



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Thank you to all of our community who managed to come to our first Remembrance Day Celebration with Key Stage 2 at Holy Cross Church this morning. We were incredibly proud of the wonderful service that the children put on for our schools - they are such a credit to you all. Children from Reception and Key Stage 1 then went to our local memorial to lay our wreaths and have a quiet thought and prayer for the brave people involved in present and past wars.

This week has also seen us focus on Anti-Bullying Day, where children across school learnt about protected characteristics and the importance of equality. We are such an inclusive school but it is important that the children know that everybody is not so lucky as us and that inequality and bullying does happen because of perceived differences.

Our first Bedtime Stories event was also a great success and I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who supported it to promote the children's love of learning. Coming up will be Children in Need, where we will support the fantastic work of this charity and the important part they play in helping and keeping children safe in our country.

This week, you should have been given a time slot to come into school, view your child's work and speak to your child's class teacher. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there. Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Christmas performance details

I am thrilled to announce that we will be putting on two performances this year for our Christmas shows:

Reception and Key Stage 1 - Monday 19th December at 9:15am

Children will be performing in our school hall.

Key Stage 2 - Thursday 22nd December at 2pm and 5pm.

Children will be performing at Haydon Bridge High School (using a fantastic stage, lighting and sound system!) for our production of 'Muppets Christmas Carol.'

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden class we have been very busy planting and harvesting. We had a visit from a fairy who left us some magic beans to plant! The children made predictions about what they would grow into and the next day we found they had grown into lollipops! We also planted some broad beans, and we can't wait to see them germinate, we hope they will grow as big as Jack's beanstalk. The children harvested some potatoes and carrots from our allotment and made delicious vegetable soup. They all loved washing the vegetables and washing up the dishes, at home could the children help you in the kitchen as it is great to help their fine motor skills and understanding of the world.

Clyde Class

This week we have been creating our own poems about different objects we would find within our class. We used a range of adjectives and verbs to help us with our poems. To help support your child at home so they can think of an adjective to describe it and even explain to you what an adjective is. We also learned about the importance of Remembrance Day and understand why we wear Poppies. During Science we completed our first Scientific investigation where we are trying to work out which environment would be best for tulips to grow. In Maths Year 1 have been looking at understanding what the symbols mean in number sentences where Year 2 have been looking at related facts. We have also been taking part in Anti-Bullying activities this week, where the children learnt about how everyone should have equal opportunities no matter what their gender is.

Danube Class

In Danube class this week we have been getting ready for the Remembrance Day service. We have been learning about the significance of the day and created our own class wreath. The children have been using column addition and subtraction in maths and have been playing place value games in groups. We are looking forward to seeing the parents at parents evening next week and hope that you continue to encourage the children to read and complete their spellings at home. Have a lovely weekend from everyone in Danube class!

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have settled back in well after their half term. We have begun our new science topic 'Working Scientifically' and had lots of fun testing which sweets dissolved the quickest. In Guided Reading we are really enjoying our new text 'The River King' and can't wait to find out what happens next - we have made lots of predictions already! In English, we wrote a non-chronological report about Rama and Sita and have begun to plan a non-chronological report based on World War One. Ask your child if they can tell you any facts about World War One. Please continue to encourage your child to practise their spellings and times tables on Spelling Shed and TTRockstars.



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 - Daniel, Evie B & Bonnie

Resilience & Teamwork award - Harrison & Jasper

Etiquette award - Paige, Finley & James

Environmental award - Theo S, Theo G, Ruben, George H & Noah

Kindness award - Jack & Jessica J

Inclusion award - Evie B & Freya

Friendship award - Everlynne, Jessica B & Evie H

Role model award - Noah, Finley, Freya & Faith



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

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

Eden - 71% Clyde - 89% Danube - 97% Mississippi - 99% Whole School - 93%

Children In Need

The School Council have been hard at work for this and have come up with some ideas of how we can support Children in Need next Friday (18th November).

Children can bring in 50p to take part in a penalty shootout competition and please could your child bring in £1 for a sponsored walk to Thirlwall Castle. Children can also bring in any 'loose change' to cover our giant picture of Pudsey.

Facebook

Our Facebook page has really gone from strength to strength this year and is now updated regularly and with some amazing pictures! I would like to thank all the teaching assistants and teachers in the school for their time and efforts in keeping the posts fresh and vibrant to update you all on the wonderful things happening in our school. Please feel free to like or comment on any posts you find interesting, it really helps us to make sure we are able to engage you all in your child's learning journey.

Odd Socks to support uniqueness

To continue our work on anti-bullying and developing our inclusive school, we would like to offer the chance for all children to wear odd socks on Monday 14th November. The aim of this is to show children that we are all unique and different and this is something to accept, discuss and celebrate. Be as bright and as colourful as you like!

Monday 14th November - Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 16th November - Parent Consultations - evening 1

Thursday 17th November - Parent Consultations - evening 2

Friday 18th November - Children in Need day

Monday 21st November - World Cup Day - each class will focus on a country - details to follow

Friday 2nd December - Non-uniform Day; please bring in a treat for the Christmas fair

Thursday 8th December 2 - 3pm - Christingle Service at Greenhead Church; parents welcome

Thursday 15th December 3:20pm - 4:20pm - Christmas Fair at School

Monday 19th December 9:15am - Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas performance

Tuesday 20th December - Christmas jumper day/Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 21st December - Key Stage 2 dress rehearsals at HBHS

Thursday 22nd December 2pm and 5pm - Key Stage 2 Christmas performance

Friday 23rd December - Christmas parties and Santa is coming to school!

- BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS - RETURN MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2023

A message from our SENDCo - Mrs Clarke

It has been wonderful to meet so many of you in the past term, thank you so much for your time. Although the class teacher is the first 'port of call' for any concerns or queries you may have, please feel free to get in touch with me at sendco@westtynefederation.uk if I can be of assistance or if I can help with anything SEND related.

A final thought...

Forgiveness does not change the past but it does enlarge the future

Paul Lewis Boese