

Allanson Street Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th November 2018

This week: Year 5 have taken part in "Film in a day", the children have put a lot of effort into their films and we look forward to seeing the end results! Thank you for all the sweet donations today, these will go towards our fundraising at the Christmas Fair for our 'Adventure for Alex'.

Next Week: On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, our parents evening will take place. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have not received your appointment time. On Tuesday, the photographer will be in to take individual photographs of the children. Brothers and sisters will be pictured together unless a written request is received for individual pictures.

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.

Willowbrook: As with previous years, Willowbrook have brought in some festive teddies (magnets) for us to sell to help with their fundraising. We have gingerbread boys and girls and elves. These will be on sale from Monday for £1 each.

Water Aid: Following our 'Dig Deep and Save Lives' spare change fundraising challenge for Water Aid, we have finally counted up all your loose change. We raised a total of £121.64. Thank you to everyone that donated for this great cause.



Sports News

Please note, all clubs will still be running even though it is Parents Evening week in school.
Well Done to Lilly T and Regan G who have both achieved their Stage 2 in swimming.

Clubs week beginning 19.11.18 :

Monday - Year 5/6 Girls Football (Ellis)

Tuesday - KS2 Thriller Dance (Lucy)

Year 5/6 Boys Football (Ellis)

Wednesday - Year 3 / 4 Boys Football (Ellis)

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

Year 1 / 2 Thriller Dance (Lucy)

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.

There was no Celebration Assembly today as the year 5 pupils were completing filming in the school hall for their film projects.

Netballer of the week: Netball has finished and will begin again in January.

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.