

Weekly Newsletter

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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 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: Bethany Wilson Class RA Year 1: Aimee Wiggins Class 1T
Year 2: Eliz Ergisi Class 2S Year 3: Stephen Pratt Class 3R
Year 4: Maia Atkinson Class 4C Year 5: Jasmine Thompson-Heron Class 5Gn
Year 6: Jak Hession Class 6D

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

Class Awards this week were presented to Class 1M in Key Stage 1 and to Class 6G in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 1T in Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 3 April and to Class 6D (97.90%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 94.70% - another good week everyone!



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

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

Summer Term 2009

From Monday 20 April to Thursday 16 July

Half term from Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

School will also be closed for May Day Bank Holiday (Monday 4 May), Teachers' Professional Development Day (Friday 22 May) and an Occasional Day (Friday 19 June).

A reminder to Year 6 parents that **SATs Week** is Monday 11 - Friday 15 May inclusive.

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs McLean recently gave birth to a bonny baby boy. Edward Nicholas weighed in at 8lb 5oz and both mam and son are doing great - we look forward to seeing them both soon.



School Admissions

School admission numbers for September 2009 are once again most encouraging and we have a full intake of 60 children for our two Reception classes. Many of our current Nursery children are moving up together which obviously ensures continuity in their education. Parents

are reminded that you need to return your acceptance form to the Civic Centre by to confirm that you wish to take up the offer of a place.



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Attendance Initiative



This term Gateshead Education Welfare Service are offering a special three night break for a family of four to Disneyland Paris. All eligible children will be entered into a prize draw as an incentive for achieving 100% attendance and punctuality between Monday 20 April and Friday 10 July. This is courtesy of Hays

Travel.

Cycle Training

Our Year 5 children enjoyed their first cycle training session on Wednesday and learnt a lot about 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.



'Show Racism the Red Card'



Year 5 will be continuing their work with the 'Show Racism the Red Card' initiative next week and were fortunate enough to work with ex-Toon star, John Anderson, to learn some nifty footie skills and play some mini matches. A few lucky children won tickets for Newcastle's home match against West Ham this weekend.

Family Learning

A reminder that we are planning on running a free ten week ICT course for parents on Tuesday mornings from 9.30-11.30am focusing on Vista and Windows 2007. The first session is scheduled for 28 April. If anyone is interested in going along they should contact the school office for further details.



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Sport

Swimming: A reminder that this term our Year 5 children are going swimming on Wednesday afternoons at Dunston Baths in place of Year 6. The children will need to remember their swimming costumes (not bikinis) and towels.



Football: The final coaching session for our Year 3 children this week with Newcastle Community Football culminated in a mini tournament. The boys and girls all enjoyed themselves and there are clearly some budding Ronaldos coming through. The two coaches were very impressed with the children's attitudes and enthusiasm and commented on their sense of fair play. A special well done to Sean Peareth who received the coaches' sportsmanship trophy. A reminder to Year 2 children and parents that your first coaching session takes place next Wednesday after school on the field.

Gymnastics: There are currently four places available for any boys in Key Stage 2 who would like to join the Gymnastics Club after school on Monday evenings. Anyone who is interested should go along and see our coach, Julie Brydon, in the upper Key Stage 2 hall.



PE Kits: As we move into the warm weather season please ensure that your child remembers their PE kit on the right days each week. This should include training or sand shoes for outdoor activities.

Active Kids

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 3 June 2009 and up until this time you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at Sainsbury's, including petrol stations and when you shop online at 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 for in and out of the classroom. Our Active Kids collection box is located outside the staffroom in the learning zone.

