

Weekly Newsletter

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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 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: Maddi Milnes Class RC Year 1: Poppy Thompson Class 1A
Year 2: Ryan Laws Class 2S Year 3: Owen Guest Class 3T
Year 4: Thomas Robinson Class 4G Year 5: Ryan Burn Class 5D
Year 6: Zakk Hampton Class 6S
Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.



Class Awards this week were presented to Class 1A in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 6A in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2S (again) in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved a 97.00% attendance rate for week ending Thursday 17 February and to Classes 5D and 6A (98.20%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.30% - another improvement on recent weeks everyone - keep it up!



Dunston Hill Community Primary School

Term and Holiday Dates 2010/2011

We break up for Easter on Friday 15 April.

Summer Term: Tuesday 3 May — Wednesday 20 July

Half term: 30 May — 3 June

School will also be closed on Monday 2 May (May Day). We have just been informed that schools in Gateshead are entitled to an additional non-contact day due to the forthcoming royal wedding and so school will also now be closed on **Monday 6 June**.

World Book Day



Everyone enjoyed celebrating **World Book Day** yesterday. There were lots of special activities which we hope will have helped to arouse curiosity about books and encourage further reading. The staff and children all looked fabulous dressed as their favourite book characters and prizes were awarded for the best costume in each phase group. Then the after school treat, our 'World Book Day Disco', was well supported and again our boys and girls WOWed us with their character costumes.

Parent Consultations

A reminder that **parent consultations** have been arranged for later this month on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 March. A progress update will be provided with future targets. Further details will be sent home in due course.



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Reminder

'Friends of Dunston Hill' meeting on Monday after school at 3.15pm in the community room

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Comic Relief



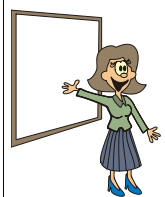
A reminder that **Comic Relief** is coming soon - Friday 18 March. We will be having a non-uniform day when children will be encouraged to wear red for a £1.00 donation. We will also be hosting a talent competition for our key stage 2 children to show that Dunston Hill has the 'X-Factor'. The auditions were held before half term and there were some really good acts and performers. Those children lucky enough to get through this stage are being supported by their very own X-Factor mentor. They will then perform at our talent show which will be held on Comic Relief Day. We are also looking for any parents who would like to perform in our show. All proceeds raised from ticket sales and other activities will be donated to the Comic Relief charity.

Family Learning

ICT: Would you like to gain more confidence with computers while also learning some basic skills? Then look no further as we will be running another six week course every Monday from 1.15-3.15pm starting on 7 March. Last year's programme was a great success and everyone had a great time learning alongside their children. For more information please contact Mrs Cox, our Extended School Co-ordinator.



Year 6 Parents' SATs Meeting



A reminder to Year 6 parents that we will be holding an important Key Stage 2 SATs meeting on Tuesday 8 March from 5.30-6.30pm. During the meeting we will be providing information on the arrangements and assessment tasks the children will undertake during the week of 9-13 May. We will also be offering advice and guidance on how home and school can support the children in the lead up to the assessments.

Music Workshop Visit

Our foundation stage and key stage 1 children enjoyed a fantastic session with the Gateshead music workshop team on Wednesday. They were treated to a variety of music activities on the theme of 'Songs from the Movies' which really fired the children's imagination. Yet again a great experience for our children.



Sport

Tri Golf: We will be welcoming a visiting coach, Brian Levey, to school next week on Thursday after school to introduce our Year 6 children to a range of golf skills. This is a first for Dunston Hill and we look forward to seeing if we have a future Lee Westwood in the making.



Swimming: A reminder that this half term it is the turn of Class 6S to go swimming once again on Thursday afternoons at Blaydon Leisure Centre.

We have been informed that the refurbished Dunston Leisure Centre will open on Monday 11 April when our Year 5 children will begin their swimming lessons.

Active Kids 2011

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 31 May 2011 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.



Beanies



We are currently selling 'Endangered Beanie Animals' in aid of **St Oswald's Hospice**. There are three different beanies to choose from priced at £1.20 each: a dolphin, a kangaroo and a panda.

Jars of Grace

This year we are once again supporting St Nicholas' Church **Jars of Grace** appeal in aid of UNICEF's Emergency Fund, which ensures a rapid and effective response to disasters. To support this appeal, all classes will be making their own collections. Please remember to send in any loose change you may have in an envelope marked 'Jars of Grace'.



School dinner menu first week back 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.