



Allendale Primary School May 2016 Newsletter

Sports Activities:

We are hosting a Year 3 / Year 4 Tag Rugby Festival for local schools on **Thursday 28th April** from 10.00am. Parents are very welcome to come along and support.

There are various lunchtime and after school sports clubs taking place this half term. Monday and Wednesday lunchtime is Y3 and Y4 tennis with Mrs Dunn; Thursday lunchtime is the multi skills club run by Y6; after school on Monday is Y2, Y3 and Y4 Gymnastics with Mrs Swaile.

Thursday after school, Y2, Y3 & Y4 Games Club for this half term, the last session will be on **Thursday 19th May**.



Last week our Y3/Y4 Gymnastics team were a very creditable 6th in the area finals. Well done to Josie, Jess, Molly, Emily, Megan and Will, pictured left.

Mr Charlton is taking a Y5 football team to Hexham Middle School on **Wednesday 4th May**.

Golf tuition will be starting on **Wednesday 11th May**; Y4 will be at 2pm and Y5 and Y6 after school. There are limited places for the Y4 Golf, so any slips must be returned by **Friday 29th April**.

We are hosting the Y3 / Y4 local schools tennis festival on **Wednesday 18th May** from 1.30pm. Again parents are very welcome to come along and support.

Miss Porteous is hopeful that the netball team will have the opportunity for further matches. There is a netball event at Highfield Middle School on **Monday 23rd May** details to be confirmed.

Polite Reminder: Swimming continues for Y2, Y3 and Y4 every Monday morning. We rely on contributions to cover the cost of the transport and lessons. Swimming is £3.50 per session or a block payment for the term can be made.

We're always very pleased to hear about the achievements of our pupils out of school. Emily Lenton has been competing this year at Benchrest Target shooting. This is Emily's first year of shooting and competitions and she has been competing in the UK National league; the league is based on the type of rifle shot, NOT the age or experience of the competitor, so she shoots against all the adults (she is the youngest by many years).

Emily has managed to finish 2nd in the Heavy Gun class at 600 yards. This records her 4 best results from 6. Her crowning moment was an outright win of one of the League shoots outright, beating several people who have previously shot for Great Britain.

Emily will be shooting in the Heavy Gun class at 1000 yards this summer (that's over half a mile).



Well done to Emily.

BikeAbility for Y6 pupils is on **Monday 16th May**. Pupils who completed the level 1 and level 2 course when they were in Year 5 are encouraged to redo the course for extra practice.

The school photographer is in on **Wednesday 25th May**.

We are hosting a contemporary dance performance on the afternoon of **Thursday 26th May** for Y1 to Y6.

We are having another Bag2school collection at the end of June.

Parent Governor:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you think you would like to become more actively involved in school life, nomination forms can be obtained from Mrs Clarke or Mrs Hawkins. If you are interested and would like further information, please make an appointment to come and talk to Mrs Hawkins about the role.

Congratulations to Vercovicium, (red team), who were the winning house last half term. House points are counted each week and we have the winning house of the week, which displays their colours in the corridor. It is a very close competition each week, the winning house for this half term will be announced on the last Friday of the half term.

Allen Valleys Youth Folk Experiment

Calling all young musicians and those who would love to have a go. The Youth Folk Experiment is starting again this spring with a series of Friday straight after-school workshops based at Allendale Primary School. We anticipate sessions would finish by 5pm. We would love to hear from all ages; primary and secondary also parents/teachers who play, sing or happy to be there in support. Everyone welcome.

Starts Friday April 29th then 6th, 13th, 20th leading towards a performance on Friday 20th May. Also hope to run a weekend workshop on Sunday 15th May. (Apologies for any confusion with dates that some of you may have seen on an earlier flier).

This time we are asking for a donation of £3.50 per session to help towards funding future workshops and the sustainability of youth music in the Allen Valleys. I realise this is a new initiative since last time and would welcome feedback.

Some of you have already signed up which is fantastic! Please share this with others who you think would be interested.

For more information and to sign up contact

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We thought that holding our Outdoor Learning sessions with Mr Hopper in the Summer Term would prevent the weather from disrupting the programme. Unfortunately, the weather this week has caused Mr Hopper to postpone the Barn Owl Class day at Allen Banks.; this will now take place later in the term.

Mr Hopper is working with Skylark Class on the morning of Thursday **5th May** at school and Kestrel Class on the morning of **Thursday 26th May**.

On **Tuesday 24th May**, Year 3 and Year 5 will be going to Sweethope to take part in a fantastic adventure activity day, run by Mr and Mrs Beck from Deneholme. The children will be taking part in activities such as raft building, canoeing and weaseling. Please note that in order to make full use of the activities at Sweethope, the school day has been extended and the children will **leave Sweethope at 3.30pm to arrive back at school at 4.15pm**. If this causes an issue for anyone, please let us know.

Finally, School finishes on **Friday 27th May**; the children return on **Tuesday 7th June**.