



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

It has been a wonderful first half term as Head Teacher of Greenhead Primary School. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown by our staff team, children and you all as parents and carers - thank you for your support.

We have welcomed Father Steve into our school several times over this half term and have planned further visits to re-establish our connections with our local Christian community, including children visiting the church next half term. It was great to see so many of you at our first Workshop Wednesday and I hope you enjoyed coming into the classroom to join your children for the afternoon. We will plan to have another event like this in the near future.

Our Parish Council as well as members of our school community has arranged for a Jubilee celebration on Sunday 5th June. This will start at the church then proceed to a picnic on the green. Afterwards there will be lots of activities in the school grounds, such as treasure hunts, a bouncy castle and a children's entertainer. Tickets will be available at the school gates on the day.

In commemoration of the Jubilee, five councils have joined forces to purchase china commemoration mugs for the children in their local schools. Haltwhistle Town Council, Henshaw, Bardon Mill, Plenneller with Whitfield and Greenhead Parish councils chose a china mug depicting the Queen on her coronation. The mugs were delivered to our Federation and given out today. I would like to say a big thank you for this generous donation - this is something the children will be able to keep to remind them of this special event.

I do hope you all have a peaceful & restful half term holiday & we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6th June. If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on 016977 47347 or via email at: greenhead@westtynefederation.uk

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

A Message from Miss Jopson, who will be teaching Years 5 & 6 from September

Hello everybody, my name is Lauren Jopson and I am so excited to officially become part of the West Tyne Federation in September.

I have been teaching Class One at Greenhead for the last three months so have gotten to know the staff and children particularly well and I am looking forward to getting to know year 5/6 even more so over the next few months.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time in the Lakes and being with my friends and family and my favourite subjects to teach are English and History.

I can't wait to start my career at Greenhead Primary School!



Class News

Class 1

Reception have had fantastic week setting up Errol's Garden Centre and café. We've been writing labels and prices, and counted out money to spend. They have developed plans for dream gardens and used different fabrics. In maths, we've been investigating shapes and looking at how different amounts of squares can make other shape. Everyone has worked hard with their reading by using lots of expression in their sentences. Well done everyone for looking after our plants and making our visitors feel welcome.

Class 2

In Class 1 we have been learning about worms and creating our own information text about them. In DT we have been designing our own sandwich to sell at the supermarket. In Maths Year 1 have been looking at direction and position whilst the year 2s have been exploring length and height. We enjoyed having our grown-ups in class this week where they joined in with our phonics lesson. To help support your child with their phonics use their Little Wandle reading book to practise reading the words inside the front cover and read the book regularly over the Half Term.

Class 3

The children have really enjoyed the end of this term. Last week, we explored our local history by taking a trip to Vindolanda. The children explored the museum and took part in an 'artefact' treasure hunt. It was fantastic to see all of the discoveries found in our own area. We then explored the excavation site and spoke to the archaeologists about their plans for the rest of the dig. Miss Callaghan, Mrs Hosking and Mrs Schumann were very proud of the children and how well-behaved and inquisitive they were: it's always excellent to see such enthusiasm for our history. Everyone has also worked hard inside the classroom this week. The year 4 children have been learning about decimal numbers and the year 4 children have explored bar charts, pictograms and tally charts.

Class 4

The children in Year 5.6 enjoyed their trip on Tuesday to The Sill, where they created poems and transient artwork. Followed by a walk along Hadrian's Wall to Sycamore Gap in the sunshine. On Wednesday morning the children participated in a dance and drumming workshop at Henshaw school, then enjoyed our maths and science themed Workshop Wednesday session in the afternoon. Many thanks to those parents who attended. We ask over this half term holiday that parents could help by encouraging your child to finish reading their class book 'Who Let the Gods Out?'. We hope everyone has a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back after the Jubilee celebrations.



Our School Promise

We have continued to learn our new school promise this week which 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 - Cadence & Khloe

Resilience & Teamwork award - Jayden & Daniel

Etiquette award - Theo S & Jess W

Environmental award - Tommy & all Reception children

Kindness award - Jack & George & Evie B

Inclusion award - Lily & Iyla

Friendship award - Ellie & Ruben

Role model award - Phoebe & Jessie 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 - 88%

Class 2 - 95%

Class 3 - 95%

Class 4 - 93%

Pre-loved Uniform Request

If you have any unwanted, clean and washed uniform (maybe the children have grown out of it?) 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.

Community Vote of the Fortnight

Thank you to all the children who have given suggestions for the new names for our classes; the rivers with the most votes were; Tyne, Eden, Nile, Thames, Clyde, Mississippi, Rhine and Danube. From after half term, our classes will be called:

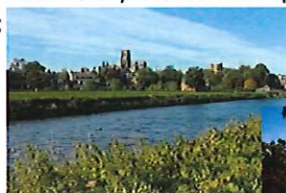
Reception: Eden

Year 1 and 2: Clyde

Year 3 and 4: Danube

Year 5 and 6: Mississippi

We will be having a 'Rivers Day' after half term



Dates for the Diary

Friday 10th June - Guy Opperman (Local MP) visiting Greenhead

Wednesday 15th June - Reception and Year 1 and 2 visit to Hexham Book Festival

Thursday 16th June - Year 3 to 6 visit to Hexham Book Festival

Wednesday 22nd June - Children to visit Greenhead Church with Father Steve

Thursday 23rd June - School Photographs

Tuesday 28th June - Federation sports day: 1pm - 3pm at the Wentworth, Hexham

School Teacher Training Days for 22/23: Monday 5th September, Tuesday 6th September, Monday 31st October, Friday 17th February. School will be closed to children on these dates.

Sports Day

We are really looking forward to having our Sports Day again this year after having to miss this event over the past few years. This year, Mrs Makepeace, our PE lead for the Federation, has organised for us to hold our Sports Day on **Tuesday 28th June**. The whole Federation have been incredibly lucky and excited to secure the athletics track and field at the **Wentworth Leisure Centre**. All the family are welcome to attend from 1pm to 3pm and parents will be welcome to take their children home after this event at 3pm. Transport will be provided for those children requiring to be returned to school. More details to follow!

Facebook

We hope you have had a chance to check out our new Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/Greenhead-C-of-E-Primary-School-Pre-School-Rainbow-Nursery-1386215424784707/> Here you will find lots of information, photos and updates on what the children have been learning and experiencing at our wonderful school. Please feel free to write a comment on any of our posts!

A final thought...

"All children need is a little help, a little hope and someone who believes in them." — **Magic Johnson**