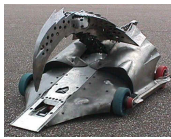


Dunston Hill Community Primary School



What a Star!



Following on from sharing the great news of Alexander Brown's (Class 5D) recent success at the Robot Wars Featherweight National Championships, we have just been informed that he has now been invited down to the ITV television studios in London to take part in this Tuesday's 'Daybreak' show with Adrian Childs and Christine Bleakley. This is a first for our school, and we are obviously extremely proud of Alex. We know that he will thoroughly enjoy the experience and feel at home in front of the cameras.

Parent Text Messages

We trust that you will all have received text messages from school this week following the introduction of our new Primary Contact communication system. Please do let the office know if your contact details change including any new mobile numbers.

School Photographer

Arrangements with our school photographer ran smoothly on Wednesday and we hope that the results will be to your liking and show the children in their true colours - smiling and dressed smartly. Special class photographs were taken of our new Reception children and also of Year 6 children in their final year at Dunston Hill. The company has assured us that the photographs will be developed and delivered to school in good time for Christmas.



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If anyone has any old birthday cards please send them in to Mrs Leonard or Mrs Gaulton. Thank you.



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'Design and Olympic Stamp' Competition



total.

Well done to Chloe Ritchie (Class 4A) who recently received a special prize for the 'Best Design in School' award after taking part in a 'Design an Olympic Stamp' competition with a number of other schools in the north-east. The competition was sponsored by Stanley Gibbons of London and there were over 500 entries in

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.

E-Safety



On Tuesday we organised special E-Safety assemblies for the children in both Key Stages as part of our commitment to teaching them how to use information technology safely and responsibly, particularly the element of 'communication'. A workshop will be arranged for parents later this term and further details will be sent home in due course.

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 current Nursery parents that the closing date for returning application forms for next year's Reception group intake is Saturday 15th January 2011.

Sport

Football: Well done once again to the Year 5 boys and girls who have been taking part in the coaching sessions with Newcastle Community Football on Wednesday after school. It was good to see the sun shining this week and the children practising their skills on the field.



Newcastle Community Football is also organising coaching camps over half term at Bullocksteads Sports Ground and South Street Community Primary School. For further details contact 0191 264 2015.



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 15 October (next Friday). See Mr Armstrong or visit www.schoolsfl.com for further details.

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.



Family Learning



Earlier this week our Nursery and Reception parents' workshops began. We were delighted with the turnout and the mams, dads, grandparents and children enjoyed learning all about 'messy play', getting sticky and wet, new recipes and ways to develop the children's fine motor skills. Everyone had lots of fun and are looking forward to the next session on Monday afternoon in the community room.

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.



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



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: Joseph Fleming Class RC	Phoebe Pears Class RM
Year 1: Agatha Elliott Class 1A	Year 2: Megan Powell Class 2S
Year 3: Aaron Brooksbank Class 3T	Year 4: Justin Trench Class 4G
Year 5: Alexander Brown Class 5D	Year 6: Mitchel Smails Class 6S

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



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

Attendance: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class RM in Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 1st October and to Class 3T (with a fantastic 100.00%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.70% - another super effort everyone! Keep it up.

