



# Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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## A Message from the Head Teacher

It has been an incredible first term as Head Teacher of Greenhead and Henshaw Primary Schools. From my first day, the warmth and support I have received from parents, children and the wider community has meant the world. Thank you.

I hope you can see the improvements in and around school that the staff have worked so hard to implement over this term. I am incredibly lucky to be leading such a dedicated, warm and committed staff who want nothing but the best for your children. It is with excitement that I welcome new members of staff into our Federation. However, I am very saddened to say goodbye to some key members of staff as they move on to other schools to further develop their teaching and leadership in a different context but am happy for them as they embark on their new adventures.

We have got some incredible opportunities planned for next year and will continue with the wonderful things we already have in place or have started. We will also be continuing with our Workshop Wednesday and Together Tuesday as well as developing our after school provision. Thank you for your continued openness and support.

Best wishes and have a lovely summer break, Mr Glenton

## A message from our new Academic Mentor - Megan Marsh



Having qualified as a teacher in July, I am really pleased to be joining the West Tyne Church Schools Federation. In my spare time I love to explore our local countryside with my two dogs, Barney and Fern. I look forward to meeting everyone in September.

## A message from our new Teaching Assistant - Lauren Crawford

Hi my name is Lauren and I am very excited to be joining the Federation as a new SEND teaching assistant. I will be working between Henshaw and Greenhead Schools and am very much looking forward to working with the staff and children within both. Children's passion for learning and investigating new things inspires me to help them develop further and I can't wait to help them and be part of their journey.



## Class News

### Eden Class

It's been a fantastic last two weeks in Eden class. We've finished off our maps and plans in maths and written instructions for how to look after chicks. Our last swimming lesson really showed how much progress everyone has made in the water. We released George's butterflies into the nature garden and made some healthy fruit smoothies with strawberries we have grown. We said 'Good-bye' to our class chicks, Speedy and Sparkle. Great job Reception for taking such good care of them.

Well done to everyone for being amazing this year! Have a wonderful summer and I'll see you in September when you come back to school in Year 1.

### Clyde Class

In Clyde class we have enjoyed taking part in a multi skills festival with our friends at Henshaw. In Maths we have been consolidating our learning using a range of Maths games. In English, we created a recipe for good friendship and created our own fairy tale story. To support your child at home share a range of traditional tale stories and encourage them to use different voices for the characters. In RE we have been looking at what happens inside a church and a synagogue during worship as well as learning about African churches.

### Danube Class

Danube class have had an excellent final week! The children have explored angles and turns during their maths lessons this week and have learned about clockwise and anti-clockwise. We have also explored the different themes in Roald Dahl books and then created our own stories using these. Miss Callaghan has loved her final days with these children- they are all an absolute credit both to the school and their parents.

### Mississippi Class

In Mississippi class this week the children have been full of excitement. The Summer holidays are here and time for everyone to have a well-earned rest. We are so proud of what the children have achieved over the past year and hope that they continue to work as hard in September. This week the children have enjoyed their trip to Lockerbie, the zipline and kayaking seemed to have been very popular! We have been getting ready for the leavers assembly and enjoying our last few days together as Greenhead Primary, Mississippi class of 2021/22.

Over the holidays the Year 5 children would benefit from continuing to read at home. Practising their times tables will also give them a great start in September for the beginning of year 6.



## Our School Promise

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

### The Values of Our School

Wisdom gives us strength in all we do

Endurance keeps us going, trust in teamwork too

A thankfulness to God and community is right

Respecting his creation, the gifts we hold tight

Everyone's forgiven, kindness big and small

We value humility, justice for all

Peace and friendship for all to see

Striving for koinonia is where we want to be



Staff nominate children who have shown these values in our schools and have been role models for our Christian values in our weekly Celebration Assembly.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:



**Learning Award - Harry & Rachel**

**Resilience & Teamwork award - Connor, Rachel & Everlyne**

**Etiquette award - Khloe & George F**

**Environmental award - Daniel, Evie B & the Eco Committee**

**Kindness award - Rachel & Casey**

**Inclusion award - Whole school**

**Friendship award - All Year 2 children**

**Role model award - Charlotte & Tommy**



Each week, other children receive a postcard through the post to let their adults know how proud of them we are.

Attendance:

Eden - 92.86%

Clyde - 93.16%

Danube - 96.12%

Mississippi - 94.08%

### A message from Miss McCrea

It is with regret that I will be ending my employment at Greenhead C of E Primary School. I have had six incredible years working with both the children and my colleagues. I would like to wish the children the very best for the future.

Best wishes, Miss McCrea

## Enrichment at Greenhead Primary School

Next year, we will continue to offer a range of enrichment opportunities for children. Mississippi class will be swimming at the Wentworth in Autumn Term and all children from Year 1 to 6 will continue to have expert coaching from NUFC. We will continue our Commando Joe's resilience & teamwork sessions and will also start whole school singing tuition which will be delivered by Northumberland County Council. Children in Year 5.6 will also have the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele. Finally, with our local church, we will start to offer Messy Church sessions after school.

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** - Teacher Training Day  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - First day of School. Breakfast Club to begin (from 7:45am)  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 5 and 6 to Newcastle Church  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** - First singing lessons and ukulele lessons  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** - NSPCC workshops  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** - Individual photos  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Celebrations at Greenhead Church

## Our Yearly Residential to Lockerbie Manor

It was wonderful to be able to offer our yearly residential visit to Lockerbie Manor again this year. Children had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities such as fencing, kayaking and abseiling. The staff who accompanied the children were so impressed by the resilience, determination and teamwork which all children showed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Callaghan, Miss Sedgwick and Mrs Hall for their time, effort and kindness to support the children in taking part in such a fantastic three days - doing so shows how much these staff members are dedicated to our Federation. Check out our Facebook page to see the amazing things our Year 5 and 6 got up to in their time at Lockerbie.

Operation  
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## Operation Encompass

Operation  
Endeavour

All schools in Northumberland (Including the West Tyne Church Schools Federation) are Operation Encompass (supporting children and families where domestic abuse is witnessed) and Operation Endeavour (supporting children who go missing from home and liaising with families) schools. It is our duty to notify parents and carers of this. For more information of this provision, please visit [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org)

## A final thought...

Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine    Nikhil Saluja