term.



**Sports Day:** We struck gold with the glorious weather yesterday for the last of our school sports days. The children from Years 5 and 6 competed brilliantly through the various events and I'm sure you would agree there are a number of talented athletes among them! After a close finish, we must congratulate the children of Alnwick who claimed a narrow one point victory

over Durham. Well done to all those who competed and thank you to everyone who came along to support.

**Gymnastics:** A reminder that the Gymnastics Club will recommence after the summer holidays on Monday 12th September. There are still a few places available for any boys in either Key Stage 1 or 2 who would like to join on Monday evenings after school from next September. Anyone who is interested should go along and see our coach, Julie Brydon, in the hall when we start back in the autumn term.



## Active Kids 2011



Our **Sainsbury's Active Kids Campaign** has now finished and we have been delighted with the support we have received so far. A big thank you as always to everyone who has collected on our behalf. Last year, with your help, we collected over 5,000 vouchers which we were able to exchange for a range of new PE resources. We hope this year to surpass this total. If you still have any vouchers at home please send them in to school next week.

**School dinner** menu on Monday 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.

