

Allendale Primary School March 2015 Newsletter

This is a relatively short term but it is shaping up to be quite busy.

Firstly, well done to the Y3 and Y4 children who Took part in the local Primary Schools Gymnastics competition at the Sports Hall. Dylan won a silver medal and one of our teams has qualified for the next round of competition in Hexham.

Well done to all the children who took part in the Competition and thank you to Mr Charlton and Miss Porteous who coached the children.



Parents Evenings take place next **Monday 2nd March** and **Wednesday 4th March**. There is an opportunity on both these afternoons to come into school so that your child can share their work with you, (family members and friends are very welcome). If you have not received an appointment time, please contact your child's teacher.

NCC were very prompt in carrying out the tree work required along the path from the Primary School to the former First School site as access was only restricted for 4 days. The trees will be re-inspected in summer to ensure that they are safe but the path is now accessible at users own risk.

Mr Ricketts is back at school on each Monday morning. This term he is coaching volleyball to Curlew Class, dance and gymnastics to Pipit and Skylark Classes.

The School Council are successfully running their healthy school tuck shop each Friday morning. Prices range from 10p to 50p, which is the maximum spend. The tuck shop is open to all children in Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

Mr Hopper starts his outdoor learning sessions next week with Kestrel Class on **Tuesday 3rd March**. If any of the Year 6 parents would like to help out on this morning, please contact Miss Honeyman. Lapwing Class have their first session on the morning of **Friday 13th March**, Curlew Class on **Tuesday 17th March** and Barn Owl on **Friday 20th March**; again please contact Miss White, Mr Charlton or Miss Porteous if you would like to help out.

The School Council are also running a DVD Club for children in Pipit Class on a Monday afternoon and Y1 / Y2 on a Wednesday afternoon. At a cost of 50p, children can choose a DVD to hire for the week.

On **Thursday 5th March** we are celebrating **World Book Day**. Our theme is Fantasy stories and the children will be moving around classes doing various activities based around different fantasy stories. **Parents are not expected to buy a costume specifically for this day.** The children can come to school dressed as a character from a fantasy story. At the beginning of next week, each child will bring home a WBD voucher entitling them to a free book from selected titles or £1 towards the cost of a book of their choice.

On **Wednesday March 11th** Y6 children will be attending an activity day at Haydon Bridge High School with Y6 children from other Primary Schools.

The PTFA are holding a Mother's Day gift buying session on **Wednesday 11th March**. For £2 the children can purchase a delicious treat, plus 3 lucky people will find a surprise hidden in their gift.

They are also holding the annual Daffodil Tea on **Wednesday 18th March**. This is an opportunity for grandparents especially to come into school although any family member or friend is welcome; refreshments and craft activities will be on offer. All children are invited to take part in a 'design an Easter card' competition with a prize winner from each age group.

Carry on Mining....ore is a comical family entertainment event taking place at High Forest Community Centre, Sinderhope on **Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm**; adults £5 with entrance for children free. Tickets are available from the Co-op or Robert Philipson, 685266. A Buffet supper is included, (bring your own drink). This is sponsored by the Dukesfield Smelters and carriers Project.

We will be taking part in British Science Week during the week beginning 16th March. Our theme is Green Power and recycling waste. Mr Charlton is hoping to do some work with the Green Powered Car and Miss Guttridge has been working with the Eco Committee on reusing waste materials. The Eco Committee have been designing and making clothing from recycled materials and they would like to invite parents to their fashion show on **Friday 20th March at 1.30pm**.

The Allen Valleys Red Squirrel open meeting is on **Thursday 26th February at 7pm** in St Cuthbert's Church Hall. There will be a presentation on how to support their conservation. Everyone is welcome.

We will be doing a sponsored 'design your hat' event for save the Children. During the week beginning **16th March**, children will be able to bring in an old hat and decorate it. We will then hold a 'hat day' where children can bring in a donation to wear their hat for the day.

A Notice from NCC.

Free Childcare for 2 year olds! Is your child 2 or turning 2 before the 31st March 2015?

Find out if you could be entitled to 15 hours of free childcare from April

2015: www.northumberland.gov.uk/freechildcare or 01670 623592

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 26 th February	Steel Pans	Curlew Class
	Judo demonstration	Whole School
Monday 2 nd March	Parents Open Afternoon and Parents Evening	
Tuesday 3 rd March	Outdoor Learning	Kestrel Class
Wednesday 4 th March	Parents Open Afternoon and Parents Evening	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	
	Steel Pans	Curlew Class
Monday 9 th March	Dance / music workshop	Y3 and Y4
Tuesday 10 th March	Marble Day	Skylark Class
Wednesday 11 th March	HBHS Activity Day	Kestrel Class
	Mother's Day Gifts	
Thursday 12 th March	Steel Pans	Curlew Class
Friday 13 th March	Outdoor Learning	Lapwing Class
Monday 16 th March	British Science Week	
	Hat craft workshops	
Tuesday 17 th March	Outdoor Learning	Curlew Class
Wednesday 18 th March	Daffodil Tea	
Thursday 19 th March	Steel Pans	Curlew Class
Friday 20 th March	Outdoor Learning	Barn Owl
	Eco Club Fashion Show	
Tuesday 24 th March	Singing Club	
Wednesday 25 th March	Dance Festival	
Thursday 26 th March	Steel Pans	Curlew Class
Friday 27 th March	Northumbrian Water Theatre Company	
Friday 27 th March	Finish for half term	

Summer term starts on **Monday 13th April**. Swimming resumes on this morning for Y2, Y3 and Y4 at a cost of £3.00 per lesson, which includes covering the cost of transport.