

Welcome to our November Newsletter. We've only been back at school for just over a week but it feels like we've packed a lot in during those few days. We've also got a busy half term leading up to Christmas as you will see from the diary dates at the end. There are lots of pictures included in the newsletter but please remember that you can access more timely updates on the class Facebook pages (for parents / guardians) if you wish.

## Coffee and Chat

Coffee afternoons continue every other week in the sports hall from 2:45pm. Please note the change in dates.

Come along to ask any questions or make suggestions or just to catch up.

- **Monday 17th October**  
Come and see how we use computer software to support learning.

- Monday 1st December

- Monday 15th December



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## Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day kicked off our anti-bullying week on Monday. It's great to celebrate our differences and promote kindness and inclusion.



## Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated for our harvest table. We took the food donations across to Meet & Eat and the volunteers used these for the following week's meal.

I now that some families managed to get along to try the food which looked absolutely delicious. Meet & Eat would be pleased to receive donations at any time of the year.



## Health Week

We had a very packed 4 day Health Week last week where we undertook a great range of activities related to health. We explored themes around diet, exercise and mental health and are extremely grateful to all of the adults who came into school to support.

Children had a chance to take part in sports activities from golf and football to yoga and dance. Our breakdancing workshop on Thursday was fantastic as was our visit from the Fire Service and the Great North Air Ambulance team.

Many children made protein balls with Mrs Cleet and took part in team building activities with Miss Armstrong. Mr Vincent took lots of children outside for orienteering whilst Mrs Dunn organised sports activities. We rounded off the week with a rather muddy Inter-House Cross Country event. Well done to all of the children but especially to our winning house - Banna (blue).



A huge thank you to Miss Armstrong for putting the programme together for us.

## EV Charger

A reminder that members of the public are welcome to use our EV charger outside of school hours. It uses the Tap Electric App and costs 47p/kwh.



## Telescope

The school has a good sized telescope which is available to lend out to families.

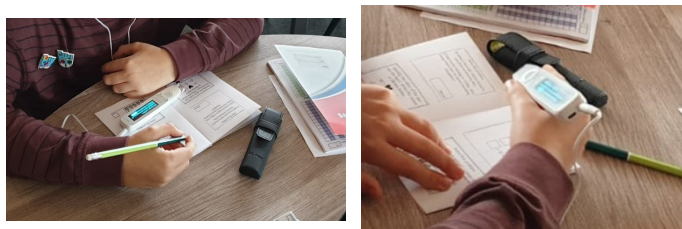
Particular priority at the moment will be given to families of Year 4, 5 & 6 children who are currently studying Earth & Space in their science.

If you would like to borrow the telescope, please email or pop into the school office.



## Pen Readers

Thanks to a donation from one of our past families and also the Allison Trust, we have purchased a number of pen-readers to support our children in class. These amazing pieces of technology scan the text on a page and then read it out loud. They have built-in dictionaries too and can really help some learners to develop their independence.



## Homework Club

A reminder that Homework Club will be continue running on **Wednesday mornings from 8:30am in the ICT room** at school. Adult help will be on hand to support children with their homework tasks and the computers will be available for those who need to complete tasks online.

Children may also come along to practise their spellings on Spelling Shed, times tables or to practise their touch typing on Typing Club. There's no need to book, just come to the usual playground entrance and ring the bell. Children at Allstars can complete homework with adult support just as they always have.

## Attendance

Good attendance at school leads to better academic results as well as enhancing wellbeing through social interaction. This is why attendance remains a high priority for schools across the country.

As we approach the winter and coughs and colds are more common, please remember that unless they are feeling very unwell, you should aim to get your children into school.

Out target for attendance is 96%. The table shows the current attendance levels by year group. Please let us know if you need any support with attendance.

