

## 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 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: Brooke Stobbs Class RA    Year 1: Jenna Loraine Class 1T  
Year 2: Dana Al Suweiti Class 2G    Year 3: Justin Trench Class 3R  
Year 4: Cavan Garretty Class 4C    Year 5: Hannah Jordison Class 5S  
Year 6: Connor Cusack Class 6S

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



**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class 1S in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 6S in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance Award:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A (once again) in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved a fantastic 100% attendance rate for week ending Thursday 1st April and to Class 3R (98.20%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 94.30%.



# Dunston Hill Community Primary School

## Welcome Back Everyone!



A warm welcome back. We trust that you all enjoyed the Easter Holiday and your first week back at school.

Unfortunately, some staff and children were caught up in the Icelandic volcanic ash air shutdown and unable to get home at the end of their holidays abroad. We trust that things have now improved and everyone is arriving back safe and well.

This term we will be playing host to three trainee teachers, Mrs Robinson, Miss Bailey and Miss Abbott, who will be working alongside Mrs Anglesea, Miss Reay and Mr Armstrong respectively.

Term dates and school holidays for the remainder of this academic year are as follows:

#### Summer Term 2010

From Monday 19th April to Thursday 22nd July.

Half term from Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June.

School will also be closed for May Day Bank Holiday (Monday 3rd May).

Please note that an Occasional Day has still to be arranged for this term and there is a possibility that school will close one day earlier on Wednesday 21st July. This will be confirmed shortly and circulated accordingly.

A reminder to Year 6 parents that **SATs Week** is Monday 10th - Thursday 13th May inclusive.

## Attendance

The overall attendance for the current academic year is 95% which really is an excellent effort everyone and in line with our own challenging target. We aim to maintain this high standard so keep it up!



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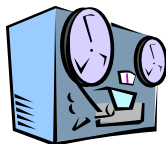


Coffee Morning every Friday at 9am in our community room. Do come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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## Congratulations!



On Monday four Year 5 children went to Heworth City Learning Centre to participate in Jonni Star / Cinema competition and won first prize. They will now be going on to attend the final in June.

Emma Robson explained: "We went into a professional recording studio to record our own dialogue and title-track onto a cartoon strip".

Fern McErlane added: "We won the competition and are now looking forward to the final when we hope to do well again".

Anthony Hodgson said: "My favourite part of the day was editing the storyline".

Mason Ward enthused: "I really enjoyed the day and am proud of what we did".

## Cycle Proficiency

Our Year 5 children enjoyed their first cycle training session on Wednesday and learnt a lot about cycle awareness and safety which they will have the opportunity to put into practice over the coming weeks when riding their bikes out in the community. A reminder that the children should have a cycle helmet too.



## Year 2 Assessment Meeting for Parents



A big thank you to those Year 2 parents who were able to attend this week's assessment meetings. We hope that the information provided was useful in providing an overview of the arrangements and assessment tasks the children will undertake during the last two weeks in May.

## School Admissions - September 2010

School admission numbers for September 2010 are once again most encouraging and we have a full intake of sixty children for our nursery and also for our two reception classes. Many of our current nursery children will be moving up together which obviously ensures continuity in their education. Parents are reminded that you need to return your acceptance form by Tuesday 4th May to either the school main office for nursery or the Civic Centre for reception to confirm that you wish to take up the offer of a place.



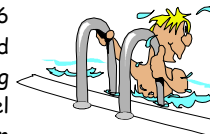
## Sport

**Football:** Huge congratulations must go to the Year 6 football team who completed their Blaydon & District East League fixtures last night. They boys were unbeaten in the final night's round of fixtures and showed great determination and endeavour. A gutsy performance against eventual champions Front Street in their final game was a particular highlight and saw them pip Fellside to second place in the league. The lads can take great pride in their performances and thank you again for all your great support!



The next six week session of football coaching with Newcastle Community Football begins next Wednesday for our Year 4 children. If your child is interested in taking part, please see a member of the Year 4 team for a letter and return the slip to school before next Tuesday. We look forward to seeing a good turn out and making the most of our school field!

**Swimming:** A very special well done to our four Year 6 boys who represented the inner west of Gateshead schools against other areas in the recent Civic swimming gala at Felling Pool. Owen Brady, Thomas Mein, Daniel Newton and Connor Surtees helped the area team to win first place overall - a great achievement and we are very proud of you!



## Active Kids 2010

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 8th June 2010 and up until this time you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at main Sainsbury's stores, including petrol stations and when you shop online at [www.sainsburys.co.uk](http://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. Our Active Kids collection box is located outside the staffroom in the learning zone.

## School Dinners

A reminder that the price of a school meal is now £1.85 a day or £9.25 a week. Cheques should be made payable to "Gateshead Council".



The school menu for next week is **Week 2**.