

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 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: Megan Black class RM Year 1: Maddison Vickers class 1S
Year 2: Jonathan Marran class 2A Year 3: Sarah Marshall class 3G
Year 4: Jessica Heslop class 4A Year 5: Mark Quinn class 5A
Year 6: Lewis Alexander class 6G

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 5A 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% attendance rate for week ending Friday 21st May and to class 4C with 95.80% in key stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 93.50% - a disappointing week given our excellent rate this year.



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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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Half Term Holiday



A reminder that the children break up today for the half term holiday. School re-opens on Monday 7th June. Let's hope for lots of sunshine and dry weather next week!

Chinese Visitors

Today we played host to some visiting teachers from the city of Wuhan in the heart of China. The city has a population of 10 million people and is the technology, culture and education centre in China. It is ranked third in the country, just following Beijing and Shanghai, with some thirty universities alone. Our visitors' primary school has 3,500 pupils, truly astounding, with class sizes of fifty. Our own two Chinese children, Jun De Zhou (class 3G) and Sunny Fang (class 5A), helped with the visit and it was very special for Sunny as she was actually born in Wuhan. Particular thanks must go to Sunny's Dad for providing the above information. The children in years 3 and 5 also enjoyed a Chinese cultural arts day working with artist, Mai Twynham. Activities included: storytelling, role play and origami paper dragon making.



Non-uniform Day

A big thank you to everyone for taking part in our 'sporty' non-uniform day to help one of our ex-pupils, Marianne Hodgson, raise the cost of the airfare to Kenya where she will be undertaking some voluntary work in one of the schools. We raised over £300 for Marianne.

Circus Time!



On Monday and Tuesday our children had a special treat as the circus came to school. Performer and entertainer, Mini Mansell, enchanted and amused the boys and girls. He started with an assembly demonstrating juggling, unicycling, balancing etc. Then each class learnt lots of circus skills like scarf juggling, peacock feather balancing, plate spinning, stilt walking etc. Certainly two days to remember and so much fun!

Year 1 Visit

What a fantastic day our two year 1 classes had at St. Mary's Lighthouse, Whitley Bay, yesterday! The weather was kind to them and it only rained when they were having their lunch. They were lucky to be shown around by Captain Raggy Beard and his friend Adam and spent the day rock pooling, looking over the lighthouse and creating beach art. The children all had great fun and learned lots about life on the seashore.



School Council



The School Council took part in a special market place event at Tyne View Children's Centre yesterday. They had the opportunity to see what some local companies have to offer to support our creative curriculum and extended school work.

New Line Markings

During half term we will be having new line markings installed on the school playground around the multi-use games area. The markings will be used to encourage the children to take part in regular daily exercise whilst also helping with co-ordination, movement etc. Work on our new environmental area is due to start during the summer recess.



Traffic Problems



Following a meeting with an officer from the council's Transport and Highways department this week, new no parking signs are to be erected over the summer at the main entrance to the school campus on Market Lane along with new road markings.

Sport

SFL World Cup 2010: It's less than three weeks now until the 2010 World Cup kicks-off in South Africa. In recognition of this we are organising some special World Cup related events in the first week back after the break. In addition to this we have been able to set up a World Cup fantasy football league through www.schoolsfl.com/worldcup. It is a free-to-play game and teams can be registered at this website address using our unique school PIN - **125569**. We look forward to seeing lots of teams registering over the half term holidays!



Provisional dates for sports days on our school field:

Mon, 28th June (1.45pm): reception, years 1 and 2

Wed., 30th June (1.45pm): years 3 and 4

Thurs, 1st July (1.45pm): years 5 and 6

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

Today Mrs Walton starts her maternity leave and we look forward to hearing the wonderful news of the impending birth of her baby. A special thank you to those parents and children who generously sent in presents and gifts - she was very touched and grateful.



Active Kids 2010

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 8th June 2010 and up until this time you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at main Sainsbury's stores, 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. Our Active Kids collection box is located outside the staffroom in the learning zone.

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.

