

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: Bailey Wood Class RA Year 1: Emily Thompson Class 1T
Year 2: Millie Walls Class 2S Year 3: Ellie Cook Class 3R
Year 4: Mark Quinn Class 4C Year 5: Georgia Brewis Class 5Gn
Year 6: Lauren McQuiggan Class 6D

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

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

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2S in Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 1 May and to Classes 5G1 and 5Gn (97.70%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.50% - another very good week everyone - keep it up!



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Good Luck!



Good luck to all those children who will be completing end of key stage assessments and SATs next week in school. Our children in Years 2 and 6 have been working extremely hard in preparation and we know that they will all give of their best. Similarly, children in Year 5 will also be undertaking assessment work to support their teachers' judgements of progress to date.

Healthy Roadshow

Key Stage 2 were educated and entertained this afternoon by the 'Health Stars Roadshow' 2 teams of Year 6 children competed against each other in the battle to be the "healthiest". We all learnt about having a healthy lifestyle, including exercise, balanced diet and drugs and alcohol awareness in a fun and entertaining way.



Nursery Admissions



Nursery admission numbers for this forthcoming academic year are again healthy and harp well for the future. There are a few afternoon places remaining for any child aged three before 1st September 2009. Please contact the school office if you have not as yet put your child's name down for a place.



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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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Walk to School Week



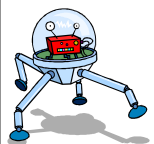
A reminder that as part of our new School Travel Plan, we will be taking part in Walk to School Week from 18-22 May. The children will be involved in a range of initiatives and activities to encourage them to take to foot and walk to school when ever possible. Parental support for this national campaign is obviously very important if we are to address some of the health and safety issues which our school community are currently experiencing.

Year 2 at the CLC

This week Year 2 went to the City Learning Centre and had a fantastic experience learning all about our local heroine Grace Darling. The children learnt how to import pictures, add captions, record their own commentary and add music. They were all successful in making a storyboard of the main events in her life.



Lego Robotics



As stated in last week's newsletter, four lucky Year 5 children, Molly Brown, Jemma Coulson, Connor Surtees and Nathan Turner were given the opportunity to take part in a 'Lego Robotics Competition' at Heworth Grange CLC. The children completed the six tasks very competently along with four other schools and won 1st prize - a 'Roboraptor'. They had a great time and have been invited back for the grand final.

Family Learning

The response to our free ten week ICT course for parents has again been encouraging and the first session is scheduled for next Tuesday morning from 9.30-11.30am in the Learning Zone.



Congratulations!

We were delighted to learn that the Beehive Club received a very positive inspection report following an Ofsted visit last month. Overall, the quality of provision was judged to be good and the project manager, Jan Quinn, and her team should be justifiably proud of their achievement.

Sport

Cricket: This week we received further details from Durham County Cricket Club inviting us to send a team along next Friday to participate in a Kwik-Cricket demonstration on the pitch during the lunchtime interval of the second NPower Test match between England and the West Indies at the Riverside Ground, Chester-le-Street. Ten lucky children from Years 4 and 5 will be accompanied by Mr Armstrong - as well as the games and drills, the children will get to see top quality international cricket and meet one of the star players like Kevin Pietersen or Shivnarine Chanderpaul. It will certainly be a day to remember!



Gymnastics: There are places available for any boys in Key Stage 2 who would like to join the Gymnastics Club after school on Monday evenings from next September. Anyone who is interested should go along and see our coach, Julie Brydon, in the upper Key Stage 2 hall.

Provisional dates for this year's **Sports Days** have been arranged as follows:

Mon., 29 June (1.45pm): Years 5 and 6

Tues, 30 June (1.45pm): Reception, Years 1 and 2

Wed, 1 July (1.45pm): Years 3 and 4

This year we will be able to hold all of our sports days on our new school field.



Don't forget PE kits and sandshoes / training shoes this term!

Active Kids

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 3 June 2009 and up until this time you will receive one Active Kids voucher for every £10 you spend at Sainsbury's, including petrol stations and when you shop online at www.sainsburys.co.uk. There is no limit to how many Active Kids vouchers our school can collect, so we hope that you will spread the word to your family, friends and colleagues so that we can continue to ensure that we provide our children with the latest and most up to date equipment for in and out of the classroom. Our Active Kids collection box is located outside the staffroom in the learning zone.

