

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: Matthew Rocks Class RA Year 1: Sophie Prest Class 1T
Year 2: Youssef Ait Aissa Class 2S Year 3: Ellie Hiscock Class 3R
Year 4: Liam Marsh Class 4C Year 5: Ashlyn Rutherford Class 5Gn
Year 6: Nathan Challoner Class 6G
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 5G1 in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunch-time.

Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Classes 2S in Key Stage 1 who achieved 97.50% attendance rate for week ending Friday 19 December and to Class 4A (94.80%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 91.10% - a very disappointing figure to end the term with.



Dunston Hill Community Primary School

Happy New Year!

Welcome back everyone. We would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.



A Warm Welcome

This term we welcome our latest new member of staff, Mrs Grayburn, who has been appointed to teach one of our two Year 5 classes and lead our upper key stage 2 team and oversee the Creative Development work in school. Mrs Windows has also returned to work part-time after her recent maternity leave.

Important Dates

A reminder that term dates and school holidays for the remainder of this academic year are:

Spring Term 2009: Mon 5 Jan — Fri 3 Apr

Half term: 16 — 20 Feb

Summer Term 2009: Mon 20 Apr — Thurs 16 Jul

Half term: 25 — 29 May

School will also be closed to the children on Monday 4 May (May Day) and Friday 22 May (Teacher Training Day). An occasional day has still to be arranged during the summer term.

Parent consultations are scheduled for Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 March (Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 March for Nursery and Class 3R).

Key Stage 2 SATs week for Year 6 will be from Monday 11 to Friday 15 May.



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Christmas Tree Recycling

is available from 26 Dec - 14 Jan at Central Nursery in Whickham.



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Curriculum Overviews



This term's Curriculum Overview will be sent home on Monday for each respective year group. Once again we hope that you find this addition to our home/school communication arrangements informative and helpful. Our enrichment programme continues with visiting specialist staff employed to work with the children in the creative and performing arts.

Trainee Teachers

We are currently playing host to two trainee teachers, Ms Smith and Mr Reilly, who are teaching in Year 1 alongside Mrs McLean and Mrs Turnbull respectively until half term. Both trainees have enjoyed their first week in school and have already learnt a great deal about the profession. The children in turn have continued to work hard and make good progress.



Show Racism the Red Card



Year 5 continued their work with the 'Show Racism the Red Card' initiative this week and were fortunate enough to work with ex-Toon star, John Anderson, to learn some nifty footie skills and play some mini matches. A few lucky children won tickets for Newcastle's home match against West Ham this weekend.

Family Learning

A reminder that we will be running a Family Learning computer course in school starting on Tuesday 20 January from 9-11am. The course is open to mams, dads, grandparents and carers of children in school and will run for four consecutive weeks. The content will cover basic ICT skills and take place in our excellent new suite. Please let the general office know if you are interested in attending the course.



Fire Brigade Visit

The local fire brigade paid a visit to school earlier in the week and worked with children in Year 1 and then in Year 6 to highlight the importance of fire safety and the 5-point fire code.

Sport

Football Coaching: The next coaching programme with Newcastle Community Football begins next week with some of our Year 4 children primed and ready to take part. The sessions will take place after school on Wednesdays from 3.30-4.30pm. Depending on the weather and light, the sessions will either take place on the MUGA or in the school hall. We look forward to seeing those children develop some silky skills over the six week period ... **don't forget your kit!**



Fantasy Football: A special mention must be made to Nathan Challoner (Class 6G) who currently leads the school's fantasy football competition with a whopping 251 points! Nathan's expertise in this managerial role has also seen him open up a twenty point lead at the top of the regional Tyne and Wear league and find second place in the National Schools League, just two points behind top spot! Hopefully this weekend he will close the gap and secure first place. Good luck Nathan!



Dance Club: A reminder to those children who have expressed an interest in attending our Dance Club after school on Wednesdays with Miss Harbottle and Miss Anderson that the first session starts on 14 January from 3.30-4.30pm in the hall. We will once again be taking part in the local authority's annual Dance Festival later this term.

Skipping Club: Likewise, Mrs Cox and Mrs Leonard will be running a Skipping Club on Thursdays from next week also in preparation for the Gateshead Schools' Skipping Festival in March.



Gymnastics: The Gymnastics Club with our coach, Julie Brydon, starts up again on Monday after school.

Jars of Grace and Poppy Appeals



We have just been informed that this year's **Jars of Grace** Appeal helped to raise the sum of £300 to support UNICEF's Emergency Fund, which ensures a rapid and effective response to disasters around the world.

The **Poppy** Appeal in school raised £88.01.

A big thank you as always to everyone who made a contribution to these two worthy causes.

