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## Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the final weeks of the academic year I am pleased to share our July Newsletter with you. As is always the case, this edition is packed full of information that we hope you will find useful and I am sure you will enjoy learning more about school life and our children's successes this term.

As the term draws to a close we will be **welcoming our new Year 5 cohort for Transfer day** and we will also be saying **goodbye to our Year 8 children**. We wish them, along with children leaving other year groups, all the very best as they embark on their next steps in education.

## Staffing Update

You will have recently received a **full staffing update letter** sharing plans for the new academic year. Later in this newsletter you will find **details of our new Year Teams**. Children will spend time with their **new class teacher on Monday 10th July** as part of our transfer day.

## School Uniform

Later in this newsletter is a **reminder of our uniform expectations from September**. These were shared in our last newsletter at the beginning of this term however I hope that this reminder will be useful ahead of the Summer break. In particular, can I draw your attention to the need for **children to attend school in a suitable pair of school shoes** as we return in September and **remind families that children will not be permitted to wear any form of trainers to school**. We are very grateful to all of our families for their support in this matter as **we seek to ensure that all children demonstrate a sense of pride** when wearing the correct uniform each day.

## Open Evening - 27th September 2023

We will be holding our annual **Open Evening on Thursday 28th September**

**between 5:30pm and 7:30pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to visit our school. Please share details of this event with families who may be considering a place Allenbourn Middle in the future.

## National Reading Competition

As we returned from the half term break a team of **five Year 7 pupils** were thrilled to take part in the **finals of the National Reading Champions Quiz** (organised by the National Literacy Trust). This took place at **Goldsmiths' Hall, London**. The team answered tricky questions on authors and books, and did incredibly well to reach a National Final competing against teams often including older children from across the country. This was the **first time Allenbourn has entered the competition**. Many **congratulations to Ben, Noah, Lila, Esme and Elliott** and **Mrs Jensen our Librarian**. We are all **very proud of your achievement!**



And Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their support and partnership throughout the academic year. I very much hope that you enjoy the Summer break. A reminder that **term ends at 3:05pm on Friday 21st July** and we will look forward to **welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023**.

Kind regards  
**Mr M. Legge - Headteacher**

### Year Teams 2023 -2024

Year 5	
<b>5W</b>	Mr R. Wright ( <b>Year Leader</b> )
<b>5J</b>	Mrs J. Judge
<b>5M</b>	Mr C. Miller
<b>5A</b>	Miss I. Ashby
<b>5B</b>	Mr O. Balmer

Year 6	
<b>6F</b>	Miss A. Fairburn
<b>6H</b>	Mrs S. Hobson/Mrs S. Prout
<b>6S</b>	Mr A. Stroud
<b>6Z</b>	Mrs S. Hazell/Mrs S. Darragh
<b>Acting Year Leader - Mrs S. Prout</b>	

Year 7	
<b>7D</b>	Mr C. Daw ( <b>Year Leader</b> )
<b>7P</b>	Mr M. Pressling
<b>7G</b>	Mrs E. Giles
<b>7R</b>	Mrs T. Rule
<b>7L</b>	Mr O. Ledsham

Year 8	
<b>8H</b>	Mr C. Hickson ( <b>Year Leader</b> )
<b>8T</b>	Mr R. Trim
<b>8D</b>	Mrs C. Diment
<b>8Z</b>	Mr M. Hazell
<b>8M</b>	Mr N. Magor

\*Mrs C. Randall - Additional Year 7 Tutor

### Reward Shop

It has been wonderful to see our children taking part in a wide range of activities since we **launched our rewards shop earlier this term**. Children have **enjoyed extra baking sessions, non uniform days and a trip to Streetlight Skate Park**. They still have the **opportunity to win a pair of AirPods, a wireless speaker or Amazon Vouchers**. **Trips to Moors Valley to Mountain Bike and Costa are also planned**. We are really looking forward to children picking their rewards for the Autumn Term.

