

# Allenbourn Middle School Newsletter

## July 2021

Headteacher: Ms C.Pritchard  
Deputy Headteacher: Miss P. Davies



### Headteacher's update:

At the end of what can only be described as a very peculiar year, I want to say a huge thank you to the pupils for the resilience and positivity shown this year, and a huge thank you to families and staff for the support shown through all the various challenges faced. In our final assemblies of the year, I said to the pupils that I doubted there had been any children who had experienced such an unusual time in their education since, probably, the Second World War. Certainly, as staff it has been an ever-changing picture as we have responded to lock-downs, testing, bubble closures, bubble openings and much more, all while trying to maintain a sense of the 'normal'.

And so, it was a great pleasure to see the pupils really enjoying our activities week and getting involved in all the different events that had been planned, including our first ever 'Glasonborne' - a festival to say goodbye to our Year 8. It was an even greater pleasure to hold our Awards assemblies, in place of our usual Awards Evening, in which we could really celebrate the achievement and effort of pupils in each year and in all subjects. Well done to the award winners - you have definitely demonstrated all the qualities we like to see as part of your Aspiration to succeed. It was also wonderful, in the last week or so, to meet our new pupils who will be joining us in September - we are very much looking forward to welcoming them into our school. And so, I wish you all an absolutely brilliant summer holiday - I hope you all have a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoy the break.



### Staff changes for September:

As the term draws to a close, we say goodbye and good luck to a number of staff. Firstly, we bid farewell to Mrs Miller who has been a teacher at AMS since 2013, but was previously a member of the support staff and has also been a parent at the school so has been part of the AMS family for far longer than her current role. We would like to say thank you to Mrs Miller for being a great Head of Maths, maths teacher and tutor. We wish you luck in your new role at Castle Court School.

Secondly, we say goodbye to Mrs Pegg, who has been with us since 2015. Thank you for being a great member of the Year 5 team and for your dedication to all the children you have taught. Good luck in your new adventures - we hope you have a lovely time exploring the world in your campervan!

Thirdly, we say farewell to Mrs Symes, who has been our longest serving staff member who is leaving this year having been at the school since 2007. Thank you Mrs Symes for your service to the school - for your patience, kindness, support and dedication to all of the children you have worked with throughout your time at AMS. Good luck with your future ventures.

Finally, we say goodbye to Mrs Leigh-Watts, our school counsellor. Again, thank you for your support of and dedication to our pupils. We have no doubt you will be very much missed, but wish you the best of luck in your next school.



Allenbourn Middle School recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount and takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children and young people in its care. The Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Cindy Pritchard and Mrs Sophie Steckiewicz and the Deputy DSLs are Mr Golding, Ms Davies, Mrs Skipp, Mr Wright, Mr Fisk and Mr Daw. The Designated Safeguarding Leads can be contacted through the school office on 01202 886739 or email to [office@allenbourn.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@allenbourn.dorset.sch.uk) marked for the attention of one of the safeguarding leads.

### **Staff joining us:**

In September, we are delighted to welcome the following staff to AMS:

Firstly, Mr Chris Hickson, who will be joining us as Head of Maths and will be a tutor in the Year 6 team. We are very much looking forward to working with him.

Secondly, Mrs Shirley Gould, who will be joining us to teach maths and will be a tutor in the Year 6 team, alongside Mrs Foulkes. Mrs Gould joins us from Lockyers School and we are very pleased to welcome her.

Thirdly, Ms Faulkner-Davies will be joining us to teach Music. We are very excited that she is joining our team and look forward to music being back on the timetable.

We are also very pleased that Mrs Judge will be remaining with us next year as part of the Year 5 team and that Mr Lewis has been appointed site manager, following Mr Becher's retirement at

### **Activities Week and Awards:**

Last week we held our Activities Week for all year groups. When planning the events, we were really mindful of keeping things local so that, regardless of how Covid guidelines changed, we would still be able to provide the pupils with the chance to join in some different activities and hopefully have some fun! And so, this was what each of the year groups did....

#### **Year 5:**

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe week - pupils wrote and performed a playscript, organised and ran

#### **Year 6:**

Our Y6 pupils took part in Lord of the Flies Week, focussing on team building. They also organised and ran the KS2 Summer Bazaar and took part in PE activities

#### **Year 7:**

Year 7 got stuck in to a range of activities including kite making, cake baking and decorating, film making, team building and board game creation

#### **Year 8:**

And finally, our Year 8s had a range of events including Pamphill Walk, Wimborne Art treasure hunt, mini-Enterprise, Murder Mystery Orienteering



## **Sports Day:**

This year we had a somewhat different Sports Day, running this across two days - one for KS2 and one for KS3. We also had some disruption for the KS3 day, as we had to send a group of pupils home and so well done to Year 7 for managing this so well and for doubling up on some events.

This year we had two record-breakers in Year 8, who smashed records that had been in place for a number of years. Well done indeed to Max C, who broke the High Jump record from 2000, jumping 1 m 55cm, and huge congratulations to Elijah C who broke the 100m sprint record, which had stood since 1988, with a time of 12.18 seconds. Fantastic achievement.

