

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 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: Ebony Wishart Class RA Year 1: Katie Phillips Class 1T
Year 2: Leanne Diogo Class 2S Year 3: Jade Pharoah Class 3R
Year 4: Mason Ward Class 4C Year 5: Nicole Lambert Class 5Gn
Year 6: Cameron Hewitt Class 6D
Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.

Class Awards this week were presented to Class 2S in Key Stage 1 and to Class 5Gn in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Classes 1M and 1T in Key Stage 1 who achieved 97.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 20 March and to Classes 5G1 and 6G (97.30%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 94.90% - a really good week everyone!



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PE Kits

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on the required days each week.



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This week's Newsletter has been sponsored by:

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which can be hired from as little as £55 from tots to adults. Contact Jeanette Milnes at 96 Cotswold Gardens, Lobley Hill or telephone 0191 4881212 (daytime), 0191 4403147 (evenings) or mobile 07957369198 or email Id-computers@btconnect.com for more details.

Easter Holiday - A reminder that we break up for the Easter Holiday next Friday and return to school on Monday 20 April. Let's hope that the weather improves over the coming weeks and we see some sunshine.



School Dinners



A further reminder that from this Monday, 30 March, the price of a school meal will be £1.80 a day or £9.00 a week. Cheques should be made payable to "Gateshead Council".

Parent Consultations

We trust that you have received confirmation of appointment times for next week's parent consultations. 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.



Year 6 Residential Visit



This week Year 6 attended their annual residential visit to Dukeshouse Wood Outdoor Adventure Centre. The children had a great time and participated in a range of challenging and enjoyable activities including abseiling, climbing, problem solving, den building, archery, quad bikes, laser quest etc. The staff at the Centre were very impressed with the attitude, enthusiasm and behaviour of our boys and girls.

Thornley Woods

Class 1T really enjoyed their science investigation themed week. Their visit to Thornley Woods yesterday was most interesting and they found out lots of information about animals, mini-beasts and their habitats.



Expochef



A tantalising experience for all in Key Stage 2 today, with our visit from an 'Expo Chef'. We have had a thoroughly tasteful experience of tasting, preparing and cooking different foods, all of which were very healthy.

"Making sure you get the right amounts in is quite hard" said Reece, Y4 who helped out making some spicy salad dressing.

Dance Performance

Our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed a fantastic morning on Monday when Gateshead College BTEC Performing Arts students came to visit. They performed 'I swapped my Dad for two goldfish' - there was lots of dancing and laughing! Ellie commented: "I liked the bit when the rabbit jumped, it was really funny!"



Quilt Exhibition



Our Year 6 children have made some excellent wall hangings using a variety of materials. Their work will be exhibited at the 'Pins and Needles' Needlework and Craft Show at the Metro Radio Arena from Thursday 2 - Saturday 4 April. See the Arena's website for more details.

Sport

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



Easter Activities

Easter Egg Competition - We will once again be running our Easter Egg competition next week when children and parents are invited to decorate an egg at home and enter it for 50p to win a prize (one winner per class). Children and parents are asked to bring their eggs to school next Friday where we will display them in the community room and the winners will be chosen by the School Council. Good luck everyone.

Easter Raffle - Children can purchase a strip of raffle tickets for 50p to win a selection of Easter prizes. Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday and the raffle will be drawn on Friday.



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.



School Admissions



School admission numbers for this September are most encouraging and we will once again have a full intake for each of our two Reception classes. The Local Authority will send the offers of places to parents on 21/4/09.