



# **Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School**

## **Newsletter**

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### **A Message from the Head Teacher**

As the longer, sunny days start to creep in, we race towards the end of the school year; with lots of fun and exciting events to look forward to. Our Year 3 and 4s are travelling down to York for an extended day visit, Our Year 5 and 6s are off to their residential in Lockerbie, The Federation Sports Day is fast approaching as is our Federation Beach visit. The next Workshop Wednesday will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July and children spend time with their teacher for next year on 4<sup>th</sup> July. For further details, please see dates for the diary on page 3.

We want to thank our parents for continuing to support enrichment opportunities and visits outside of school; we try and subsidise as much as we can out of our limited school budget and realise that we cannot do such wonderful activities with the children without your support.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, apparently summer weather is on the way...

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

### **A Message from Miss Jopson**

After a fab few years at Greenhead, the time has sadly come for me to move on to a school closer to home.

It has been an absolute pleasure teaching your amazing children and I have no doubt they will all go on to do very special things; they are a credit to you all.

I am incredibly grateful for the support shown by the parents during my time here and I will never forget the bonds I have made with children and staff over the last 2 years.

If anybody happens to pass me in Carlisle, please don't hesitate to say hello! I hope this isn't a goodbye, just a "see you later".



## Class News

### Early Years

Eden class have loved exploring the story Handa's surprise. The children were able to retell the story and have written wonderful captions using their phonic knowledge. In maths we have enjoyed setting up a farm shop. The children created their own price labels for the food items. They have been super at adding up the items to find the total cost. At home you could create a shopping list together or count out the money needed when paying for something.

### Clyde Class

This week in Clyde class we have started to create our plan to write our own story about Rosa Parks starting a new school. We have been focusing on adding describing words to make our work sound more interesting. In maths we have looked at comparing and recording length and height. To help support your child see if they can record the length or height of different objects at home and compare them. In Science we have been looking at our legacy driver and learning about David Attenborough and how he has impacted our world. In PE we have started to practise for our Sports Day. Please continue to read with your child daily and practise their spellings, this makes a big difference to your child's learning.

### Danube Class

We have had a very busy week in Danube class this week. In English the children have written persuasive letters to local businesses asking them to please donate and support the school and they have been getting ready to send out thank you notes for all of the Summer raffle prizes we have received. The children have also enjoyed performing their own playscripts in small groups to the rest of the class. In maths year 3 have been learning about measurement and year 4 have been interpreting information from charts and graphs. As always, please continue to read with your child at home and support them with their spellings and times tables.

### Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have had a great start to the final half term and have lots to look forward to.

Y6 enjoyed a visit to Newcastle Cathedral where they took part in a Leavers Service and reflected on their time at primary school. In English, we have been writing a biography about Alexander the Great and in maths, we have been focussing on negative numbers and shape. We have begun a series of workshops with Cabinet of Curiosities and can't wait to see the final product. In RE, we have been having mature discussions about life after death and how different religions conduct funerals. We are continuing to enjoy our guided reading text, 'Who Let the Gods Out' - ask your child if they can summarise the story so far. As always, please continue to ensure your child practices their spellings at least 15 times a week either on Spelling Shed or in their spelling books.



## Our School Promise

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

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

**Learning Award - Harry**

**Resilience & Teamwork Award - Esther**

**Etiquette Award - Ruby**

**Environmental Award - George F**

**Kindness Award - George H**

**Inclusion Award - Oscar**

**Friendship Award - Harris**

**Role model Award - Theon**



Each and every day your child is in school counts. It helps them to remember their prior learning from the day before but also build on this learning the next day. Thank you for your continued support by ensuring your child is in school every day to give them the best education and life chances.

Eden - 97.5%    Clyde - 100%    Danube - 96.7%    Mississippi - 96%

Whole School - 97.8%

**Attendance - our target is 96%**

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - Visit from Northumberland Library; summer competition

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5 and 6 visit to Apple at the Metrocentre

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Y6 transition to William Howard High School

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Year 3.4 Temple workshop at Henshaw school

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Workshop Wednesday, 9am to 10am, all families welcome

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Move up day; children spend a day with their next years' teacher

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 transition to Haydon Bridge High School

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Lockerbie Residential for Years 5 and 6

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Federation Sports Day and Summer Fair at the Wentworth

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 3.4 visit to Yorvik Centre, York

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Whole Federation Beach visit to South Shields

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS!**

We look forward to welcoming you back on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

### Save the date: Sports Day and Summer Fair!

The date of our Federation Sports day this year is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** and will take place at The Wentworth Leisure Centre in Hexham from 1pm to 3pm.

A letter will be sent out next week with further details

### Organisation for next year

Please find below our staff organisation for next year. The children continue to enjoy small class sizes which allows us to carefully tailor our curriculum, teaching and learning expertly to your children.

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| <b>Nursery and Reception</b> | Mrs Thompson, Mrs Brachtvogel and Mrs Liddle |
| <b>Year 1 and 2</b>          | Mrs Makepeace, Miss Eames and Mrs Liddle     |
| <b>Year 3 and 4</b>          | Miss Porteous and Mrs Hosking                |
| <b>Year 5 and 6</b>          | Mr Harwood and Mrs Hosking                   |

Each Wednesday and Friday Key Stage 2 will work together to benefit from larger group activities. This will allow us to employ specialist teachers in key areas such as Sport, Forest Schools, Swimming and Music; it's much easier to have a game of netball with a full team!

### Calling all gardeners!

We continue to focus on our environment and outdoor learning here at Greenhead Nursery & Primary School and our grounds are really looking amazing! However, we would like to put a call out for any volunteers who could spare an hour or two every now and again to help us keep our plants, flowers, allotment spaces and planters looking beautiful.

If you (or a grandparent, relative or friend) would be interested in volunteering for this role, please get in touch with the school office.



A final thought...

**To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow**

**Audrey Hepburn**