### Streetlight SkatePark Reward Trip 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Twenty pupils, from all year groups, used some of their house points to visit Streetlight skatepark.

They impressed us all with the way that they helped and encouraged each other on the park and (of course) with their fantastic scooter tricks.



## Uniform Expectations @AMS

The **majority of our children arrive at school smartly dressed and ready to learn each day** and real progress has been made in this area since September. Following a **review of our uniform alongside our Academy Committee**, we ask **all parents to ensure that the following expectations for school uniform are consistently met** by all pupils.

- **Black school shoes must be worn. No trainers, slip on or high heeled shoes are permitted. IMPORTANT:** From September 2023 **children will not be permitted to wear branded black trainers** at Allenbourn Middle School.
- From September 2023 **skirts MUST be pleated** and should be **no more than two or three centimetres above the knee**. Trousers should not be tight fitting.
- Children can wear black tailored school shorts or trousers.
- Black or grey ankle/knee length socks or black or grey tights should be worn. Traditional school tights only are permitted.
- **White socks, trainer socks, sports leggings** and sheer tights are **not permitted**.
- Children should **not wear a hoodie including their school P.E. hoodie to school** or around our school site. Instead they should wear a school sweatshirt and/or a coat.
- Children are **not permitted to wear make-up or have any piercings** other than a single ear stud in each ear.
- Children should **not wear smart watches or similar devices** to school.
- Children should **not attend school with their hair coloured** or with any other extreme style.

## Glow Badbury Project @AMS

Children from across our school are really enjoying being part of 'Glow Badbury'.

Glow Badbury is a project that celebrates the ancient hillfort, Badbury Rings. The Rings are special because of their fascinating history. The hillfort is part of a rare chalk landscape, unchanged for thousands of years, and home to some endangered species. **Arts organisation, Emerald Ant, is working with 5 schools in the local area** so that children can learn about Badbury Rings. **Children are creating art and music with professional artists and musicians.** Their work will form a **special event on September 29th and 30th 2023.**





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We hope you will bring your families to experience the wonderful **Glow Badbury event**; an exciting, mysterious, night-time trail around the Rings. **Free tickets will be available in September.**



**Did You Know?** We have been awarded **Platinum School Games Status**. This is the **first time that AMS has achieved this status**. Well done to all of the children who contribute to school sport and **special thanks to Mrs Darragh** and her team for securing this status.



**ASPIRE @AMS**

**01 Academic Excellence**  
Seeking new knowledge and skills. Learning to problem solve, make decisions and be courageous.

**02 All Inclusive**  
Valuing diversity, tolerance and the views of others. Growing in self belief in a nurturing environment.

**03 Responsible Individuals**  
Developing value and responsibility within our community. Understanding the importance of keeping healthy and safe.

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## Our Visions and Values

We continue to talk to our children about the importance of living our **school values of Academic Excellence, All Inclusive and Responsible Individuals** as we **aspire together @ AMS**.

**Did You Know?** We will have replaced all of the children's classroom chairs by the end of this academic year and our central decking area has now been replaced.

## Residential visits to London and Bristol

It was fantastic to take **more than 220 children from years 5 and 8 on residential visits to London and Bristol earlier in the half term**. The children and staff really enjoyed these opportunities.

Our Year 8 pupils stayed in central London with a view of St Paul's Cathedral and a short walk from the Millenium Bridge and the Globe. They **visited Parliament, Harry Potter Studios, the London Eye, Natural History Museum and Madame Tussauds**.



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## Bristol residential 2023

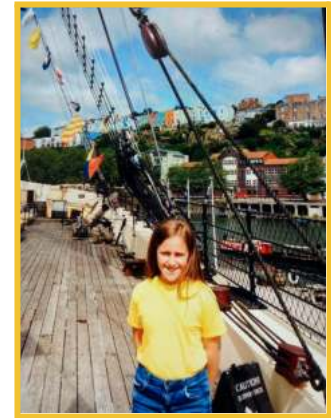
### Where did we go?

