

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 now situated in the Lifelong Learning Centre in front of 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: Layla Studholme Class RM Year 1: Ellie Bloomfield Class 1S
Year 2: Cameron Potts Class 2A Year 3: Milly Houston Codling Class 3G
Year 4: Rebecca May Class 4A Year 5: Olivia Thompson Class 5A
Year 6: Georgia Quinn Class 6G

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



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

Attendance: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2A for Reception and Key Stage 1 who achieved 97.70% attendance rate for week ending Friday 23rd October and to Class 5S (94.10%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 91.90% - another very disappointing week after such a good start to the term!



Dunston Hill Community Primary School

Firework Display



Monkridge Gardens Residents' Association are holding their annual firework display tomorrow night. The bonfire will be lit at 5.30pm and the display will commence at 6pm. Entrance is £1.00 for adults and 50p for children. Refreshments will be available including soup and hot dogs.

Parent Consultations

A reminder that parent consultations have been arranged for Tuesday and Wednesday next week after school to discuss children's progress to date. The gates on Park Terrace will remain open on both evenings and access and exit to and from school is via the main entrance next to the general office.



Christmas Fayre



Our annual **Christmas Fayre** takes place on Friday 4th December from 3.30-5.00pm in the hall. Please send in donations of bottles, soft drinks, chocolate, toys, teddy bears, books, toiletries etc for our tombola. If any parents are able to get any donations of gift vouchers/prizes from their workplace for raffle prizes we would again be extremely grateful. Any offer of help would also be most welcome. Please see Mrs Cox, our Extended School's Co-ordinator.



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Coffee Morning every Friday at 9am in our community room. Do come and join us for a cuppa and chat.

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Special Award



Today Mrs Watkins and Mrs McTeer, our Chair of Governors, attended a special awards ceremony at the Marriott Hotel where they received our third consecutive Investors in People Award in recognition for our commitment to supporting staff development.

Year 2 Visit

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Synagogue earlier this week to support their work in the classroom on Judaism. The children gained invaluable first hand experience - they handled a variety of religious artefacts, learnt about the routines of Shabbat, made comparisons with their own experiences and engaged in role play activities. Yesterday Mrs Van der Velde, from the Synagogue, visited the children in school.



School Meals Working Party



A letter will be sent home next week outlining the main outcomes from the school meals working party meeting this week to review our current lunchtime arrangements and provision. There were some excellent ideas and suggestions put forward by the children and we would now like to take the consultation a stage further by seeking the viewpoints of parents and carers.

Nursery and Reception Admissions

A reminder to our current Nursery parents that completed application forms should be returned to either our General Office or the Civic Centre by Friday 6th November for our Reception year group for September 2010. Applications for admission into our Nursery for next year should be returned to the General Office by Friday 11th December.



'Christmas Beanies'



It's that time of year again - we are selling 'Christmas Beanies' in aid of **St Oswald's Hospice**. There are four different beanies to choose from priced at £1.50 each: snowman, bear, penguin and reindeer.

Sport

Year 5 PE: Following on from our recent visit from Andrew Bridge, the Newcastle Eagles basketball star, Year 5 took to the courts in the Kingsmeadow sports hall on Wednesday to develop new skills in the sport. The children were mightily impressed with the size of the venue and we look forward to making the short trip through each week to make the most of the fantastic facilities on our doorstep.



Business Enterprise Project



Class 5A took their first steps towards following in the footsteps of Sir Alan Sugar on Thursday after the visit of Mr Oakes, a Business Studies teacher from Emmanuel College. All of Year 5 will be taking part in the project over the next four weeks and we hope to see some developing young entrepreneurs come to the fore during the course of the sessions ... so get your thinking caps on Year 5!

Future Events

Anti-Bullying Week: 16th-20th November. We will again be taking part in this national initiative and the children will be involved in a range of activities to promote the theme of 'Cyber Bullying'.

School Book Fair: 23rd-27th November

Community Carols and Lighting of Christmas Tree at St Nicholas Church: Thursday 3rd December

Christmas Productions (9.30am and 2pm):

Tuesday 8th December - Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 9th December - Nursery and Reception

* Please note that Years 3 and 4 will have their special production at Easter and Years 5 and 6 at the end of the summer term *

Christmas Parties:

Monday 14th December - Years 1 and 2 (pm)

Tuesday 15th December - Years 3 and 4 (pm)

Wednesday 16th December - Years 5 and 6 (pm)

Thursday 17th December - Nursery (am) and (pm) and Reception (pm)

Theatre Company Visit to School:

Community Carol Service in St Nicholas Church: 15th December at 6.30pm

Christmas Grand Raffle Draw: Thursday 17th December at 9.30am

