



## Allendale Primary School March 2017 Newsletter

Well done to the Y3/4 Gymnasts who took part in the Gymnastics Festival before half term. One of our teams won the competition and will progress to the Tynedale finals. We had 3 children placed in the first four, Sasha, Harriet and Jessica, a special well done to them.

As a reminder, we operate a healthy school food policy and all school dinners adhere to nutritional guidelines. Sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks are not allowed in packed lunches, nor are nuts as we have children with nut allergies.

World Book day is officially on Thursday but we celebrate it on **Friday** in school. Children can come dressed as a book character of their choosing. World Book Day Vouchers have been given to all the children; these can be redeemed for a WBD book or as a £1 voucher towards the cost of any other children's book.

Swimming has now started for Y2, Y3 and Y4 children, first thing on a Monday morning. The cost per lesson & transport is £3.50 per session which can be sent in to Mrs Clarke weekly or half termly, £21 for this half term.

Plans for the development of our Nurture Room are well under way. We are now able to complete this project due to a generous grant from the Allison Trust which we are very grateful for and thank the trustees.

We have asked Mrs Reid to paint the walls of the nurture room, as she kindly did the library, and are still requesting any donations of paint that you might have; we are looking for rainbow colours, either part used pots or testers would be appreciated.

Mrs Hawkin, the librarian at the Allendale Library, has kindly sourced new library books which link to the topics for all classes. Allendale Library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays and I would urge you to use it as much as possible; small rural libraries seem to be under threat of closure due to funding pressures so the more it is used the better.

The Fancy Feet and Whirly Wheels Challenge is back from 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school for 2 weeks. The challenge should be all inclusive, so if any children come by car they can park and stride or those on school transport can do laps of the playground to earn points.

There is a parental app which can be downloaded. This app is to log journey distances and the mode that you travel either to/from work or as you undertake daily duties. As a reward for walking and cycling more you are automatically awarded points which can then be redeemed online for things including cash vouchers for several national retailers including Tesco, M&S and Starbucks to name a few. Details are on the reverse of this newsletter.

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Dear Parent

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By travelling more actively on the journey to school, even on one or two journeys each week, you can also help to keep you and your family fitter and healthier.

**Download the app at [www.gosmarter.betterpoints.uk](http://www.gosmarter.betterpoints.uk)**



## Dates for your diary.

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book day Celebration
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Bingo Night
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Daffodil Tea
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Festival 10.00am Sports Hall
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3,4,5,6 Singing Festival at HBHS
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Finish for Easter
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term starts