



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter No. 4 Summer Term

17th June 2022

West Tyne Federation of Schools

Executive Headteacher— Mr Mike Glenton NPQH, MEd, BSc (Hons)

Greenhead

Northumberland

CA8 7HB

Tel 016977 47347

A Message from the Head Teacher

We hope you all had a restful half term and it's been lovely to have the children return to school with all their stories about the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. We had a wonderful day on Sunday 5th where we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with our community - a huge thank you to Mrs Hosking, the Friends of Greenhead and the Parish Council for organising this event and also Mrs Makepeace and Miss Mitchell for helping out.

Below is the organisation of the school from September:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception (Eden)	Mrs Thompson (Monday to Wednesday) Miss Mitchell (Thursday) Mrs Knowles (Friday)	
Year 1 and 2 (Clyde)	Mrs Makepeace (Assistant Head Teacher)	Mrs Knowles
Year 3 and 4 (Danube)	Miss Mitchell (Monday and Tuesday) Mrs Porteous (Wednesday to Friday)	
Year 5 and 6 (Mississippi)	Miss Jopson	Mrs Hosking
Ms McCrea will be working as an Academic Mentor across the school		

Children will be spending the afternoon with their new teacher on Friday 8th July for a transition session where they will get to know their new classroom and/or new classmates. I would like to say congratulations to Mrs Porteous and Miss Mitchell who have worked so hard in our school this year. Both staff members will be joining us as permanent members of the Greenhead family from September. Attached is a copy of our SRE policy. Please take the time to have a read through and speak to your child's class teacher with any suggestions.

Also, please see overleaf for details of our upcoming Workshop Wednesday.

If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on 016977 47347/via email at: greenhead@westtynefederation.uk Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Message from Mrs Thompson, our new Reception Teacher from September

Hi everyone my name is Louise Thompson and I am thrilled to be joining the West Tyne Federation in September teaching in Reception. I am passionate about early years education, ensuring our children reach their potential and develop a love of learning. I have had the privilege of teaching at Henshaw Nursery since 2017 so know the children and families of Henshaw pretty well and I am looking forward to meeting the children and parents at Greenhead primary school in the coming months. In my spare time I love spending time with my 3 year old daughter and family. I enjoy walking in the Lake District and baking. I can't wait to start this new adventure with the West Tyne Federation.



Class News

Eden Class

In reception this week we have had a lot of fun sharing our learning with nursery. We've retold the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and spent time playing together outside. In maths we have been revising odd and even numbers and thinking of patterns to spot them. Everyone has tried really hard in our swimming, showing how confident we now are in the water by trying to put our heads under! We had a lovely time in Hexham learning about a new book, Luna Loves Dance. The children got to practice their drawing with a professional illustrator and listen to the author read. We all enjoyed exploring the Abbey to find different features and playing games in the park. It was even perfect weather for an ice-cream before getting the bus back!

