

New Playground Equipment

Our 'Pupil voice' group are currently discussing the possibility of buying new playground equipment and are looking at the possibility of buying a permanent external wigwam for various uses. Watch this space.....

Dance Festival



Andy was back in school yesterday to start working with the children on some dance pieces for a dance festival which is taking place at our school on Wednesday 7th February. We will be joined by other schools from the small schools consortium on this day.

Eco Warriors/Eco School



Our new Eco Warriors for this term are James Nicholson and Max Rothery. The boys will receive their badges shortly.

James took part in a Litter Pick on the beach on Tuesday and successfully picked 1.5 bags of rubbish!

We have registered the school's interest in becoming an Eco school and will be looking at the possibility of working towards a Bronze award. However there is a great deal of work and planning involved before you can achieve the Eco school status.

Gifted & Talented Maths Day

On Tuesday 23rd January Sam & Connor will be attending a Gifted & Talented Maths Day at Solway School. Staff will take them and bring them back in time for normal home time. They will be able to choose a hot meal at Silloth.

Talk for Writing

On the 3rd of January Mrs Thompson and myself attended a 'Talk for Writing' course which promotes the use of props and story mapping to help stimulate story telling and writing.

We are in the process of buying and making puppets to help us instigate this innovative way of working. We hope that it will encourage, excite and inspire the children's work

Links with other schools

We are creating links with St Johns Primary School in Newcastle in order for the children to appreciate how very different an inner city school is in many ways including size, environment, culture and ethnic diversity.

The children will skype and email each other to create friendship bonds and they will also work on joint projects. In the longer term we are hoping that the children will be able to participate in exchange visits.

If anyone would like to visit their website it is www.stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk



Art on Friday afternoon

The children are taking part in art sessions on a Friday afternoon run by Mrs Walker and Miss Robson when they are not taking part in cricket.

KS1 are creating various pieces of work connected to their Pirate theme. Last week they made some waves to go on the side of their pirate ship, this week they will be making parrots!

KS2 linking to their topic on water—last week they learned about Turner and created a seascape in his style. This week they will be looking at Monet and creating their own version of his painting 'Water Lillies'.

We break up for half term on Friday 9th February and return to school on Monday 19th February.

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Newsletter from Head Teacher to Parents

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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to all the children this term and a very Happy New Year to everyone.

We have some new faces in school this year which is fantastic. Welcome to Yvonne Hetherington-Greig and Cameron Phillips who have both started in Nursery— I hope that they will both be very happy at our school and we look forward to helping them on their education journey. They have already settled in extremely well. Also a warm welcome back to Millie Green who is in Year 5—it is lovely to have Millie back, we all missed her when she went to Maryport! She has made a seamless return to life at Allonby—it is almost like she has never been away.

As always lots going on this term as detailed in the rest of this newsletter!

Regards
David Owen
Head Teacher

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school next
Tuesday 16th January from 1.30p.m.

Please see Mrs Walker if you wish to have your children taken in a group/ separately or both. If we do not hear from you we will assume that the photographer should take both combinations.

Nursery children are welcome to come back into school to have their pictures taken also.



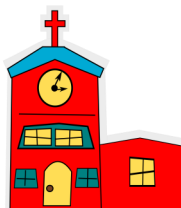
P.E. Kits and Reading Books

It is essential that your child/children have both their P.E. kits and their Reading books in school every day. It is disruptive to their learning if these items are left at home and can be quite upsetting for the children.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Reverend Mary Day

Please see attached note from Pam Jones regarding a special Celebratory Service for Mary who comes into our school regularly to take morning assembly.



Goodbyes

We are sad to say goodbye to Laiton who has moved to Carlisle this week. We hope that he will be happy in his new school.