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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 in front of 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: Holly Rogerson Class RG Year 1: Maddison Milnes Class 1L
 Year 2: Poppy Thompson Class 2AW Year 3: Anna Cumming Class 3R
 Year 4: Adam Walton Class 4A Year 5: Justin Trench Class 5SB
 Year 6: Sean Peareth Class 6A

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



Class Awards this week were presented to Class 2M in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 4A in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime.

Attendance: This week's attendance awards were presented to Classes 1A and 1L in Reception/Key Stage 1 who both achieved 98.00% attendance rate for week ending Friday 23 September and to Class 3R (99.30%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 96.00% - another excellent effort everyone! Keep it up.



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If anyone has any old birthday cards please send them in to Miss Baud or Mrs Walton. Thank you.



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Dukeshouse Wood



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 climbing, problem solving, 3-6 swing, quad bikes, laser etc. The staff at the Centre were very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and behaviour.

School Photographer

A reminder that the school photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 11 October and we have arranged once again for individual and family photographs to be taken. Due to the limited time available on the day, family photographs will only be of children who are currently in attendance at Dunston Hill. Further details will be sent home next week.



New iPads

We have recently secured the services of thirty iPad touchscreen tablet computers for use in school this term. The children have quickly familiarised themselves with the new technology and have already put them to good use to support their own learning. We do intend to review the success of this initiative with the intention of purchasing our very own iPads in the near future.



Year 1 Visit to Alnwick Castle



On Monday our two Year 1 classes visited Alnwick Castle for the day. They went to the Dragon's Quest where they met a sleepy gigantic red dragon (the children's words) who tried to eat them all up. Fortunately, the boys and girls managed to escape and they went on to learn about what it was like to be a knight and lady in olden times.

Coffee Morning

Today our new Nursery parents joined us for a cuppa in the morning in the community room and saw a photo show of how well their children have settled in to school life. Next week it will be the turn of our Reception parents who will also have the opportunity to see some photos of their children. A reminder that parents of other children can still go along as normal for a tea or coffee.



Walk to School Week



We will once again be supporting the national 'Walk to School Week' initiative next month to encourage more and more of our parents and children to leave the car at home and to walk to school. The super weather of yesterday and today will obviously help our planned activities.

Fire Brigade Visit

Next Friday the local fire brigade will be visiting our Year 1 and 5 children to talk to them about fire safety and how to stay safe if a fire occurs in the home. These interactive sessions are always informative and well received by the children and obviously reinforce our own education programme here in school.



School Admissions



A reminder to our current Nursery parents that the closing date for returning application forms for next year's Reception group intake is Sunday 15 January 2012.

Sport

Football: Congratulations to those Year 6 children who took part in the 7-a-side knock out tournament on Wednesday night at Fellside Primary School. The team overcame their tiredness from the residential visit to finish top of their group and secure a place in the finals tonight. Three impressive victories and only one goal conceded have given the team great optimism. We obviously wish them every success and look forward to hearing the outcome of this evening's matches. Thank you as always to all parents and family for your first class support.



Well done also to the Year 5 boys and girls who have been taking part in the coaching sessions with Newcastle Community Football on Wednesday after school. We obviously hope to use the playing field for the sessions but sometimes have to revert to the multi-use games area or hall if the weather is poor. The children should always bring suitable footwear for all surfaces.

Gymnastics: Our gymnastics club takes place after school on Mondays. There are still a few spaces for any interested boys from Year 2 upwards. Any parent who would like their son to attend should see our coach, Julie Brydon, on Monday at the end of school in the hall.



Karate: A reminder that our karate club operates on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5-6.30pm in the school hall and is open to any of our children. If you are interested in joining do go along to see the instructor, Brian Taylor-Allen.

Uniform Orders

The deadline date for placing an order online for new uniform is Friday 28 October. Delivery will be approximately three weeks after this date. Please remember to measure your child beforehand using the size guide as garments are all made to order and any returns are not accepted. A reminder that the website address for placing an order is: www.stparent.co.uk.



School dinner menu next week is **Week 2**.

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.