

## 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: Oliver Houston Class RM    Year 1: Phillipa Grant Class 1S  
Year 2: Mia Wyles Class 2AR    Year 3: Molly Smith Class 3R  
Year 4: Chloe Ritchie Class 4A    Year 5: Laura Armstrong Class 5G  
Year 6: Holly Dowling Class 6A  
Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.



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

**Attendance Award:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2AR in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 93.80% attendance rate for week ending Friday 24th June and to Class 3R once again (99.30%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 91.60% - another very disappointing total given our normal high standard!



## Dunston Hill Community Primary School

### Year 6 SATs Results

Earlier this week we received the SATs results for our current Year 6 cohort and once again we were very proud of the children's achievements. They compare favourably with the school's previous high standards and also with the local authority and national pictures.

**English:** level 4+ = 88% and level 5 = 30%

**Mathematics:** level 4+ = 85% and level 5 = 35%  
Congratulations to all of the children.

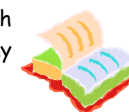
### Year 5/6 Summer Production



Our Year 5 and 6 children put on two very good shows yesterday and wowed everyone with their singing, dancing and acting. 'Geordie Fenwick' proved very popular and both performances were well supported.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair has been a great success to date and we would like to thank you for your tremendous support. The commission from these sales will be used to purchase further books for school. The savings scheme was well received and the book competition well supported. The winners each received a £5 book voucher to spend at the Fair. They were: Joshua Cannell (RM), Roman Scott (2AR), Aaron Brooksbank (3T), Jorgia Loftus (6S) and overall winner Loraine Paping (3T). The Fair will remain open for sales on Monday 11th July - please ensure you visit to spend any outstanding money you have saved.



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

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## Year 3 Visits

Class 3R had a great day on Wednesday when they met their new friends at New Hartley First School for the first time. The children were taken on a tour of the local village to appreciate its historical past including the mining disaster which claimed many lives, sampled some delicious home made cakes in the village hall, enjoyed a picnic lunch and played a range of sports on the school field. There were some good friendships made and we're looking forward to seeing them all again next Friday when they visit Dunston Hill.

The weather didn't dampen Year 3's spirits yesterday at Beamish Museum. To coincide with their topic, the children learnt how things have changed over time. As well as enjoying the tram journeys, the children visited the mine where they wore a hard hat and experienced life as a miner and the colliery homes, sampled school life way back when, toured the town and took a good look in the shops. After a busy day, the children returned to school tired but full of what they had seen.

## Kingsmeadow Links

On Monday a number of our Year 5 children were invited to a Gifted and Talented Awards Evening at Kingsmeadow School to receive a certificate for participating in a range of projects during the course of the year. Each group of children showcased their work and included lessons with the science, ICT, Maths, Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish) and Drama departments. This initiative will continue again next academic year.



## End of Year Progress Reports

End of Year Progress Reports will be sent home to parents on Friday 15th July. This year they will be in a different format and will include a photograph and insert from the child. As always, reference will be paid to achievements during this last academic year focusing on Literacy, Numeracy and the Creative Curriculum.



## Further Attendance Initiative

Our latest attendance initiative with the local authority's education welfare service and Hays Travel ends today when anyone with full attendance from 3rd May to 8th July will be entered into a draw with a first prize of £500 holiday vouchers for the winning pupil's family.



## Sport

**Football Coaching:** After another showery week the football sessions were held indoors again on Wednesday. When the skies cleared, the children did manage a quick 7-a-side match on the school field to close the session. Once again the coaching staff were delighted with the effort and attitude demonstrated by the group and nominating one child for the best attitude trophy will be a hard call for Barry next week!



**Sports Day:** A reminder that the sports day for Years 5 and 6 is now scheduled for Thursday 14th July (1.45pm). The bottom gate on Park Terrace will be open from 1.30pm.

## Secondary School Transition Arrangements

Transition arrangements for Year 6 to their respective secondary schools will be commencing from Monday of next week.

## Dunston Gala

We all enjoyed a fantastic day in Dunston Park on Saturday. The sun kept shining and our stalls were busy throughout the afternoon. 'Hook a Duck' and 'Grab a bag' proved the most popular stalls and helped us to raise nearly £500 to support the next stage of developing our school grounds. A big thank you once again to those parents who kindly donated prizes and supported on the day.



## 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 1**. 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.

