

Weekly Newsletter

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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: Emily Mitchell Class RH Year 1: Niamh Byrne Class 1M
Year 2: Evan Fulthorp Class 2S Year 3: Jack Wilson Class 3A
Year 4: Hannah Jordison Class 4A Year 5: Louise Griffiths Class 5G
Year 6: Callum Richardson Class 6G

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 3R in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A in Key Stage 1 who achieved 97.20% attendance rate for week ending Friday 26 June and to Class 3R (97.90%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 91.10% - a result of the sudden outbreak of chicken pox which affected many of our younger children!



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Sports Days



We were bitterly disappointed that we had to cancel our three sports days this week due to the heavy rainfall and resulting surface water which lay on the field and made conditions particularly slippery underfoot. Apologies once again for any inconvenience this may have caused. Weather permitting, we have rescheduled as follows: Tues, 7 July (1.45pm): Reception, Years 1 and 2; Wed, 8 July (1.45pm): Years 3 and 4; and Fri, 9 July (9.30am): Years 5 and 6. The gates at the back of the school will be open in the morning and from 1.15pm for the afternoon events.

Road Safety

A reminder that as from this Monday Kingsmeadow School have arranged to bring their scholars' buses on to the school site to pick up their pupils from 2.35-2.55pm. This is part of a trial run in preparation for this forthcoming September. For obvious road safety reasons, we request that parents / carers do not enter the school site from Market Lane until after 3.00pm.



Dunston Gala Day

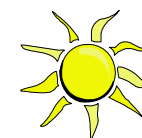
We are keeping our fingers crossed that there is glorious sunshine for tomorrow's Dunston Gala Day in the Park. Once again we have our own stall and are hoping to raise some funds for the next stage of developing our school grounds. Do come and join us!



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Dunston Gala Day

Saturday 4 July

12-3.30pm

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Educational Visits etc



On Wednesday **Year 2** had a wonderful trip to **Bamburgh**. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Grace Darling Museum, where they had the opportunity to see the actual coble (boat) that was used in the rescue mission and other artefacts from the era that belonged to Grace. The children

also visited the Grace Darling Memorial, in St Aidan's churchyard, to see where Grace is buried and had the opportunity to play in the shadows of the magnificent Bamburgh Castle. The weather was perfect with the rain only starting once the staff and children were on the coach going home and although the ice-cream van didn't stop they all managed to enjoy an ice-lolly from the local shop. If you plan a visit yourselves, don't forget 20p for the toilets!

Also on Wednesday our two **Year 5** classes finished their Tudor topic off in style by visiting Heworth CLC. They participated in two exciting activities which involved the children creating a storyboard and completing a Tudor Quest. An interesting day was had by all!

Yesterday **Year 6** attended a Presentation Day at **Emmanuel College** to round off their **Primary Electronics Project**. The Project began during the autumn term with lessons about electrical circuits. During the spring term the children made individual torches and Wall:E models. Finally, in the summer term the children worked on class projects that were presented at the College. The children also enjoyed a very practical lecture on using air as a source of energy and making air-powered vehicles. Class 6D had used the theme of 'Oliver' and showed a model theatre that had lights, curtains and a revolving stage. 6G were able to show their model of the Quayside with electronically operated doors. A good time was had by all, but most importantly the children learnt a lot about electrical circuits - the 'spark' of imagination was certainly ignited!



Today our **Reception** children had a fun time at **Saltwell Park** and even the incessant thunder storm and rain didn't dampen their spirits. Everyone had a great time making magic potions, chasing rabbits and learning all about nature. There were races in the maze, games in the park, dancing in the Dene and an ice cream to cool them all down! Even the peacock was impressed by the children's excellent behaviour throughout the day and stood to attention showing them its beautiful feathers!

Today also **Year 4** joined hundreds of other children and musicians for the '**Big Sing**' at the **Sage**, Gateshead. The children have really been looking forward to the special occasion for some time now and have been busy learning a number of songs about 'journeys'. We are sure that they will have had a fantastic time and will share their experiences in next week's newsletter.

Sport

Athletics: Huge congratulations must go to our athletics team who competed at the Gateshead Athletics Festival at the International Stadium last Friday. The boys and girls who took part were model sports people who competed with smiles on their faces, despite the frequent downpours! The team ended the day with 8 medals in total which included: 4 gold's for the Year 3/4 relay team (Elena Davidson, Fern McErlane, Jorgia Loftus and Rebecca May), gold in the 600m (Elena Davidson), gold in the 60m sprint (Fern McErlane), silver in the 50m sprint (Jorgia Loftus) and a bronze in the spring jumps (Elena Davidson). After our most successful year in recent times, we look forward to further success next year and thanks once again to all those parents and friends who braved the conditions to cheer on the team!



Gymnastics: There are still a few places available for any boys in either Key Stage 1 or 2 who would like to join the Gymnastics Club after school on Monday evenings from next September. Anyone who is interested should go along and see our coach, Julie Brydon, in the upper Key Stage 2 hall.

Don't forget PE kits and sandshoes / training shoes for next week's sports days!

Summer Fun Day



Thursday 23 July 11.30am-3.30pm
Gateshead International Stadium
Free Entry



Activities include: raffle, tombola, bike rides, amusements, gymnastics display, fun fair rides, trampolines, farm animals, bouncy castle, refreshments etc

Funded by Gateshead's Aiming High for Disabled Children Programme

Active Kids



The '**Active Kids 09**' promotion from Sainsbury's supermarket has now drawn to a close and so far we have managed to collect somewhere in the region of 5,000 vouchers! If you may have any more lying around the house, lost in the bottom of a handbag etc, do please gather them up and post them in the box outside Mr Armstrong's classroom. As always your support with this campaign has been fantastic, thank you!