



Allendale Primary School March 2016 Newsletter

Sports:

Swimming has now started on Mondays for Y2, 3 and 4. As our water time is 9.30a.m, it's important that we leave school promptly and helpful if the children could come to school with their swimming costume / trunks under their uniform, (not forgetting to bring a towel and underwear!). Swimming runs until the end of the Summer Term and costs £3.50 per lesson.



On Tuesday after school, Miss Porteous took a team of Y5 pupils to play in a hockey tournament at Hexham Middle School. We'd had very little notice about this competition, so considering the children had one practice, they were a very creditable third.

Yesterday, after school, Hexham Middle School brought their netball team to play Allendale. Hexham won a hard fought game in which both teams played really well. Unfortunately there is not a



netball league, as there is for the football team but Miss Porteous is trying to arrange further matches against local schools.

We also hosted Hexham Middle School and St Joseph's Middle School Y6 football teams. Mr Charlton was very pleased with the 2 performances; we drew with Hexham Middle and won a good game against St Joseph's.

On **Tuesday March 1st** we are hosting a Y5 & Y6 dodgeball tournament versus Shaftoe Trust Primary; Y5 at 10.00am. and Y6 at 11.00am.

On **Thursday 3rd March** at 10.00am.the Key Steps Gymnastics competition for Years 3 & 4 will be held in the Sports Hall.

The Y6 football team take on Highfield Middle, Haltwhistle Middle and Ovingham Middle School at Hexham on **Thursday 17th March** after school.

On **Wednesday 23rd March** we are hosting a local schools dance festival from 10.00am. All of our classes will be taking part.

Parents are very welcome to come and watch the events above.

World Book Day:

World Book day is officially 3rd March but due to the Gymnastics Competition, we are holding it on **Friday 4th March**. The children can come to school dressed as a favourite book character and will be taking part in various book related activities in different classes. They will also receive a World Book Day token which can be used at most bookshops. There will be a competition for the children to enter, matching the staff to their favourite books, as well a special book character themed school lunch.

We are currently trying to raise funds to refurbish the keyboard room. This is effectively a storage area off the stage. We have applied to the Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund for £300 to buy soft furnishings but allocations are based on votes. If you would like to vote for Allendale Primary, please follow the link below. You will be asked for a date of birth and an email address.

<http://www.galaxyhotchocolate.com/fund/profiles/allendale-primary-school>



In assembly on Wednesday, Tracy Aitken from the travel team at NCC, came to present 3 lucky prize draw winners with vouchers as we were runners up in the Walk on Wednesday scheme in the Autumn term. The lucky winners were Wilfred & Esmé, Harriet, Sam & Tom.

Walk on Wednesday, (or Walk once a Week) runs each term, (riding bikes or scooters also counts), and there are competition prizes for schools who encourage their pupils to take more exercise.

British Science Week:

We will be taking part in Science Week from **Monday 14th March**; our theme is 'Water Force'. Various science activities will be taking place through the week.

On **Monday 21st March** we will be participating in Odd Socks Day to raise money for the Education Centre for Children with Down Syndrome. Children can bring in a donation to wear their odd socks or decorated socks.

PTFA Events

Mothers' Day: The PTFA will be offering the chance for the children to bring in £2.00 to buy a chocolate gift for Mothers' day with 5 lucky bars containing a special rainbow ticket which wins a prize. Children in Pipit, Skylark and Barn Owl Classes can purchase their chocolate on **Wednesday 2nd March**; Lapwing, Curlew and Kestrel can purchase their Mothers' day gift on **Thursday 3rd March**, with a catch up opportunity on **Friday 4th March**.

Daffodil Tea: On **Wednesday 16th March** from 1.30pm. we will be holding our annual Daffodil Tea. Grandparents are especially welcome to attend this event but all family members are welcome.

End of Term Event:

School finishes for the Easter holiday on **Thursday 24th March**, however if the children want to delay their holiday slightly, we will be holding a Giant Sleepover that night. Further details will follow.

Summer Term starts on **Monday 11th April**. There will be swimming on this day.