Whole School	96.6%
Reception	96.5%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	98.9%

## Dates For Your Diary

17th Nov	Coffee & Chat (Sports Hall)
11th Nov	Parents' Evening
12th Nov	Positive Noticing Day
13th Nov	Parents' Evening
21st Nov	Children in Need
27th Nov	National Child Measurement Prog. (R/Y6)
30th Nov	Christingle Service (3pm)
1st Dec	Coffee & Chat (Sports Hall)
9th Dec	Y6 Athletics HBHS
10th Dec	Nativity Performance (1:45pm)
11th Dec	Nativity Performance (1:45pm)
	Flu vaccinations
15th Dec	Coffee & Chat (Sports Hall)
	Pipit/Skylark/Lapwing Christmas Party
16th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
	Santa Dash
	Christmas Lunch
17th Dec	Curlew Christmas Party
18th Dec	Pantomime in school





Children, staff and governors of the school have been working on our new home-school agreement which you will find below. Each group has had a chance to put forward their ideas and discuss what they feel are the important elements that they would like to see in the agreement. We welcome any feedback from parents too.

By choosing to be a part of our school community, we all agree to the statements laid out below. These show what we can all expect of each other in creating a respectful and purposeful community. Thank you for your support.

## Allendale Primary School Home-School Agreement

### As a school we will:

- Provide a safe and happy environment where all children are valued, respected and listened to,
- Provide excellent teaching and an engaging curriculum to meet the needs of all children,
- Provide as much support as we can to help your child meet their full potential,
- Provide opportunities for your child to practise what they have learnt in school at home,
- Regularly share the progress of your child through: book looks at school, regular parent consultation meetings, open door opportunities,
- Support your child to develop a moral and ethical compass for life, enabling them to grow up to be the best person they can be through a values-based education philosophy,
- Achieve high standards of behaviour by providing opportunities for children to develop positive social relationships, self-esteem and a sense of responsibility,
- Teach your child to develop a positive attitude to others, regardless age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity,
- Respect the confidentiality of information regarding each child,
- Provide information to you about our school, including relevant policies, meetings, workshops, and events by keeping our website up-to-date, emailing newsletters and updating Facebook pages.

### As a parent/carer I will:

- Make sure my child attends school regularly and arrives at school by 8:55am wearing school uniform (or PE kit on the appropriate day),
- Let the school know of any concerns or worries that may be affecting my child's learning, behaviour or ability to do home learning, as this can then be resolved quickly,
- Support Allendale Primary's vision to challenge every child to become independent, confident, well-motivated and self-disciplined learners,
- Attend meetings with my child's teacher and other staff, aiming to be positive and productive, working towards moving my child on in their learning,
- Support and work with the school to ensure that the behaviour policies of the school are maintained,
- Respect the confidentiality of each child,
- Respect the adults in school by speaking civilly - refraining from threatening language or behaviour,
- Regularly read information on the website and newsletters so that I am kept up-to-date with important details of relevant policies, meetings, events and information about my child.

### As a pupil I will:

- Come to school regularly and on time,
- Wear school uniform (or PE kit on appropriate days), be tidy in appearance and hygienic,
- Follow our rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe,
- Engage fully in learning and challenge myself to excel,
- Accept responsibility for the things that I do,
- Be responsible for my school and home learning,
- Be kind, tolerant and respectful to all,
- Take good care of the building, equipment and school grounds,
- Tell a member of staff if I am worried or unhappy.



## History Club

### Walking Isaac's Tea Trail

The School History Club are currently learning about Isaac Holden, the local C19 philanthropist. He ran a grocery shop in Allendale and travelled around the Allen Valleys selling tea. To commemorate him and the route that he travelled a walk, Isaac's Tea Trail, was introduced some years ago.

During the half term holiday some of the members of History Club walked part of Isaac's Tea Trail recognising places and features of historical interest.



## Is your child struggling with sleep?



\*For children and young people aged between 4-25 years

- Understanding sleep cycles
- Causes of sleep issues
- The importance of sleep
- What you can do to support your child to sleep better

### **Virtual Sleep Workshop**

Delivered **virtually** over one session.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of November 4:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10am - 12pm**

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[nland.cc/familyhubs](http://nland.cc/familyhubs)





## Staying Safe on Social Media

Linking with anti-bullying week this week, it is a good time to talk to your children about staying safe on social media. By taking an active interest in what your children are doing online, you may be able to help prevent cyber bullying. You'll find a few tips in the graphic below and you can find out even more by following this link:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/protect-your-child/>

