

Allanson Street Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th November 2018

This week: On Thursday, our Choir went and sang to the residents at Parr Nursing Home, the children sang beautifully and were praised by the staff and residents. Thank you to the parents/carers that attended the Year 6 SATS Maths workshop yesterday. We hope you found this useful to support your child during their SATS preparation. Our Y2 pupils have really enjoyed the Altru drama workshops that have been taking place this week. Thank you to all the families who came along to school to make poppies with the children during the week. We have used these to create a fabulous art installation within the main hall which commemorates 100 years since the end of the first world war and pays respect to all those who have served, or continue to serve, in the armed forces. Please try to find some time at the end of the day today or Monday to call into school and see this very special space. Today all the children from Y1-Y6 took part in our Remembrance Assembly.



Next Week: On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Year 5 will take part in creating a film with Lee Murad.

Attendance Matters: Please remember the importance of good attendance during the school year. The national target for attendance is now 96%. If your child is absent for a total of more than 7 days during the school year then he or she will fall below this target. School staff and the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) can offer support if you are struggling to maintain good attendance for your child so please let us know if you have any specific issues. Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) are issued if absences are recorded as 'unauthorised' over a period of time. This includes possible fines for holidays taken in school time. This half term our EWO's will be making contact with all parents whose children had attendance below 90% last year as this is classed as 'persistent absence' and we must work towards reducing the numbers of children missing so much school.

Sports News

Well Done to the Year Cricket team who played amazingly well in an Indoor cricket tournament this week. A special mention to Rebecca Awho won the 'Star Player' award for being spotted as the best player in the tournament. Well Done Rebecca!

Clubs week beginning 12.11.18 :

Tuesday -KS2 Thriller Dance (Lucy)

Wednesday - Year3 / 4 Boys Football (Ellis)

Thursday - Year 3 / 4 Girls Football - (Ellis)

Year 1 / 2 Thriller Dance (Lucy)

Friday - Year 5/6 girls Netball (Mrs Farnell)

Thank you to everyone who came along to The Friends of Allanson Street meeting this week. Please remember to support our Christmas Fair fundraising: this year every last pound of profit will be spent on our 'Adventure for Alex' play area project. More details are on the back of this newsletter.

We didn't have Celebration Assembly today: instead we gathered together for our Remembrance Assembly.

Netballer of the week: Neve R (great energy and dedication to defending!)

Many thanks

Have a good weekend.

P Farnell (Headteacher)



Let's have an Adventure for Alex.

As many of you will remember, in June this year our fabulous Y4 pupil, Alex Prescott, lost his long and very brave battle against leukaemia. As a way of celebrating Alex's fun-loving and inspirational personality we want to create and build a new adventure play area on the school field. This will give Alex's two younger brothers and all the children at Allanson Street Primary School the chance to play, laugh and enjoy the outdoors for many years to come. We will work with Alex's family to create a special and exciting space in his memory.

We have three fund-raising events planned over the next 6 months with the hope of having the adventure play area ready for an official grand opening and whole school picnic in the summer term.

Firstly...

The Friends of Allanson Street have decided that all the profits from this year's Christmas Fair will be donated to the 'Adventure for Alex' fund-raising pot so let's make this year's fair our biggest and best ever.

Secondly...

During the spring term we will be having a 12 hour sponsored 'Just Dance' event (sounds exhausting but will be great fun) which will include all the children from across school. Of course all dancers will be dressed in green, Alex's favourite colour.

Finally...

Our popular Easter bingo event is being re-branded as a 'Green Bingo' event with all the prizes fitting in with a green theme: you might win anything from a tin of peas to an inflatable frog! (Don't worry there will still be plenty of Easter eggs.) We also plan on running children's bingo during the school day following a similar theme.

Please watch out for more details on all these events and please support our 'Adventure for Alex' fund-raising as much as you can.

Our Christmas Fair fundraising starts with our non-uniform days:

Friday 16th November - please donate wrapped sweets or chocolate.

Friday 23^d November - please donate £1

Friday 30th November - please donate any bottles: alcohol (very

popular), pop (quite popular), tomato ketchup (not very popular). Full bottles only please!

Many thanks.