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Weekly Newsletter

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Half Term Holiday

A reminder that we break up today for
our October half term holiday. We
hope that the weather is fine and the
children enjoy the week.



Next half term starts on Monday 1st
November and finishes on Friday 17th December.

Book bags are
now available
from the school
office priced at
£2.95.



Pakistan Floods Appeal Week



A special big thank you to all those children
who have supported our Pakistan Floods
Appeal Week. Many of our boys and girls
from Nursery to Year 6 walked to school
every day in their wellies and stopped off
at the main entrance to make a wish and donation in our
wishing well. All told we managed to raise £175 which we
will be sending off to the charity 'Actionaid'. The
children were shown a powerpoint presentation earlier in
the week about the floods and know that our donations
will help to provide vital hygiene kits, basic food supplies
and household goods to those in need.

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Parent Consultations



A reminder that parent consultations have been arranged for the first Tuesday and Wednesday after half term to discuss the children's progress to date. The gates on Park Terrace will remain open on both evenings and access and exit to and from school is via the main entrance next to the general office. We will send out a text message on the Monday to remind parents of the consultation arrangements.

Eco Village Challenge

On Thursday some children from Year 5 took part in the Eco Village Challenge at the Dryden Professional Development Centre in Gateshead. It was part of our involvement with Gateshead's Education Business Links Service and other schools were also taking part. The children were asked to imagine they were a construction company and had



to win a contract to build an eco-friendly housing estate for Gateshead. The children began by planning their village and incorporating as many ideas as possible, thinking about the type of housing, transport, power and recycling, as well as community facilities such as libraries, community centres and leisure activities. Without doubt, the best part of the morning was making a model of the community; it was a very practical activity. The children all worked really hard and were completely absorbed in the task. The final models were impressive and gave the children plenty to think about.

Autumn Discos



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our Autumn discos last night. The DJ, Malcolm, as always proved very popular with the children and he certainly catered for the different age groups. Today our Nursery children also had their mini disco.

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale during the first week back at school after half term priced at 50p in aid of **Remembrance Sunday** on 13th November.



Sport

Football: Well done to those boys and girls who completed their six week coaching sessions with Newcastle Community Football this week. Their coach, Jordan, was delighted with the fantastic attitude displayed by all those involved and particularly impressed with Alexander Brown (Class 5D), who earned the Best Attitude Award. Well done Alex!



Swimming: After half term it will be the turn of Class 6S to go swimming on Thursday afternoons at the new Blaydon Pool.

Gymnastics: Our gymnastics club takes place after school on Mondays. There are still a few spaces for any interested boys from Year 2 upwards. Any parent who would like their son to attend should see our coach, Julie Brydon, on Monday at the end of school in the hall.



Karate: A reminder that 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.

House Captains

Congratulations to the following Year 6 children who have been selected to be house captains in key stage 2 for this year:

Alnwick - Colin Nicholson, Jorgia Loftus
 Bamburgh - George Brown, Amber Gibbons
 Durham - Dylan Somerville, Rebecca Smails
 Lambton - Mason Ward, Emily Marran



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 after half term 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.



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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



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: Dominic Pegram Class RC	Year 1: Ellis Tomlinson Class 1A
Year 2: Sean Mansfield Class 2S	Year 3: Ryan Pharoah Class 3T
Year 4: Lydia Pears Class 4G	Year 5: Jade Pharoah Class 5D
Year 6: Georgia Gill Class 6S	

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



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

Attendance: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A/R in Key Stage 1 who achieved a fantastic 100% attendance rate for week ending Friday 15th October and to Class 3T (99%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 96.70% - another EXCELLENT effort everyone! Keep it up.

