



## **Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter**

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### **A Message From the Head Teacher**

Hello everyone and what a busy two weeks it has been!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Together Tuesday session this week and to be able to give you a quick tour of the school. Thank you for your feedback regarding starts and end of the days; we have listened and will now ensure the gates are opened at 8:30am and that only taxis/buses are parking on the zig zag lines.

I hope you have had time to notice the new additions of plants and flowers to our school. The children have been hard at work to improve their play areas and environment with the fantastic donations from Suzanne at our local Haltwhistle Garden and Leisure Services.

On **SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY at 10am**, I would like to invite all parents, children and our community in to help us develop our woodland area (to the side of our school). We have been very fortunate to receive funding from the diocese to create a forest school but we need your help to 'clear and lay the groundwork' for this. If you are able to lend a hand for a couple of hours, please bring your gardening tools and muscles! Please inform the office if you are able to come.

Finally, I would like to say a HUGE well done to our Year 6 children who have taken their SATS this week - they were a credit to us all and I can't wait to celebrate their achievements with them when they get their results - they are all superstars! Best wishes, Mr Glenton

### **A Message From Miss Callaghan**

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that I will be leaving Greenhead Primary at the end of the Summer Term. At the end of January, I accepted a position in Newcastle so that I could be closer to home. We made the decision to not share this information with the children until now so as to minimise the changes caused by previous staffing changes.

It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to have taught at Greenhead and I am immensely fond of the pupils and the wider community here. My decision to accept another post has been purely based upon the length (and rising cost of) my daily commute. I could not be more proud of the pupils at Greenhead and I know that they are all brilliant, inspiring and full of joy. They are the kind of children that any teacher would want to work with and I will miss them all.

I hope to have the opportunity to speak to each of you personally before I leave but, in the meantime, I would like to wish you all the best as your children continue their educational journeys. I thank the children, and the community of Greenhead, for making my two years here so happy!

## Class News

### Reception

The children are doing so well with their swimming, and all becoming more confident in the water. Over the past two weeks we have been learning lots about flowers and why Errol doesn't have enough room in his flat. Our class sunflowers have started to grow and we've been doing lots of planting around school. Our new phonics scheme is really helping the children to read longer words. In music we've been practicing Big Bear Funk and learning notes on the glockenspiels. The children will be taking some cress seeds home to plant. Please let us know how they get on.

### Class 1

We had lots of fun at Beamish with our friends from Henshaw, we learnt about what school was like 100 years ago. Wilson from Whiffy Wilson wrote us a letter, we are trying to persuade him that going to school is not boring. In Maths we have been doing fractions and equal groups, to support your child with these concepts, you can get your child to share objects(raisins) equally or  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{4}$  them.

### Class 2

The children have worked incredibly hard on their dilemma narratives this week. It was fantastic to hear the children reading their work aloud and everyone should be very proud of their use of figurative language. In maths, we have been learning how to find fractions of amounts and the year 4 children worked hard to apply this skill to questions with missing numbers. As part of our DT project on greenhouses, the children explored the best way to make a strong structure. Everyone had a great time using midget gems and cocktails sticks to experiment and find the best designs for their greenhouses. We've also enjoyed learning about life in the Roman Empire.

### Class 3

Firstly, let us say a huge congratulations and well done to all our Year 6 children. They have worked so hard throughout their SAT's week and have worked hard putting in so much effort. The children in Year 5 have been enjoying learning all about properties of materials in Science and Year 6 have been investigating the human circulatory system. In English, the children have been enjoying researching about Greek myths and are excited about writing their own! In R.E the children have been enjoying learning about Judaism and having open and interesting debates about Jewish beliefs and how and why they are important to people today. We hope everyone has a lovely weekend and we look forward to next few weeks learning more about our Ground-breaking Greek topic.



## Our New School Promise

Over the past week, the Staff, Governors and children at Henshaw and Greenhead Primary Schools have been learning our new school promise. This mantra shapes the 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

Today, staff nominated children who have shown these values in our schools and have been role models for our Christian values in our new, weekly Celebration Assembly.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

Learning Award - Ella-Mae & All Y6 children

Resilience & Teamwork award - George H & Fraser

Etiquette award - Connor & Rachel

Environmental award - Jasper & Jessica J

Kindness award - Jayden & Daniel

Inclusion award - Harry & Hannah & Noah

Friendship award - Cadence & George & Charlotte

Role model award - Faith & Joe



Well done to children who have received a special surprise through the post from their teachers over the past 2 weeks, you have gone that extra mile!

School Matters!



Attendance:

Reception - 100% Class 1 - 93.94% Class 2 - 98.69% Class 3 - 97.22%

### Community Vote of the Fortnight

We had some fantastic suggestions on the theme for our new classroom names. The one which was chosen at random has been to name our classes after rivers. This theme will link well to our Geography and focus on local area as well as wider world.

Can I ask children in Reception to think of local rivers, children in Year 1 and 2 to think of rivers from the UK and children in Years 3-6 to think of rivers from around the world. Write your idea on a piece of paper and ask your child to pop them into our 'Sharing Jar', which is found in our school hall. In the next newsletter, we will announce the winning rivers.

### Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Come along to see what the **Friends of Greenhead PTA** is all about. 2:45pm in the school hall, all welcome and tea/coffee/biscuits provided!

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Sea Cadets workshop - KS2 (morning)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Woodland work party - All free to come and help. 12pm onwards

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Art Trip to The Sill (Years 5 & 6)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Workshop Wednesday - 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Quad Kids at Allendale (Years 3 & 4)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - School closes for Half Term holidays

### Reminders

- We really appreciate your support to ensure our School Uniform policy is adhered to and re-affirm our sense of belonging, health and safety.
- Remember our Workshop Wednesday on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm to 3pm where you are welcome to join in with your child's learning. It is vital you ring the school and let us know if you are attending so we can ensure we have space for everybody.
- Please can we remind parents not to park on the zig zag lines outside school. This is reserved for the taxi/bus. This will ensure that children being transported by taxi are kept safe and can reach their transport safely.

#### HALTWHISTLE GARDEN & LEISURE SERVICES.



We would like to say a massive "Thank You" to Suzanne at Haltwhistle Garden and Leisure Services, located in the Ritemix yard on Avenue St. Meen in Haltwhistle, for the top soil, huge assortment of plants and bark which has very generously been donated to our school. The staff and children are thrilled and very grateful for the generosity and look forward to seeing the school looking very colourful and enhancing the outdoor spaces as the flowers and plants blossom and bloom! We can highly recommend Haltwhistle garden and leisure services!

### A final thought...

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." — Benjamin Franklin