

## 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 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: Scott Wales Class RM      Year 1: Skye Gaul Class 1S  
Year 2: Bethany Wilson Class 2AR      Year 3: Joshua Davis Class 3R  
Year 4: Eliz Ergisi Class 4A              Year 5: Bethany Gilchrist Class 5G  
Year 6: Rebecca Smails Class 6A  
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 4A in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance Award:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 1S in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.10% attendance rate for week ending Friday 17th June and to Class 3R (97.20%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 94.20% - rather disappointing everyone!



# Dunston Hill Community Primary School

## Community Week



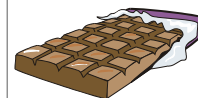
"Community Week" has been a real success. Each year group has learnt a dance related to the north-east. Year 5 also enjoyed a unique opportunity to work with local artist, Karen Willis. Other year groups have made links with schools in neighbouring authorities. Today we celebrated with a big carnival in school and we hope you have taken the opportunity to walk around school and see the colourful work on display in the classroom windows.

## Industrial Strike Action

As stated in an earlier letter this week, the industrial strike action planned by two teacher unions is expected to go ahead next Thursday, 30th June. This will affect the Years 5 and 6 sports day which was due to take place in the afternoon. As a result, we have arranged an alternative date of Thursday 14th July (1.45pm) for our top two year groups. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



## Dunston Gala Day



Dunston Gala Day has been arranged for Saturday 2nd July in Dunston Park. We will once again be organising a stall on behalf of the school. If you can offer any help or support, please let Mrs Cox know. Any donations for our chocolate tombola or 'Hook the Bag' game would be gratefully appreciated.



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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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## Year 2 Visit



Year 2 had a wonderful day at 'Adventure Valley' in Durham. They enjoyed their farmyard jobs which ranged from snake charming to tortoise training. The fun was endless! Tractor rides and doughnut slides were but a few of the thrills they had. Ella in Class 2AR said, "It was just the best day ever!"

## Year 4 Visit

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their own jovial journey this week with a visit to Holy Island via Belford First School. The children had exchanged passports with their friends at Belford and this was an opportunity to meet them face to face. A tour of the school included a walk through the environmental area and our children now have some great ideas for their own patch. The visit to Lindisfarne Priory gave the children the opportunity to learn more about the Viking attack in 793AD and the monks that lived there. "The best school trip ever!" was a comment from Dylan Duggan and "Thank you, that was great!" by Kaitlyn Guest.



## Next Week's Visits

Our two Nursery groups will be visiting Hall Hill Farm on Monday and Tuesday next week. Year 5 will be taking part in a sandcastle competition on South Shields Beach on Friday.

## End of Year Progress Reports



End of Year Progress Reports will be sent home to parents on Friday 15th July. This year they will be in a different format and will include a photograph and insert from the child. As always, reference will be paid to achievements during this last academic year focusing on Literacy, Numeracy and the Creative Curriculum.

## Further Attendance Initiative

Our latest attendance initiative with the local authority's education welfare service and Hays Travel runs from 3rd May to 8th July when anyone with full attendance will be entered into a draw with a first prize of £500 holiday vouchers for the winning pupil's family.



## Sport

**Football Coaching:** Well done again to all those who took part in the after school coaching session on Wednesday with Newcastle Community Football. Despite the unpredictable weather the boys managed to keep their feet in a 7-a-side game on the field to round off another successful session.



**Swimming:** A special well done must go to Mitchel Smails, Rebecca Smails and Elena Davidson for being selected to take part in next week's Gala at Dunston Leisure Centre. After impressing in their swimming lessons and taking part in trials the trio will pit their wits against Gateshead's finest talent next Tuesday night. Good luck to all three!

As a result of Year 5 visiting Kingsmeadow School next Wednesday afternoon, our two Year 6 classes will have an additional swimming lesson instead at Dunston Leisure Centre.

**Athletics Festival:** Our twenty strong Key Stage 2 athletics team took to the track and field at Gateshead Stadium today as part of the Gateshead Primary Schools' annual festival. The showery intermittent weather did not dampen spirits too much and we look forward to sharing their successes in greater detail next week!



**Dates for sports days on our school field weather permitting:**

Tues, 28th June (1.45pm): Reception, Years 1 and 2

Wed., 29th June (1.45pm): Years 3 and 4

Thurs, 30th June (1.45pm) or Thurs., 14th July (1.45pm): Years 5 and 6

**Don't forget PE kits and sandshoes / training shoes this term!**

## Active Kids 2011



Our **Sainsbury's Active Kids Campaign** has now finished and we have been delighted with the support we have received so far. A big thank you as always to everyone who has collected on our behalf. Last year, with your help, we collected over 5,000 vouchers which we were able to exchange for a range of new PE resources. We hope this year to surpass this total. If you still have any vouchers at home please send them in to school next week.

**School dinner** menu on Monday 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.