And the overall winners of Sports Day for both KS2 and KS3 were Stour! Well done Stour House - you are the winners of the Stillman Sports Day Shield 2021.

## **Awards:**

This year, we wanted to be able to hold our Awards Ceremony, but with restrictions in place this had to happen a little differently. Usually, we would hold this event at QE and parents would be invited to attend - but this year we celebrated the achievement and effort of pupils in our final assembly for each year group. Prior to the event, teachers are asked to nominate pupils they feel deserve the award for their subject and the Heads of Year also choose pupils to be recognised for their contribution during the year. As we say to the children, there are always pupils who are nominated for more than one prize and there are always lists of pupils who are nominated - so much discussion takes place before the final list is arrived at and this year, for the first time, there are some categories where two or three pupils 'drew' and the staff could not pick between them. So, congratulations to the following pupils for winning an award this year - your teachers have been hugely impressed by your achievement and effort this year. Well done.

## **Year 5:**

	English	Maths	Science	Art	Computer Science	Technology
<b>Achievement</b>	Louis J 5L	Elsie V 5G Ewan E 5L	William H 5W	Leela H 5P	Willow S 5M	Nella O 5G
<b>Effort</b>	Seb G 5M	Elsie G 5W Harry B 5L	Amelie W 5L	Harry R 5L	Elsie G 5W	Harrison M 5W
	French	Geography	History	PE	RE	Head of Year
<b>Achievement</b>	Cameron A 5P William B 5G	Sophie R 5M	Emil 5W	Florence VDF 5W	Jaya M 5P Hope M 5G	Elliott T 5W Madie F 5G
<b>Effort</b>	Liam S- D 5P Hattie C 5M	Lottie S 5M	Harry B 5P Freya M 5W	Sam H 5G	Will S 5G	<b>Resilience and persistence award:</b>  Kyron G 5P

**Year 6:**

	English	Maths	Science	Art	Computer Science	Technology
<b>Achievement</b>	Neve S 6M  Ivor B 6H	Arthur C 6W  Max W 6R  Theo S 6M	Oliver P 6F	Sophie C 6R  Nicole S 6R	Lily K 6M  Owen L 6M	Iris J 6W
<b>Effort</b>	William W 6H  Kimberley E 6F	Clara J 6R  Evie B 6H  Bella J 6M	Isaac R 6F	Ella R 6W	Elisa A 6M	Irene B 6W
	French	Geography	History	PE	RE	Head of Year
<b>Achievement</b>	Tilly I 6H  Nesto P 6R	Rex S 6M	Grace T 6H	Harry R 6M	Thea M 6W	Will F 6H Noah Cox 6H Lily K 6M Irene B 6W
<b>Effort</b>	Alisha P 6H  Adam H 6F	Poppy RD 6M	Rosie M 6H	Iris J 6W	Grace P 6H	<b>Resilience and persistence award:</b>  Millie W 5W

**Year 7:**

	English	Maths	Science	Art	Computer Science	Technology
<b>Achievement</b>	Isabelle H 7T  Archie W 7J	Luka M 7F	Molly B 7J	Olivia N 7N	Eva T 7T	Claudia T 7J
<b>Effort</b>	Isobel M 7J  Myah T 7R	Dichha B 7J	Silvana H 7R	Daisy C 7F	Isabella H 7T	Billy B 7J
	French	Geography	History	PE	RE	Head of Year
<b>Achievement</b>	Jack H 7R  Sophie B 7T	Emmie M 7J	Will S 7N	Georgia M 7R	Lucy B 7N	Casey K 7R  Ella T 7J
<b>Effort</b>	Noah Wareham  Grace K 7R  Daisy D 7T	Jack Shire 7T	Leo W 7R	Harry B 7T	Cadey T 7N	<b>Resilience and persistence award:</b>  Jack S 7T



## Year 8:

	English	Maths	Science	Art	Computer Science	Technology
<b>Achievement</b>	Koray B 8D Lydia H 8Z Scarlet P 8Z	Adam W 8Z	Dan L 8H	Rosie HE 8J	Hannah Churchill	Luka B 8Z
<b>Effort</b>	Joe R 8C Toby W 8D Summer J 8J	Kim L 8C Ava S 8H	Will G 8J	Millie M 8H	Ollie Parram	Ella W 8Z
	French	Geography	History	PE	RE	Head of Year
<b>Achievement</b>	Lani R 8D Holly H 8H	Scarlet S 8D	Thomas S 8Z	Jack P 8J Max C 8C	Gracie G 8H	Zak F 8Z Millie M 8H
<b>Effort</b>	Jess M 8C Emily F 8H	Theo B 8D	Will G 8Z	Millie M 8H	Skye M 8J	<b>Resilience and persistence award:</b> Phoebe D 8Z

## Special Awards:

Artist of the Year	Technologist of the Year:	Office Award	Student librarian	Headteacher's Award
Lydia N 8Z	Lydia N 8Z	Ed B 7J	Ella W 8Z	Abi F 8J

