

It's been a very busy term and I'm sure you are all looking forward to the Easter Holidays! This last couple of weeks has been especially busy with our trip to Beamish, the Dance Festival, Science Day and the Great Exhibition. There really has been something for everyone. I hope you enjoy looking through the pictures and wish you a very restful holiday period. Don't forget to check the dates for you diary at the end. If you can spare a few moments, we would very much appreciate you completing the parent survey which is linked at the end of the newsletter.

Attendance

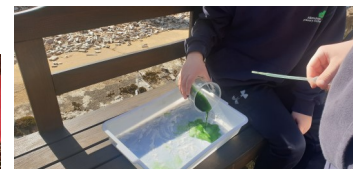
Regular attendance at school ensures that children get the best possible start in life. Term-time holidays have affected our attendance figures this term. Sadly, fines have been issued to 2 families as a result. There are 13 school holiday weeks in which a family can take holidays.

Our target is to achieve 96% attendance for the school. The current position is shown in the information below.

	Today	This Week	This Term	This Year
All Classes	96.40	97.35	95.76	94.84
Curlew	87.50	94.29	96.49	96.76
Kestrel	100	96.67	93.39	95.25
Lapwing	94.44	97.04	97.06	96.96
Pipit	100	99.29	93.84	93.16
Sky/lark	96.43	96.79	97.23	96.44

Science Day

Science Day was full of exploration and excitement as children explored fizzy drinks, discovered camouflage, created natural art, experimented with ice-caps and mixed acids and alkalis with fizzy results.



What a great day we had at Beamish! The sun shone and the children had a wonderful time exploring and taking part in workshops. Many thanks to all of the adults that helped to make this possible.



Gymnastics Club

Gymnastics club enjoyed practising on the uneven bars this week. There's not many primary schools in the country that can offer that! Well done to everyone for using your strength and coordination to tackle the challenges.

Many thanks to ex-pupil Dylan for coming in to help put up the bars, which are extremely heavy.



Easter Egg Competition

Here are some pictures of the egg-stremely creative entries for our Easter Egg Competition. A huge well done to all of the winners and everyone else who took part. It was so difficult to choose winners!



Many thanks again to the Co-op for providing prizes for the competition.

Dates For Your Diary

- 12th April** Easter Holidays
- 28th April** Teacher Training Day
- 29th April** Summer Term Starts
- 1st May** School Photos
- 2nd May** School Photos
- 12th May** KS2 SATs week
- 12th May** School Swimming starts
- 16th May** Yr4 Athletics Wentworth
- 24th May** Half Term Holiday

Great Exhibition

The Great Exhibition was a fantastic way to round off this term. A huge well done to all of the children from Curlew and Kestrel classes who put all of the marvellous exhibits together. The children were so full of knowledge about their topic and so enthusiastic in talking to the visitors to explain what they had learnt.



Parent Survey

Here at Allendale Primary School we very much value your opinions about how we are doing. Each year, we send you a survey and appreciate you spending a few minutes completing it if you can.

At the end, there is an opportunity to pass on any comments or suggestions that you have about how we can improve further. Please click on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/TAKZJT7VxffwAgPn7>

Many thanks!