



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and it is wonderful to see all the children return to school with such energy and ready to learn. The school is looking fantastic, with our new Gruffalo Garden, less crowded playground (thanks to the trees being cut back), a new entrance path and planting of flowers and vegetables everywhere! All classrooms have now been repainted and carpeted and our slippers are making our lovely school cosy and clean.

We have had a busy few weeks; Reception have started their new focus of gardens and outdoors and have been busy at work planting and looking after our local environment. Year 1 and 2 have been to the Hexham book festival where they explored the book 'Bunnies on the boat' by Phillip Ardagh. Year 3 and 4 have started their local art focus with local artist Becky Mae and have explored story telling through their work. Year 5 have started their forest school sessions with Miss Mitchell and Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on preparing for their SATS (lots of treats planned afterwards!)

Thank you all for supporting our first fundraiser event for St Oswald's hospice where we held a film night of Shaun the Sheep. We raised an incredible **£170** for this worthy cause. We will continue supporting this charity throughout the year and will be starting our design for our Shaun the sheep model to go on the 'sheep trail' in July.

Just a reminder that our Coronation Day get-together will take place on **Friday 12th May** on Millennium Green at 12:30pm until 2pm. All are welcome to attend with picnic blankets, chairs, food and drinks (non alcoholic) for a celebration!

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

A plea from our Admin Team

We offer the children at school a range of activities, clubs and visits throughout the school year to actively engage and support their provision. This takes a lot of time and organisation by the teachers but especially our wonderful office managers; Mrs Coleman and Mrs Slater. Can I please ask that parents send in reply slips and payments for enrichment activities (such as clubs and one-off events) by the date shown on the letter. Not doing so may seem like a small matter but it takes staff additional time to make arrangements or changes after a date has passed. Thank you for your help with keeping to closing dates on communication.

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden we have immersed ourselves in nature. The children have taken care of our school environment by weeding, planting and watering plants. This led onto observational artwork of spring flowers and looking at the parts of a plant which the children showed great concentration and attention to detail. We also loved finding our mini beast friends while exploring, the children looked closely at the mini beasts using magnifying glasses, handled them carefully and recorded their findings using a tally. At home can the children help you to look after indoor and outdoor plants? Could they make a home for mini beasts?

Clyde Class

This week we have been enjoying creating our own Kennings Poems linked to Significant Monarchs.

See if your child can create a Kennings Poem at home using Nouns and verbs. In History we have been exploring Significant Monarchs and discussing which Monarchs had power and which did not and the reasons why. In Maths Year 1 have been exploring tens and ones within two-digit numbers within 50, Year 2 have been learning about fractions and now know how to find a $\frac{1}{2}$ or a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a number. Help support your child at home exploring fractions by cutting foods into different fractions such as pizzas and cakes. We had lots of fun during Art this week making different poses and creating mini sketches of their poses. We had lots of fun at the Hexham Book Festival this week where we met the author, Philip Ardagh.

Danube Class

In Danube class this week we have been finishing our Maths unit on Fractions and are looking forward to starting to learn about mass and capacity. We have enjoyed our swimming lessons at Wentworth and our PE with NUFC. We welcomed Becky (Our resident artist) into school on Thursday morning, as part of the 'Beneath Our Feet' project. We carried on adding detail with watercolours to our Greenhead maps and creating Norman Cornish inspired pieces of writing.

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have enjoyed lots of new topics these last two weeks. Year 5 have begun their new topic of Area and Perimeter in Maths while year 6 have been working extremely hard on their SAT's revision. In English, we have begun writing a story from another culture and in P.E we have taken part in Gymnastics. We have also started a new topic of Light in Science and we have enjoyed learning about what is a light source and what reflects light well. Ask your child if they can tell you the difference between them.

Please encourage your child to keep going on Ed Shed every week.



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 – Dexter, Y6 & Charlie

Resilience & Teamwork award – Noah, Katie, Phoebe & Layla

Etiquette award – Everlynn & James

Environmental award – Conan, Fraser & Eden class

Kindness award – Faith, Dexter & Finley

Friendship award – Khloe

Role model award – Fraser & Finn



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

Eden- 94.7%

Clyde- 93.3%

Danube- 94.2%

Mississippi- 93.7%

Whole School- 93.9%

Upcoming Events: Workshop Wednesday and Sports Day,

Workshop Wednesday will be on Wednesday 17th May at 2pm where children may find themselves being taught by a different teacher to normal for this session...We will be having a specialism focus where our amazing teachers will be teaching a session based on their areas of expertise.

Once again, we have secured the Wentworth Leisure Centre Athletics track and field for our Federation Sports Day. This will be held from 1pm until 3:20pm on Monday 10th July. We wanted to give you as much notice as possible so you could make arrangements if necessary. We will also tie this in with our Summer Fair.

Staff Spotlight - Our Amazing Assistant Heads

Miss Munro

I have now been working in education for over 20 years over several different schools around the North East and I enjoy every day of teaching still, which I feel very lucky about! In my spare time I like spending time with friends and family (especially over a coffee!) and long walks with my friends' dogs (so I can hand them back at the end!) Although I like teaching all subjects in the primary curriculum, Art, Computing and Maths are my favourite.

Mrs Makepeace

I have been at Greenhead Primary School for almost six years and I love my job. My role is to ensure we have an engaging RE and Science curriculum. I have the great pleasure in teaching in Clyde Class and enjoy being in the classroom and part of the children's learning journey. I am proud to be part of such a supportive team who will always go above and beyond for all the children across the Federation.

In my spare time, I love spending time with my daughters, going for afternoon tea or spending the day at the beach.

I like to try and keep fit by going for a run or going to the gym to burn off all that cake!



Assessments

We are coming up to the time of year when some of the children will be completing assessments. These are National tests which are compulsory for all schools to undertake in the summer term. However, staff ensure that we make these as stress-free and accessible for children as possible. Our curriculum is designed and structured in such a way that the children will be ready for these. Year 6 will undertake their SATS starting on the 9th May and finishing on the 12th May. These are more formal tests which are externally marked. Year 2 SATS will be held over a two-week period and will be delivered in small groups by the teacher and are marked internally. Year 4 will have a multiplication tables check in June and Year 1 will have a phonics screening check in June also. If you would like any additional information, please speak to your class teacher after school. We know how amazing all of your children are and we are proud of the achievements of each and every one; a test cannot show this.

Monday 1st and 8th May - Bank Holiday - School is closed

Friday 5th May - Height and Weights check - Reception and Year 6

9th, 10th, 11th, 12th May - Year 6 SATs week. Good luck to our wonderful Year 6s, you will be amazing and will shine like the stars we know you are!

Wednesday 10th May - Reception & KS1 trip to Rushey Law Farm

Friday 12th May - Coronation celebration 12:30pm - 2pm on Millennium Green

W/C 15th and 22nd May - Year 2 SATs weeks

Wednesday 17th May - Workshop Wednesday, 2pm - 3pm

Thursday 18th May - Year 6 University Graduation event

Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th May - Parents' Evening

Friday 26th May - School finishes for Half Term

A final thought...

Don't wait until you have reached your goal to be proud of yourself. Be proud of every step you take to reach that goal. Anon