

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: Phillipa Grant Class RM Year 1: Kira Fairholm Class 1S
Year 2: Niamh Byrne Class 2A Year 3: Matthew Grenfell Class 3G
Year 4: Libby Cox Class 4A Year 5: Elena Davidson Class 5A
Year 6: Claudia Rae Class 6G

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



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

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A (yet again) in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved a super 99.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 23rd April and to Class 3R (again) with 96.70% in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 94.90% - another good week everyone.



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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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Walk to School Week



As part of our new School Travel Plan, we will be taking part in Walk to School Week from 17th-21st May. The children will be involved in a range of initiatives and activities to encourage them to take to foot and walk to school when ever possible. Parental support for this national campaign is obviously very important if we are to address some of the health and safety issues which our school community are currently experiencing. Further details will be sent home in due course.

Sports Days

Provisional dates for sports days:

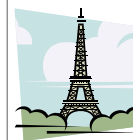
Mon, 28th June (1.45pm): Reception, Years 1 and 2
Wed., 30th June (1.45pm): Years 3 and 4
Thurs, 1st July (1.45pm): Years 5 and 6

This year we will be holding the sports days on our school field and we hope for better weather than last year when unfortunately we had to cancel them all.



Attendance

This term Gateshead Education Welfare Service are offering a special three night break for a family of four to Disneyland Paris. All eligible children will be entered into a prize draw as an incentive for achieving 100% attendance and punctuality between Monday 19th April and Friday 9th July. This is courtesy of Hays Travel.



Family Maths Learning



Our next family learning programme will focus on mathematics. At the workshops we will be investigating maths patterns, making board games, cooking and lots more. The workshops will be held on Monday afternoons in our community room starting from the 10th May for six weeks. Do come along and join us in a relaxed and friendly environment where you can have lots of fun with maths. For more information, please see Mrs Cox, our extended school co-ordinator.

Cycle Proficiency

Our Year 5 children enjoyed their second cycle training session on Wednesday and this week they had the opportunity to ride their bikes out in the community under the close supervision of their instructors. A reminder that all of the children should have a cycle helmet for their next session.



Cartoonist



Next Thursday our Year 3 children will be hosting a special visitor for the day, cartoonist Paul Slattery. He will be working with each of the classes and teaching them how to draw their favourite cartoon characters. We are sure that the children will have a great time and look forward to seeing their finished work.

School Admissions - September 2010

School admission numbers for September 2010 are once again most encouraging and we have a full intake of sixty children for our nursery and also for our two reception classes. Many of our current nursery children will be moving up together which obviously ensures continuity in their education. Parents are reminded that you need to return your acceptance form by Tuesday 4th May to either the school main office for nursery or the Civic Centre for reception to confirm that you wish to take up the offer of a place.



Specialist ICT: Next Friday children in Classes 2A and 3G will be visiting Heworth City Learning Centre to learn how to compose music with the aid of ICT.

Sport

Football: Our Year 4 children took part in their first coaching session with the Newcastle Football in the Community coaching team on Wednesday night. The boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to make full use of our field and the dry weather. The children gave 100% to impress their coach, Barry, and are looking forward to the rest of the sessions.



Cricket: The 'Chance to Shine' cricket programme continues to run in school this term with Mick Armstrong from Durham CCC. Mick is currently working with children in Year 4 on Monday mornings.

Swimming: A reminder that this half-term Class 5A are going swimming on Thursday afternoons at Blaydon Pool. The children will need to remember their swimming costumes (not bikinis) and towels.

PE Kits: As we move into the warm weather season please ensure that your child remembers their PE kit on the right days each week. This should include training or sand shoes for outdoor activities.

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 Dinners



A reminder that the price of a school meal is now £1.85 a day or £9.25 a week. Cheques should be made payable to "Gateshead Council".

The school menu for next week is **Week 3**.