Clyde Class

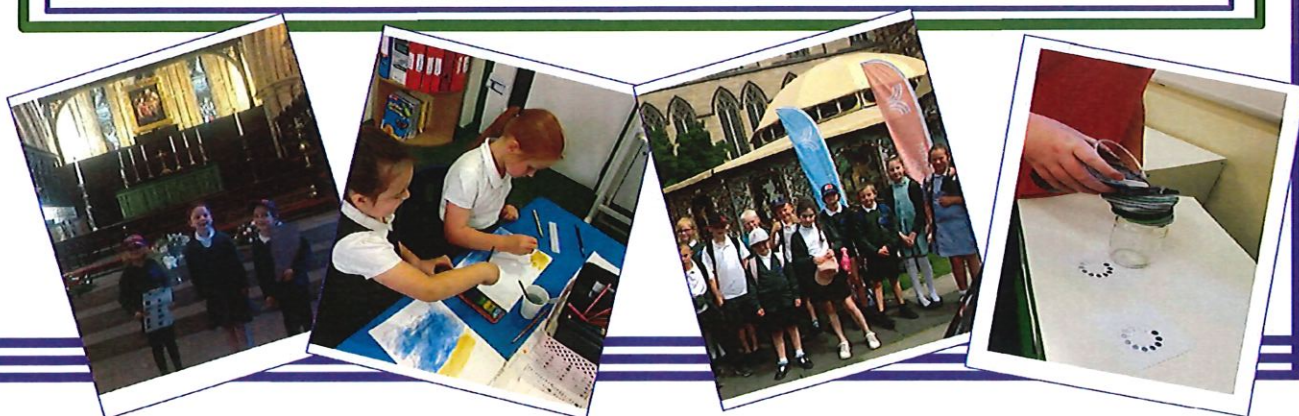
Class 1 have been busy learning about the River Clyde (our new class name) and learnt some interesting facts during our Rivers morning. We have created some artwork on the River Clyde using watercolours. In English we have been writing recounts about our holidays and our Book Festival trip. In Maths Year 1 have been comparing numbers within 100 and year 2 are learning to tell the time to quarter past and quarter to. To support your child at home encourage them to tell you what the time is at different times of the day and also listen to your child read daily and provide lots of encouragement and praise when they read to you.

Danube Class

The children of class 2 have been very busy over the past few weeks. Firstly, we kicked off our 'Rivers Day' by exploring the River Danube and all 9 of the countries that it travels through. The children were then challenged to recreate their own section of the river in 3d form. It was great fun! We have also been working hard to write our own newspaper reports and everyone has enjoyed learning about natural and artificial sources of light. In maths, the year 3 children have explored capacity while the year 4 pupils have learned more about decimal place value. Finally, we have ended the week with a superb trip to Hexham Book Festival.

Mississippi Class

The children enjoyed their visit to the book festival on Thursday. In addition to listening to an author they also enjoyed visiting the Abbey and playing rounders on the Sele with the Henshaw children. Can we also continue to encourage the children to read at home it helps boost vocabulary and literacy skills too! This week the children investigated 'Changing Materials-Filtration' in science. The children planned, set up and carried out an experiment to test a variety of materials to see which acted as the best filter to separate our water and soil mixture. In swimming this week, the children were introduced to Life-Saving techniques. Remember to bring your shorts and a t-shirt for next 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 - Daniel & Everlynne

Resilience & Teamwork award - Jasper & Theo S

Etiquette award - Evie B & Finley

Environmental award - Layla & Conan

Kindness award - Jessica B & Theo G

Friendship award - Katie, Hannah, Evie B & Phoebe

Role model award - Connor & George F



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

Attendance:

Class 1 - 62%

Class 2 - 90.28%

Class 3 - 96.5%

Class 4 - 93%

Pre-loved Uniform Request

We have already had some donations in of unwanted, clean and washed uniform for our pre-loved appeal. Please feel free to bring it to school as a donation. With the current cost of living crisis, we want to support our families by offering uniform which is pre-loved. This will also support our eco-school culture of reduce, reuse and recycle. Thank you for your support.

Workshop Wednesday 6th July from 2pm

Outdoor Adventures on Millennium Green - Nursery are also invited, more details to follow...

Adopt a Teddy Tombola and Adults Tombola

For our stalls on Sports Day, please can we ask children to bring a teddy (or two) in for the teddy tombola. A teddy will be given a new home for every ticket which is bought. Can we also ask for any donations (smellies, wine, candles, yummy treats etc) for our adult tombola. Please could donations be brought into school for next Friday so we can get them labelled up ready for our Sports Day. Your kind donations will really help us raise money for our school.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 21st June - Greenhead Church Visit - with Father Steve
Thursday 23rd June - School Photographs (Class) - 10am
Monday 27th June - Y3-6 Walltown Crags for HW1900 performance
Tuesday 28th June - Federation Sports Day: 1pm - 3pm at the Wentworth, Hexham
Wednesday 29th June - Y5 and Y6 girls STEM trip to Westfield School
Monday 4th July - Jubilee bank holiday for the Federation - School closed to children
Tuesday 5th July - Y5&6 STEMFEST at St. James Park, Newcastle
Wednesday 6th July - Workshop Wednesday - Millenium Green
Friday 8th July - Children meet their new teacher (afternoon session)
Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th July - Lockerbie residential for Year 5 and 6

