

## Weekly Newsletter

If you would like to sponsor our Weekly Newsletter, please see Mrs Hogarth, our School Business Manager, in the General Office.

### School Website

[www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk](http://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: Ollie Harrison Class RC      Year 1: Charlotte Burn Class 1A  
Year 2: Biily Bob Nelson Class 2M      Year 3: Eleanor Robson Class 3A  
Year 4: Aaron Brooksbank Class 4D      Year 5: Jun De Zhou Class 5R  
Year 6: John Bloomfield Class 6S

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



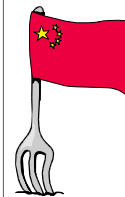
**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class 1A in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 5SB in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Classes 1A (again) in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 30 September and to Class 4D (also 98.30%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.30% - once again exceeding our whole school target of 95.00%.



## Dunston Hill Community Primary School

### China Visit



Next Friday Mr Foreman will be leaving school to take part in a ten day cultural visit to China along with a number of other headteachers from Gateshead. He will be visiting a partner school near to Shanghai to gain an insight into chinese education. He hopes to be able to keep in touch with the children at Dunston Hill via a video link up so they too can share in the experience. Further details will be included in next week's newsletter.

### School Photographer

Thank you to all those parents who have returned their photograph slips for next Tuesday's visit from the school photographer in the community room. We will start with our morning Nursery children, then brothers and sisters in school, followed by individuals. The session after lunch will start with our afternoon Nursery children and then Year 4.



### A Big Thank You!



We have just received a special certificate to thank our school for raising the fantastic total of £762 for this year's Red Nose Day Appeal. This money could pay for three children living in desperate poverty in Kenya to attend a secondary school for a whole year. A big thank you to everyone for supporting this event back in March.



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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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## Year 4 Visit to Segedunum



Next Tuesday our two Year 4 classes will be visiting Segedunum to meet Maximus, the Roman gladiator. The children will have the opportunity to dress up, chant in Latin, and experience the true feeling of a soldier. They will get to wear helmets and use swords and shields. They will also get to walk around the fort to give them the chance to visualise the living conditions at the time.

## Coffee Morning

This morning it was the turn of our new Reception parents to join us for a cuppa in the community room and to see a photo show of how well their children have settled in to school life. We are really pleased with the start they have made.



NB. Our normal tea/coffee morning resumes next Friday.

## 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

Today the local fire brigade visited 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. The interactive sessions were once again very informative and well received by the children and obviously reinforced our own education programme here in school.



## School Admissions



A reminder to our Year 6 parents that the closing date for returning application forms for secondary school places is 31 October 2011. Forms can be returned to school, directly to the civic centre or you can apply online.

## Sport

**Football:** Well done once again to the Year 5 and 6 children who have been taking part in the coaching sessions with Newcastle Community Football on Wednesday after school. It was good to see the children practising and improving their skills and developing their understanding of the game.



**Schools' Fantasy League:** If there are any more Key Stage 2 children interested in joining the Schools' Fantasy Football League this year, entries need to be received by no later than the 14 October (next Friday). See Mr Armstrong or visit [www.schoolsfl.com](http://www.schoolsfl.com) for further details.

**Cycling:** After a series of taster sessions last year, some of our Year 6 children had the opportunity to take part in a cycling challenge on Wednesday afternoon at Kingsmeadow School which involved competing against other local schools in time trial conditions.

**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](http://www.stparent.co.uk).



**School dinner** menu next week is **Week 3**.

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.