In Bristol, we walked to many places. We saw fantastic views and climbed long sets of stairs. This was worth the energy as I loved adventuring to see new places. We visited the Bristol Museum, the M Shed and the SS Great Britain. My favourite place was the SS Great Britain as there were fake mannequins that made the ship look like there are still people living in it and everything on the ship looked so realistic (even the food!) These places were located near the heart of Bristol so it was easy to walk to. We went on a ferry called Matilda and learnt lots of facts about pirates and the River Avon. Luckily, no one threw up!

**Annabelle Osei-Akoto 5W**

### Where we stayed and all about the experience...

We stayed in the YHA Hostel on 14 Narrow Quay, Avon, Bristol BS1 4QA. I shared a room with my best friend and some other good friends that I had made since joining Allenbourn in September. The food was great and freshly cooked each new day as well as apple juice or orange juice in the morning for breakfast and a variety of different squashes with dinner. For breakfast we had numerous choices including cereals, hash browns, toast, pastries, bacon and even grilled tomatoes! The beds were comfy and most of the rooms had an ensuite but the rooms that didn't have an ensuite had a sink so people could brush their teeth easily. The room me and my friends stayed in had a nice large window with a view looking out to Bristol Harbour.



### What we did during our stay



On the first day, we went to Queens Square to eat our packed lunch and chat to our friends. Then 5W went to Cabot Tower and climbed the whole tower which was very steep!!! In the evening we went on a pirate walk and Mr Wright chose some people to go inside an old tavern that had real life pirate skeletons. Some other people went into a different place that had a really thin window that pirates would look through to spy on any potential intruders. The second day, we went to SS Great Britain and the Bristol History Museum where we all saw some very interesting mannequins and life-like models of

animals. In the evening, we did a quiz about Bristol and there was a chance for one member of each group to impress the teachers to earn some extra points. The team I was in won and when we got back from Bristol each member of our team got some house points. On the third and final day, we went to M SHED, which was super interesting and we also went on a trip across Bristol harbour on a ferry called Matilda while we learnt some history of Bristol.

### The trip back

On the trip back everyone seemed tired so many slept during the two hour drive back to Allenbourn. People also seemed excited to get back to their parents which they hadn't seen for roughly three days. I didn't sleep on the way back. I just played games in my notebook with my friends nearby as well as chatting with those people I had not spoken to much during the whole trip.

**Heidi Evernden 5W**

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**Thank you to the PTA and Mr Daw!** - Children really enjoyed their second school disco since our Parent Teacher Association was reformed. Children from all years took part in this event that was **really well attended and raised £950**. This disco was **free to enter for all year 6 children as a reward for their hard work as they prepared for SATs**. A **special thanks must go to our very own Mr Daw** who shared his impressive DJ skills with us and provided the equipment for this event.

Our School Association is currently **working alongside Mr Magor, our Music Lead to purchase and install Apple Mac computers in our Music room to support and improve our curriculum provision**.

## Sports Update Summer Term

### Sports Day

There was a lovely atmosphere on the lower field at QE school last week when the whole Allenbourn community came together to enjoy the second of our sports days.

There was some wonderful athletic talent on display with a number of track records broken. It was also brilliant to see so many pupils focused and determined to run hard in order to achieve their personal best and score points for their house.

Alongside the track events there were a number of other sports going on. This included a swimming gala, team relay challenges, softball, capture the flag, tug of war, volleyball and the opportunity to try out boxing, with support from Wimborne Boxing Club.

As Mr Legge said "it was great to see colleagues working together, parents coming together to support their children and our pupils enjoying themselves and competing to a high standard"

Results from the 2 days of track, field and other competitions are still being added up and will be announced in a school assembly soon!



### Athletic

#### Yr 6 County Sportshall Finals

On Friday 28th April the **Year 6 Sportshall Athletics Team travelled to Purbeck for the County finals**. They qualified for this event by previously winning the local PEDSSA competition. They had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of run, jump and throw in what was a very noisy and fast moving competition. **Allenbourn finished in third place overall**. Well done year 6.





