

## 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:

Year 1: Mert Ergisi Class 1A      Year 2: Katie Cohan Class 2S  
Year 3: Cameron Potts Class 3T      Year 4: Thomas Robinson Class 4G  
Year 5: Adam Dobson Class 5D      Year 6: Rebecca Robinson Class 6S

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



**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class 1A in Key Stage 1 and to Class 4A in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2S in Key Stage 1 who achieved a fantastic 100% attendance rate for week ending Friday 17th September and to Classes 3T, 4G (again) and 6A (all 100.00%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 97.80% - 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 and all of our Nursery and Reception were in attendance. We were delighted with the way they have all settled in and enjoyed themselves. A reminder that coffee mornings have been arranged in the community room for our Nursery and Reception parents on Friday 1st and 8th 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 incredible 97.80% ... easily our best total for some time. 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 Mrs Leonard or Mrs Gaulton. Thank you.



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## School Photographer



The school photographer will be visiting on Wednesday 6th 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 4 Visit



Next week our two Year 4 classes will be visiting Segedunum in Wallsend to support their topic this term. They will have the opportunity to look around the fort, meet Maximus, a Roman gladiator, dress up and take part in role play, find out about the life of a Roman soldier, learn about the living quarters etc. All of the information will be shared with parents during a special year group assembly later this term.

## 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 Saturday 15th January 2011.

## Sport

**Junior Great North Run:** Congratulations to all those children who took part in last weekend's Junior Great North Run - we had some very proud boys and girls on Monday with their t-shirts and medals. Well done also to both Mrs Watkins and Mrs Gaulton who took part in the senior event on Sunday and raised lots of money for their two respective charities. We hear that they are now in training for next year's London Marathon - go for it ladies!



**Football:** Well done once again to those Year 6 children who attended last night's second trial for the school football team. Unfortunately, the heavy rain restricted the practice to indoors. However, Mr Armstrong was still 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. We wish those who were fortunate to get picked the very best of luck.

**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:** A 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.

## Joe Maddison's War

We hope that you enjoyed last Sunday's new ITV drama, 'Joe Maddison's War', starring two of our favourite Geordie actors, Robson Green and Kevin Whately. It was very nostalgic seeing our old school on Dunston Bank being used as the setting for some of the filming and how some of the old classrooms and halls had been transformed. It certainly brought back some happy memories which we are sure you too will have appreciated.



**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.