Sports Day

Our Sports Day at the Wentworth is fast approaching and the children are very excited to show you all what they can do! Please could you arrive at the leisure centre no earlier than 12:50pm and line up to the right of the main entrance. At 1pm, the sports track and field will be open and parents/families are welcome to take a seat in the spaces provided. When we start events, please feel free to follow your children from one event to another.

Stalls will be opened at the end of Sports Day where you will be able to purchase some of the wonderful things that children have been creating in school. We will also be running two tombolas (please see above). All monies raised will go towards our school fund to provide enrichment opportunities for your child in school.

We hope you really enjoy the afternoon!

Messy Church

I have had several parents discuss with me the possibility of starting up messy church again in our local churches as an after school club. I have spoken to representatives of the church and they are happy for this to happen but we do need volunteers from our community to run this. If you, or a member of our community who you know, would be interested in volunteering to help with this club from September to December, please get in touch with the school. It will be from 3:20pm - 4:20pm one day a week and volunteers will need a DBS check (which the school will pay for) prior to this.

A Message from our Chair of Governors

Chair's Introduction

Following David Ratcliff's resignation last month, I was elected to take on the role of Chair of Governors of the West Tyne Church Schools Federation - the Governing Body of Greenhead and Henshaw Primary Schools. I would like to extend a huge thank you to David for the countless hours of hard work he put into the schools over his time as Chair. I am beginning to realise quite how much is involved!

I have been a Governor for around six years and am also a parent of Alice who attends Henshaw and Ed who can't wait to join her there. I am therefore very involved in school life and entirely invested in making the schools in our Federation not only the best they can be as learning environments but, more importantly, places our children love to spend time in.

With the appointment of our new Executive Headteacher, new Assistant Headteachers at each school from September and (hopefully) the end of Covid restrictions, we are very much at the start of a new and exciting path for the Federation. I look forward to working with the staff, governors, parents and wider community as we make our schools once again the centre of our villages and a place where our school promise radiates.

If you do have any queries or concerns, they should initially be directed to your child's class teacher via a telephone conversation, face-to-face chat or using the class email address. If you require further assistance after this, please contact Mr Glenton via the school's main email address of greenhead@westtyne federation.uk or henshaw@westtyne federation.uk. However, if an issue does arise which needs to be addressed to the Governing Body (after pursuing these lines of enquiry), I can be contacted by email at katy.rushworth@westtyne federation.uk Katy Rushworth, Chair of Governors

PE Kits

After receiving feedback about PE days and PE kits, next year, we will continue the procedure of asking children to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Year 1 to Year 6 will have PE on a Tuesday next year, when NUFC will continue the wonderful work they do across the Federation. Your child will also have PE on one other day through the week, except Year 5 and 6, who will be having swimming lessons in Autumn Term on a Monday.

PE kit is comprised of the following items, as set out in our uniform policy:

- White t shirt
- Black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms
- Suitable footwear e.g. trainers, black plimsolls
- Green Hoodie or jumper (no sports designs or logos please)

Children are expected to wear full school uniform on days where they are swimming or do not have a PE lesson. Dark trainers (not light or colourful) are permitted as footwear on these days.

A final thought...

"Childhoods never last. But everyone deserves one." **Wendy Dale**

Hexham Book Festival

A HUGE thank you to the teachers,
teaching assistants and Miss Callaghan
for organising us attending this
wonderful event!