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### Track and Field Cup

We qualified for the **South West final in Winchester**. We had a great day out, competing against schools from all over the South West. Our athletes performed brilliantly and we were really proud of the determined, focused manner in which they competed. The girls were 4th and boys 3rd.

### Year 5 and 6 PEDSSA competition

A team of Year 5 and 6 boys and girls competed against other local teams in 75m, 150m, 600m, hurdles, long jump, high jump, throw and relay. For some pupils it was the first time they had competed in athletics before so it was a learning experience for many. We were very pleased with the way they performed and more importantly the number of PBs (personal bests) they achieved on the day.



**Year 5 - boys - 1st, girls - 3rd. Overall 3rd Year 6 - boys - 1st, girls - 2nd. Overall 2nd**

Combined years results - **AMS a very excellent 2nd place** Congratulations to all our KS 2 pupils who took part.

### Run, Jump and Throw Festival

11 Year 5 pupils took part in a fun run, jump and throw athletics festival a couple of weeks ago. It was based around a quad kids event where each pupil had to throw a howler, long jump, sprint 75m and finish with a 600m run. Any Year 5 pupils could go to this and those who went enjoyed having the opportunity to take part in a competitive event. **Special congratulations to Ren who came 2nd in the boys competition.**

### Town Sports

This is our final athletics event of the year and one where we take a large team to compete at Kings Park Stadium against other PEDSSA (Poole and East Dorset) teams. We often invite pupils who have competed well at sports day to this event and it is usually the last competitive event of the school year. It is a lovely celebration of the amazing talents of pupils not just in our school, but all those in the local area.

### Rounders

We managed to squeeze in a couple of matches for KS 3 pupils. The girls played in a 4 way friendly event held at Parkstone and there was a home game for a mixed team against St Michaels. Both events were well attended and the players all learnt a lot from playing in a more competitive atmosphere and very much enjoyed the experience.

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Certainly the batting and fielding became progressively better as their confidence grew and they gained a better understanding of all the complicated rules of the game.

### Cricket

Cricket clubs have been held at lunch times and after school for both boys and girls. There have been several cricket events attended. For KS 2 it is more taking part in fun festivals and having the opportunity to experience playing as a team against other schools. For KS 3, Mr Moncaster has arranged some friendly matches, which has been enjoyed by those involved.

### Tennis

Tennis club has continued over at Wimborne Tennis Club this term and there have been some matches arranged for Year 7 & 8 pupils. Practices for this happened at lunch times and those pupils who took part enjoyed learning how to score properly and play singles and doubles competitively. The match against Poole High ended in a win for Allenbourn, but it was closely fought. Well done to those who attended practices and played in the match.

### Orienteering

Year 6 & 7 pupils had the opportunity to take part in an orienteering competition held up at QE on their newly mapped out site. It was open to anyone to take part and we ended up taking 25 pupils for an afternoon of map reading, searching for controls and figuring out the best routes to take. It was very hot, but this did not seem to deter anyone from running around in the hope of completing the 4 courses in the quickest possible times. There had been several other schools taking part earlier on and the gauntlet was thrown down to Allenbourn to see if we could set the best time of the day.



As you can see from the photos, a lot of fun was had by all. **Special congratulations to Harry and Jacob (Year 7) who not only were the AMS winning pair, but also the fastest out of all the teams taking part.**

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**Congratulations to the 14 Allenbourn athletes who were selected to represent PEDSSA in the Dorset Championships at Kings Park on Saturday 10th June.**

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**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that **children do not bring nut based products into school.** Please also ensure that **children have a healthy snack for break time each day.**



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## Open Evening 2023

Please promote and share details of our open evening with friends and family. Why not 'like' and 'retweet' on Twitter and Facebook.

## Behaviour Guidance and Curriculum Maps

A reminder that you can view our recently reviewed **Behaviour Guidance** and our **curriculum maps** on our [school website](#).

