

## 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 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: Olivia Bailey Class RA      Year 1: Ceeley Cleary Class 1T  
Year 2: Harry Smails Class 2G      Year 3: Justin Trench Class 3R  
Year 4: Megan Strong Class 4C      Year 5: Rebecca Smails Class 5S  
Year 6: Lewis Hogg Class 6S

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



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

**Attendance Award:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved a fantastic 100.00% attendance rate for week ending Friday 19th March and to Class 5A (98.60%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.70% - another very good week everyone - keep it up!



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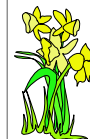


Coffee Morning every Friday at 9am in our community room. Do come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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### Easter Holiday



A reminder that we break up for the Easter Holiday next Thursday and return to school on Monday 19th April. Let's hope that the weather improves over the coming weeks and we see some real sunshine at last.

### Year 3 / 4 Performance

This week's performances by our Year 3 and 4 children of Roald Dahl's 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf' must rank as two of the best ever shows at Dunston Hill. The acting and singing were of the highest order and the costumes and props very imaginative. To think that these children are only 7-9 years old is amazing. The boys and girls clearly enjoyed performing in front of their parents, grandparents etc and thrived on the challenge. Their rehearsing and hard work certainly paid off and they thoroughly deserved their plaudits. We definitely have some budding stars for the future in our midst and everyone who took part should be justifiably proud of themselves. Theatre Royal here we come!!



### Parent Consultations



We trust that you have received confirmation of appointment times for next week's parent consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday. The appointments have been arranged at ten minute intervals and every effort will be made to ensure that the allocated times are kept to. Reference will be made to the work covered this term and progress to date.

## Race Night



A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Race Night last Saturday. We had a great time and many people were really lucky and came away with some excellent prizes. We raised over £600 which will go towards developing the school's outside environment. Particular thanks must go to Derek Beasley and colleagues for hosting the event at Dunston Social Club.

## Thornton's Easter Eggs

Today our Year 3 and 4 children had the opportunity to purchase a Thornton's Easter egg and to decorate it with their own personal message. All of the children who took part had a brilliant time and came up with some original ideas. No doubt, they will enjoy eating the chocolate as well!



## Easter Egg Competition



We will once again be running our annual Easter Egg competition next week when children are invited to decorate an egg at home and enter it for £1.00 to win a prize (one winner per class). Earlier this week they will have received a template to help them design their egg. The children are asked to bring their eggs to school on Thursday where we will display them in the community room and the winners will be chosen by the School Council. We are also holding a parents' competition and hope to see some exciting entries. Good luck everyone!

## Year 4 CLC Visit

A reminder to Year 4 parents that on Tuesday next week classes 4A and 4C will be visiting Gateshead CLC all day to experience some exciting ICT activities. The children will require a packed lunch. We are sure they will enjoy the respective tasks and come back with lots of new ideas and skills.



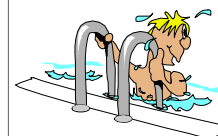
## Frieda the Lamb



We received a very special visitor to school on Wednesday when Mrs Grayburn brought in a lamb, just one week old, for the children to see. Frieda became an instant hit and everyone wanted to give her a huge cuddle. Even some of our older boys were a little taken with her ... weren't we Dylan!

## Sport

**Football:** Another successful football coaching programme comes to a close on Wednesday, when our Year 1 and 3 children complete their final session. The coaches will have another difficult decision to make when choosing their player for the 'Best Attitude' award, as all the children involved have shown developing skill and commitment. The next programme will commence after the Easter holidays for our Year 4 children and letters will be available next week.



**Swimming:** A special good luck to our boys' freestyle team who will be representing the inner west of Gateshead schools against other areas in next Thursday night's Civic swimming gala at Felling Pool.

**Netball:** Good luck also to our school netball team who have been working hard in preparation for next week's Tyne and Wear Final at the Blue Flames Sports Ground, Benton, on Tuesday afternoon. The boys and girls have been eagerly awaiting the Final and have definitely benefited from the specialist coaching they have been receiving.



**Athletics:** Yesterday three of our Year 5 children represented the local cluster of schools in the Gateshead Primary Schools' indoor finals. Although their team did not win overall, the performances of Harvey Appleby, Robbie Barnaby and Elena Davidson were most impressive.

**Hockey:** Mrs Greenwell and Mrs Spencer have been very pleased with the enthusiasm shown by those children who have been taking part in their after school hockey club. Eight children have been selected to represent the school in a local tournament at Whickham School on Wednesday afternoon. We hope they enjoy the occasion and perform to their very best.



## School Dinners



A reminder that from Monday, 19th April, the price of a school meal will be £1.85 a day or £9.25 a week. Cheques should be made payable to "Gateshead Council".

Next week's school menu is **Week 3**.