

Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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West Tyne Federation of Schools

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Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 11/2/19 (Please note: this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Pasta Bake & Broccoli OR Jacket Potato with Filling	Home-cooked Ham, Wedges & Beans OR Pasta with Cheese	OR Baguette with	Bolognaise or Cheese	Sausage, Chips & Beans OR Wrap with Chicken Mayo or Tuna with Salad
Chocolate Orange Cake & Chocolate sauce	Angel Delight	Jelly & Fruit	Steamed Jam Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Brownie & Milkshake
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

Stars of the Week 😕

Reception/Class 1: Aidan for gaining confidence to use arrays to solve his times tables.

Class 2: Elizabeth for always putting in 100% in everything that she does in school.

Headteacher's Award: Talia - for being helpful, kind and caring towards her friends.

Virtues and Values: Elias for showing joy when he won the NUFC competition on Wednesday and Jack J for showing respect as he was thrilled for Elias.

Attendance

Following a great start to the school year, our whole school attendance continues to improve. Our school target is 96% and we are currently below this target at 94.74%. We understand that this may be due to the cold weather and bugs that are prevalent in winter.

We are keen to continue improving this achievement throughout the year. As we continue to make families aware, children's attendance below 90% is classed by the Department for Education as Persistent Absence. There may be many reasons for this such as unauthorised term time leave, sickness, medical appointment, late arrival, etc. We review attendance regularly and we hope you have found our newsletters, outlining current level of attendance, informative and useful in keeping track of school absences. If you have any questions about attendance during the year, do pop in and speak to a member of staff.

Attendance w/c 4/2/19				
Reception	100%			
Year 1	100%			
Year 2	97.8%			
Year 3	90%			
Year 4	63.3%			
Year 5	80%			
Year 6	95%			
Overall	95.3%			

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Learning Achievements

Reception/Class 1: This week we have been creating our own class book about how household items have changed over the years. In Maths we have started to look at fractions. We have also enjoyed a fun day at Henshaw this week, taking part in a dance workshop and a colour run.

Class 2: the children have been making blood in science to see the different components of plasma, red and white blood cells and platelets, which all combine together in blood. Our blood, you'll be relieved to hear, was created with milk, oil, syrup and food colouring! We raised our heart rate by participating in different physical activities and also by completing the colour run on Wednesday. The children, as part of their topic 'blood heart' are thinking of ways to raise money for the British Heart foundation, more information will follow next week, and we hope you will join us in supporting this worthy cause.

For more information please look on our website and Facebook page.

Federation Day- Chinese New Year and Colour Run

What an experience for our children! They thoroughly enjoyed acting out the story of 'The Great Race' and participating in dance, music and drama throughout the day. They also had a great time with parents and staff participating in the Colour Run as part of Children's Cancer Week- well done everyone!

Non Uniform Day- Friday 15th February

As part of the KS2 topic 'Blood Heart' we are raising money for the British Heart Foundation. We would like the children to wear red next Friday for the suggested donation of £1 to go towards the charity.

Spaces Available

If you are aware of any family or friends looking to move school due to a change in circumstances, for example house move, we currently have spaces available! For further information please contact the school office or County Hall admissions

PE Kit

Please can we remind you that children need a PE kit each week in school. During the cold weather they can wear joggers but NOT jeans as they restrict the children from joining in with some activities.

Stay and Share

Thank you to everyone who came to our Stay and Share session this morning. The children love to show you all the work that they have been doing in school. We also had a lovely celebration assembly in church with Reverend Carter.

Yours,

Sarah Hutchinson Executive Headteacher