



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

I would like to start my Head Teacher's message with a heart-felt thank you to our children, staff, governors, parents and wider community for their support, understanding, flexibility and kindness over last week. As well as delivering the Year 6 SATs, we had a full inspection of our sister school, Henshaw Primary on the Wednesday and Thursday. Children were absolutely amazing and shone like the stars we know they are, even through some disruption to normal routine which the inspection caused. Staff spoke eloquently to inspectors about teaching and learning within the school and our parent community were incredibly supportive in their views and opinions of Henshaw Primary and our wider Federation of the West Tyne Church Schools.

In my 18 years of teaching, I have never seen such a positive outcome to the Ofsted Parent view; 97% (33 out of 34 responses) would recommend the school, feel their children are safe in school and are happy at school (to name but a few of the overwhelmingly positive responses). Myself and the staff at Henshaw are incredibly grateful for the communication and positivity you all bring to our school. You can view the full set of results at [Ofsted Parent View](#) (or type this in to google and search for Henshaw Primary). As soon as the full report becomes available, we will send you details of how it can be downloaded and viewed.

Workshop Wednesday took on a twist this week with children given the opportunity to be taught by another teacher; Year 5 and 6 went down to Eden Class for Hapizome (leaf printing and framing, including hammers; which was very noisy!), Reception went to Clyde Class to make ice cream as a science experiment, Year 1.2 went to Rhine Class and got put through their paces with a bootcamp! Then Year 3.4 went to Nile Class to explore Egyptian gods. What a fab afternoon of learning!

Just a quick reminder that parents consultations are next week. You should have received a note from your child's class teacher giving you a date and time for an appointment where you can meet with your child's class teacher as well as take a look at the work that children have been doing in books. We have made appointments for all parents, irrelevant if reply slips were returned; if the date and time is not convenient, please contact the school office and we would be happy to rearrange this for you.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden we have continued exploring our gardening topic, the children wrote a fantastic poem about their dream garden, and we have planted sunflower seeds. Our focus artist this term is Vincent Van Gogh and we have created our own flower pictures using Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' as inspiration. We had a brilliant farm visit to Rushey Law Farm and learnt all about the crops farmers grow and the livestock they keep. To build on this learning at home you could discuss which plants and vegetable have been used in your meals such as corn, wheat and potatoes.

Clyde Class

Clyde Class had a fantastic educational visit to Rushey Law Farm last week where we learnt about where our food comes from and what type of crops farmers grow. We also planted our own sunflower plant to bring home. During English we have been pretending to be Queen Victoria, where we wrote a letter to Prince Albert to say thank you for the bathing machine he made. In Maths we have been exploring different fractions and finding out what a half and a quarter looks like. Year 2 have been looking at equivalent fractions.

We have had lots of fun during Art this week when we created different poses and pretended to be a King or Queen. We used our images to recreate them using a variety of art materials. In Science we have started to look at living things and non-living things.

Danube Class

The children have been enjoying, exploring how to play the ukulele with Mr Reed. This week the Danube class have recalled the different parts of the instrument, the notes names and had the opportunity to play songs (in time) together. We are all enjoying learning about the Egyptians and have been investigating, who the Egyptian gods were and how they were worshipped. We were able to identify the similarities and differences between the past and the present. We have been creating exciting stories in English about our history topic, Ancient Egyptians, imagining we could travel back in time to have our own ancient adventure.

Mississippi Class

Year 6 have had a very full-on couple of weeks completing their SATs. I am extremely proud of them and all the effort they have put into them. They also enjoyed a trip to Newcastle University this week to celebrate their successes and to graduate from their Scholars programme. Well done year 6!

Year 5 have also enjoyed continuing with Forest School and last week ate banana split and marshmallows roasted on a fire. They have also begun their new Maths topic of Statistics. We all enjoyed our picnic for the Coronation last week and enjoyed spending time with our friends and family on the green. Please continue to encourage your child to go on Ed Shed.



Our School Promise

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

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 - Jasper & Rachel

Resilience & Teamwork award - Layla & Evie H

Etiquette award - Briar & Harrison

Environmental award - Charlotte

Kindness award - Evie B

Inclusion award - Lily

Friendship award - Dexter

Role model award - George F & Jessica B

Attendance: Every day is important to give children their full entitlement to an exciting learning journey

Eden - 97.8%

Clyde - 97%

Danube - 92%

Mississippi - 93.8%

Whole School - 94.6%

Our target for attendance is 96%



Coronation Celebrations

What a wonderful picnic celebration we had on the Millenium Green last Friday, to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Thank you for your understanding for us holding this a little bit later in the week so our Year 6 children could fully enjoy the event (they had just finished their final SAT on this day!) A huge thank you to all the teachers, TAs and staff for helping to organise this event; in particular Mrs Makepeace who coordinated the afternoon. We hope you had a lovely time celebrating with us and the children enjoyed the ice-cream, courtesy of our PTA!



Staff Spotlight - Our SENDCo and Early Years Lead

Mrs Hulbert (Early Years Lead)

Hello! My name is Mrs Hulbert and I love teaching little humans. I have been teaching in Early Years for over 15 years in both big and small schools. Before being a teacher I lived in Spain and France and I still love to travel. When not at work you will find me outside. My happy place is on or in the water and I love to go paddle boarding and wild swimming with my family. I also enjoy long walks with my crazy spaniel, Herbie. I am a real foodie and love to cook and eat!



Mrs Clarke (Teacher Class 3&4 and SENDCo)

I have been teaching for more than 38 years and over that time, I have been fortunate to teach children from nursery to Year 6. I have been a SENDCo for over 30 years and have also taught in many senior leadership roles including being an executive head teacher. I enjoy working with all age groups and love to foster an enjoyment of learning in all children. I taught in the Midlands until 2017 when me and my husband (of 45 years) moved here to set up a self-sufficient lifestyle. We grow all our own fruit and vegetables and also keep livestock for our eggs and milk. I have been working at the West Tyne Church Schools Federation for 7 years and I lead on PSHCE/RSE.



Dates for the diary

Tuesday 23rd May - Picnic, Walk and Bee session for Greenhead Reception Class, travelling to Henshaw School
Tuesday 23rd May - Danube trip to Tullie House, Carlisle with Henshaw's Rhine class
Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th May - Parents' Evening
Friday 26th May - School finishes for Half Term
Monday 12th June - New Reception children (September 2023) Stay and play afternoon
Thursday 8th June - Year 6, Diocese celebration event at Newcastle Cathedral
Wednesday 14th June - Class photos and family photos
Monday 10th July - Sports Day at the Wentworth Centre, Hexham 1pm to 3pm
Tuesday 12th - 14th July - Lockerbie residential trip for Year 5 and 6 children
Friday 21st July - School finishes for summer

A final thought...

To build an effective community, everyone must realise that their
community is bigger than just them

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