

## 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 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: Natalie Guest Class RC      Year 1: Oliver Dyer Class 1A  
Year 2: Jamie Bone Class 2M      Year 3: Maddison Vickers Class 3A  
Year 4: Nahima Choudhury Class 4D      Year 5: Eliz Ergisi Class 5R  
Year 6: Katie-Ann Roberts Class 6S

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



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

**Attendance:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 1L in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved another fantastic 100% attendance rate for week ending Friday 16 September and to Classes 4A, 4D, 5R and 6A (all 100%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 96.50% - another stupendous effort everyone! Keep it up.



# Dunston Hill Community Primary School

## Full House!



This week the induction programme for our youngest children was completed when all of our Nursery and Reception were in attendance. We are delighted with the way they have settled in. A reminder that coffee mornings have been arranged in the community room for our Nursery and Reception parents on Friday 30 September and Friday 7 October respectively. Photos of our new starters will be on display showing the children in their new surroundings actively engaged in a range of child initiated and adult led learning opportunities.

## Dukeshouse Wood

Next week our Year 6 children will be embarking upon their annual residential visit to Dukeshouse Wood. They will be participating in a variety of challenging and enjoyable activities and we are sure that the visit will prove as memorable as in previous years. Let's hope that they get some dry weather.



## Attendance

**Wow ...** another fantastic week's attendance everyone! The overall attendance was an excellent 96.50%. There were a number of classes who achieved 100% and deserve a special mention (see the back page to find out the details).



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If anyone has any old birthday cards please send them in to Miss Baud or Mrs Walton. Thank you.



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## School Photographer



The school photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 11 October and we have arranged once again for individual and family photographs to be taken. Due to the limited time available on the day, family photographs will only be of children who are currently in attendance at Dunston Hill. Further details will be sent home next week.

## Curriculum Overviews

We trust that the new curriculum overviews for this term sent out at the beginning of the week were informative and offered a clear understanding of the work to be covered by the children and ideas on how you as parents can help your child.



## Year 1 Visit



Next week our two Year 1 classes will be visiting Alnwick Castle to support their topic this term. They will have the opportunity to look around the castle and take part in 'a knight's quest workshop'. They will learn about what it was like to be a knight and a lady in olden times and participate in role play and craft activities. We are sure that they will find the visit very interesting and enjoyable.

## Trainee Teachers

This term we are playing host to four visiting trainee teachers who will spend some time supporting in all of the classrooms to gain an initial insight in to the teaching profession and working with primary school aged children. They will work alongside the teachers to gain experience and have the opportunity to lead some group activities.

## 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 Sunday 15 January 2012.



## Sport

**Great North Run:** Congratulations once again to Mrs Gaulton who took part in the Great North Run on Sunday for the second year running and raised lots of money for her chosen charity.

**Football:** Well done to those Year 6 children who attended last night's second trial for the school football team. Mr Armstrong was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and ability. It certainly wasn't easy for him to choose the squad for next week's first round of 7-a-side fixtures on Wednesday night after school. We wish those who were fortunate to get picked the very best of luck.



**Swimming:** A reminder to our Year 5 children and parents that Classes 5R and 5SB will have the opportunity to attend a one-off swimming lesson and fitness workout at Dunston Leisure Centre next Wednesday afternoon whilst the Year 6 children are away on their residential visit.

**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:** Another 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.



## Congratulations

We were delighted to learn this week that three of our former Year 6 children who left in July designed winning posters for a competition organised by the Council relating to the demolition work to 'The Rocket' in Dunston. Congratulations to Ben Chatto, Mitchel Smails and Corey Thomson who all now attend Kingsmeadow School. Their posters are to be included in a slideshow on the Council website.



**School dinner menu next week 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.