## IMPORTANT - Reminders

- **Chewing gum and any other sweets are not permitted in school.** Pupils chewing gum will be given an after-school detention.
- **The use of mobile phones is not permitted at any time.** We will be taking steps this half term to collect mobile phones at the start of each day before returning them as the day ends.

**Remember:** If you do not currently have a ParentMail account, please email the school office who will be happy to help you set one up.



The poster features the 'initio Learning Trust' logo at the top left and the school crest at the top right. The main text reads 'Allenbourn Middle School OPEN EVENING Thursday 28th September 2023 5.30pm- 7.30pm'. Below this, it says 'Tour our school, meet our pupils and staff and discover our exciting curriculum in our inclusive and welcoming environment. Take the opportunity to arrange a tour during the school day.' and 'Headteacher Presentations at 5:35pm and 6:35pm'. There are three small photos showing students in a classroom. At the bottom, it lists 'Academic Excellence All Inclusive Responsible Individuals', contact information (T: 01202 886738 E: office@allenbournmiddle.org), the website (www.allenbournmiddle.org), and the school address (Allenbourn Middle School, East Borough, Wimborne, BH21 1PL) with the hashtag #Aspire@AMS.

## Important dates for the end of term

Report Card 3 sent home - **Friday 14th July**

Last Day of Term - **Friday 21st July**



## Fund Raising in the community

Congratulations to Tilly in 5W who has been busy raising funds for Cancer Research UK.

She took part in a Race for Life Pretty Muddy, which is 5k with muddy obstacles!

At school we held a year 5 cake sale and raised over £100 pounds towards this cause. Cakes were donated and bought by so many children (and Mr Wright!) We would like to thank all of you who contributed.

### Warhammer Club

Allenbourn's very own Warhammer Club has been busy this term expanding the group and exploring new tactics in both gameplay and painting. A very special mention needs to go to our seasoned players: Noah Banks, Noah Selway, Brooklyn Adams, Felix Carhart-Harris, Alex Wilson and Oliver Meakin who have welcomed new members and imparted their vast knowledge of the Warhammer universe! The group have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to share a space for talking all things Warhammer and trading tips and tricks for the tabletop game.



### NHS 75th anniversary poster competition

We are delighted to announce that Allenbourn pupils scooped first, second and third prize in the NHS 75th anniversary poster competition:

**First Prize - Arwenna and Annabelle**

**Second Prize - Tilly, Sienna and Tia**

**Third Prize - Phoebe, Lexi and Hattie**

Pupils will be celebrating at a tea party along with parents and staff at Wimborne Community Centre. All posters entered will be on display at the Wimborne Community Centre. Thank you to Jeff Hart for the opportunity to take part in this community event.



### Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Staff Training Days	<b>Friday 1st September 2023</b> <b>Monday 4th September 2023</b>
Pupils Return to School	<b>Tuesday 5th September 2023</b>
Last day of Half Term	<b>Friday 20th October 2023</b>
Staff Training Day	<b>Monday 30th October 2023</b>
Pupils Return to School	<b>Tuesday 31st October 2023</b>
Last Day of Term	<b>Thursday 14th December 2023</b>
Staff Training Day	<b>Friday 15th December 2023</b>
Staff Training Day	<b>Tuesday 2nd January 2024</b>
Pupils Return to School	<b>Wednesday 3rd January 2024</b>
Last Day of Half Term	<b>Friday 9th February 2024</b>
Staff Training Day	<b>Monday 19th February 2024</b>
Pupils Return to School	<b>Tuesday 20th February 2024</b>
Last Day of Term	<b>Wednesday 27th March 2024</b>
Staff Training Day	<b>Thursday 28th March 2024</b>
Pupils Return to School	<b>Monday 15th April 2024</b>
May Day Bank Holiday	<b>Monday 6th May 2024</b>
Last Day of Half Term	<b>Friday 24th May 2024</b>
Pupils Return to School	<b>Monday 3rd June 2024</b>
Staff Training Day	<b>Friday 21st June 2024</b>
Last Day of Term	<b>Tuesday 23rd July 2024</b>

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