

Weekly Newsletter

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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 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: Billy Rippon Class RA Year 1: Shreya Bellary Class 1T
Year 2: Caitlin Rafferty Class 2G Year 3: Joe Cavanagh Class 3R
Year 4: Kieron Peacock Class 4C Year 5: Kamile Nazir Class 5S
Year 6: Barry Duggan Class 6S

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



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

Attendance: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A for Reception and Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.00% attendance rate for week ending Friday 16th October and to Class 3G (98.50%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 93.60% - a second disappointing week given the excellent start we've made!



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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 2 November and finishes on Friday 18 December.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 November to discuss children's progress to date. Details will be sent out during the first week back after the half term holiday.



Christmas Fayre



Our annual **Christmas Fayre** takes place on Friday 4 December. Please send in donations of toys, books, unwanted toiletries, gift bags etc for our tombola. If any parents are able to get any donations of gift vouchers/prizes from their workplace for raffle prizes we would be extremely grateful. Any offer of help would also be most welcome. Please see Mrs Cox.

Attendance

Average attendance for this last half term was 94.30% - we have a challenge on to increase this to our overall target figure of 95.00%!



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

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Autumn Discos



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our Autumn discos last night. The DJ, Malcolm, proved very popular with the children and he certainly catered for the different age groups. Today our Nursery children also had their mini disco with DJ Jamie. All told we raised nearly £150 for school funds which will be used to subsidise future events for the children.

Non-Uniform Day

Today's non-uniform day was extremely well supported and we had some outrageous wacky costumes parading through school. Prizes for the best outfits went to:

Nursery (am) - Grace Sutton, Nursery (pm) - Dominic Pegram, Reception - James Harm, Year 1 - Jessica Dial, Year 2 - Ellie Guyan, Year 3 - Holly Spoor-Gemmell, Year 4 - Shaun Rahman, Year 5 - Colin Nicholson and Year 6 - Nathan Turner, Staff (KS1) - Mrs McLean and Staff (KS2) - Mrs Spencer.



'Shindig'



Year 3 completed their 'Exciting Egypt' topic for this half term with a 'Shindig' last Friday. The children proudly performed to their parents - they sang in a 'round', performed an Egyptian dance and then sang a song especially composed for them. They also shared examples of their work including hilarious hieroglyphic writing, manic mummies and crazy cartoon strips. We hope that those parents who came along enjoyed the shindig.

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 - Thomas Mein and Brooke Little
Bamburgh - Naithan Breen and Jemma Coulson
Durham - Matthew Dobson and Victoria Moffitt
Lambton - Barry Duggan and Abigail Thompson



Poppies



Poppies will again be on sale during the first week back at school after half term priced at 50p in aid of **Remembrance Sunday** on 8th November.

Sport

Football in the Community: Well done to those boys and girls who completed their six week coaching sessions with Newcastle Community Football this week. Barry and Jordan were delighted with the fantastic attitude displayed by all those involved and particularly impressed with Robbie Barnaby in Year 5, who earned the Best Attitude Award. Well done Robbie! The next 6 week block will start after half term for Year 2. Please see the Year 2 team for a letter if interested.



Show Racism the Red Card: The team from the Show Racism the Red Card project were in school on Wednesday working with our Year 5 children. They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with former Middlesbrough and England U21 international, Dean Gordon, through the football fitness session and Mr Armstrong and Mrs Spencer were very impressed with the maturity, openness and compassion displayed by the children in their workshop discussions.

Nursery and School Admissions

A reminder to our current Nursery parents that completed application forms should be returned to either our General Office or the Civic Centre by Friday 6th November for our Reception year group for September 2010. Applications for admission into our Nursery for next year should be returned to the General Office by Friday 11th December.



'Christmas Beanies'



It's that time of year again - we are selling 'Christmas Beanies' in aid of **St Oswald's Hospice**. There are four different beanies to choose from priced at £1.50 each: snowman, bear, penguin and reindeer.

Special Request

Hannah Gibbons (Class 4A) mam is collecting old bedding sheets, duvet covers, blankets, towels, curtains, dressing gowns, jumpers, cardigans and sweatshirts on behalf of **Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter** to put in their baskets. To arrange collection please contact Pauline Gibbons on 07922743649. Many thanks.

