

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: Class RH Eleanor Robson Year 1: Class 1M Cameron Potts
Year 2: Class 2A Harry Cotton Year 3: Class 3A Katie Ann Roberts
Year 4: Class 4A Holly Dowling Year 5: Class 5GL Lauren Wishart
Year 6: Class 6G Chloe Flamson

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

Class Awards this week were presented to Class 1M in Key Stage 1 and to Class 3R in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A in Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.00% attendance rate for week ending Friday 27 February and to Class 3A (99.30%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.90% - CONGRATULATIONS everyone for surpassing our target figure of 95.00%!



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World Book Day



Everyone enjoyed celebrating World Book Day yesterday. There were lots of special activities which we hope will arouse curiosity about books and encourage further reading. The staff and children all looked fabulous in their pyjamas, slippers and dressing gowns and lots of classes snuggled up with their cuddly toys at story time with hot chocolate and marshmallows. The free book token can be exchanged for one of nine specially published £1 books at participating book shops.

Mrs McLean

Today Mrs McLean started her maternity leave and during her absence we have appointed Miss Reid to teach in Class 1M.



Red Nose Day



We will once again be supporting Red Nose Day on Friday 13 March and entering into the spirit by arranging various activities centred around the theme (get your red clothes ready).

"Do something funny for money!"

We will be sending out further details at the beginning of next week and ensuring that the children have plenty of fun.

Unfortunately, we have now sold out of this year's new style noses but they can still be bought from all Sainsbury's stores.

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PE Kits

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school on the required days each week.



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Year 2 Parents' Workshop Meetings



Year two held their end of key stage assessment workshop for parents and we're very grateful to those were able to attend.

We are sure that the meeting provided valuable information about the assessment process and the judgements we make.

Music Workshop

The Foundation and Key Stage 1 children enjoyed a fantastic session with the Gateshead music workshop team yesterday. We were treated to songs and music activities on the theme of 'Pirates' which really fired the children's imagination. Yet again a great experience for our children.



Tyre Park

On Wednesday the School Council met a representative from 'Tyre Play Systems' to discuss the idea of installing a tyre park on our playing field at the back of school. This maintenance free facility will offer the children new imaginative play opportunities to supplement our other outdoor provision. The School Council have been asked to discuss possible designs with their respective peers and to present their recommendations to members of the governing body.



Local Residents' Views

A reminder that Community Based Services for Inner West Gateshead are looking to arrange a meeting in school to gain residents' perspectives on local issues / services which together they hope will form the basis of a Neighbourhood Plan and the actions to improve / add services being delivered in the Dunston area. If you are interested in taking part and sharing your ideas and opinions then please let the main office in school know.



Parent Consultations: A reminder that parent consultations have been arranged later this term on Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 March. A progress update will be provided with future targets. Parent consultations for Nursery and 3R will be week commencing 23 March as Miss Reay and Mrs Spencer will be unavailable.

Sport

Football: Year 3 began their six week coaching programme with Newcastle Football in the Community on Wednesday night and once again Barry (the coach) was impressed with our children's attitudes and efforts in the session. He looks forward to meeting the remainder of the group next week who missed the first session through their commitments to the dance club.



Swimming: A special well done to those Year 6 children who took part in Tuesday night's Gateshead Inner West Swimming Gala at Felling Pool. The boys and girls swam very well and particular congratulations must go to Matthew McTeer who was second overall in the boys' breaststroke event. Our competitors included: Boys - Kaine Ashall, Andrew Bainbridge, Matthew McTeer, Adam Storey and Bradley Varga. Girls - Jamila Ati, Kelsey Black, Lindsey Clarke, Courtney Jones and Lauren McGuiggan.



Athletics: Well done to those Year 5 children who represented the school impeccably at Gateshead stadium yesterday. The indoor athletics tournament was a success and those involved gave excellent personal performances and teamed together well with the children from Brighton Avenue to represent the cluster. A special mention must go to the boys who were the overall winners of the tournament and go on to the finals in September. Our competitors were Owen Brady, Katie Cuthbertson, Lewis Hogg, Danny Rippon, Louise Griffiths, Thomas Mein, Olivia Peareth and Daniel Newton. Comments from Thomas and Daniel were "I can't believe we won" and "I will wear my medal forever" respectively.

Cricket: Our Year 4 and Year 5 children both thoroughly enjoyed their cricket sessions this week. Having had the opportunity to get their hands on the cricket bats for the first time this week, it is clear to see that we have some talented young cricketers in school. Hopefully we won't lose too many balls on the school roof!



Cycle Training



Cycling training has been booked for Year 5 during the summer term. This year's programme will be on Wednesdays starting on 22 April for five consecutive weeks. The training will take place in quiet residential streets around the school and the children will obviously be supervised at all times by suitably qualified staff.