



What a wonderful start to the new academic year we have had! The children have settled in well and have already been taking part in a range of engaging activities. Kestrel Class have worked with artist Becky Mae, Curlew have been playing the steel pans, Lapwing and Skylark have been getting to grips with computing and Pipits have been learning the school routines. Well done everyone!

There are lots of events to look forward to this term so please keep an eye on the 'Dates For Your Diary' at the end of the page.

Active Playtimes

Here at Allendale Primary, we endeavour to get outside for work and play as much as we can. With this in mind, please make sure that your child has a coat and possibly wellies and overtrousers in school. Playtimes are rarely held inside, even if it is raining. The benefits of getting outside into the fresh air and splashing about are well know.

Music Lessons

Yesterday we had an assembly with our new guitar and ukulele teacher Chris, from Create Music. He will be teaching Lapwing class on a Wednesday afternoon for the next 10 weeks. In addition, he is offering small group lessons for children who are interested.

We also have Louise coming into school on a Tuesday to teach violin. If you think your child might be interested in taking up an instrument, please contact the school office.

Sports Mark Gold

I am pleased to say that the school have once again been awarded the School Games Gold award for our commitment to high quality PE, including not only lesson time but also clubs, opportunities to play against other schools and links to local sporting clubs. We aim to provide a wide range of opportunities and hope that children will find a physical pastime that they enjoy enough to continue with once they leave our school.

Places Leisure have launched a National Big Sister Project for girls aged 9-15 with the aim to get more girls active and especially those that aren't currently active. <https://www.placesleisure.org/big-sister-project/>



Sycamore Gap Project

Kestrel class have been busy creating sculptures and writing for an art exhibition and event at The Sill later this month. They will be taking part in a very special event, along with many other schools from the local area, to mark the one year anniversary of the cutting down of the sycamore gap tree. They are also learning songs and will be taking part in theatre and woodworking workshops. Their work will be available to view at The Sill until the end of the half term.

Wicked Theatre Performance

Curlew Class and our Antibullying Ambassadors will have the fantastic opportunity to visit the Sunderland Empire Theatre in October to watch a performance of the musical Wicked. This is part of a prize awarded to school for work completed last year with the Antibullying Alliance.



New Staff

A warm welcome to Mr Kiln, our new Deputy Headteacher who is teaching Curlew Class this year. He brings a wealth of experience to Allendale Primary School.

We are currently recruiting for a Teaching Assistant. If you, or someone you know might be interested, please do let them know.

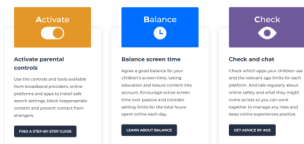
https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Teaching_Assistant/269534

Online Safety

It is important for us all to try to keep up to date with online safety issues. In school, the staff receive regular updates and all adults and children in school agree to the Acceptable Use. Please go through this with your children and complete the Google Form if you have not done so yet.

To help parents keep up to date, I will provide some links that I think will be useful from time to time. The first one is a general link which will be useful to all parents and outlines a simple ABC approach to internet safety and is well worth a read. The second gives advice to parents and carers of neurodivergent young people and is attached in addition to this newsletter.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/abc-online-safety-checklist/>



Middle / High School Applications

The portal for applications has opened today and will close on 31st Oct. Parents of Yr6 children will need to apply by then.

<https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/>

Dates For Your Diary

- 18th Sept Guitar lessons start
- 23rd Sept Walk to School Week
- 26th Sept Macmillan Coffee afternoon
- 27th Sept Yr6 Sill visit
- 11th Oct Flu immunisations
- 16th Oct Wicked Musical (Curlew)
- 21st Oct Health Week
- 26th Oct Half Term**
- 12th Nov Parents Evening
- 14th Nov Parents Evening
- 21st Dec Christmas Holidays**