



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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Walking to and from school alone

This academic year we have had an influx of parents asking if their child can walk, unaccompanied, to and from school. With this in mind the Governors have ratified a new policy to safeguard children walking to and from school alone. This policy is now available to read on our website and a hard copy can be obtained by contacting the school office if required.

There are no laws around age or distance of walking to school. A families' guide to the law states:

"There is no law prohibiting children from being out on their own at any age. It is a matter of judgement for parents to decide when children can play out on their own, walk to the shops or school."

Parents are legally obliged to ensure their children get to school and attend regularly, but this in itself does not disallow independent travel. However, as a school we are responsible for the welfare of our pupils and therefore have to consider what we believe is good practice in ensuring the safety of our pupils. We also have an obligation to alert relevant authorities should we believe a child's welfare is at risk.

While there is no set age when children are ready to walk to school or home on their own, we believe that pupils in Reception to Year 4 should be still brought to and collected from school and this is our school policy. Therefore, as regards pupils in Years 5 and 6, we believe that you as parents need to decide whether your child is ready for the responsibility of walking to and from school alone and complete the consent form which can be found in the policy.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

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Macmillan fundraising event

A fantastic effort made by so many children today - well done!

We raised a great amount for the Macmillan charity. Thank you all.

Fundraising for

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

School photographs reminder

On Thursday 30th September Mirror Image will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs.

Unfortunately, as we are still following our COVID-19 risk assessment, we can only photograph siblings that are in school together.





STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Khloe for sounding out cvc letters to read words and being so enthusiastic with her learning.

Class 1: Noah, for making an extra special effort with his handwriting this week.

Class 2: Fraser for his excellent ideas during our writing lessons this week.

Class 3: Jessica F for marvellous maths, having a go at maths problems and showing determination and resilience-well done!!

Head Teacher award. Ruben, for always trying his best and participating in new activities and team games in Commando Joe's. Well done!

Learning Achievements



Reception: This week Reception enjoyed the story 'Once There Were Giants' by Martin Waddle. We were able to recognise and discuss how they have changed from when they were babies.

The children talked about their 'Marvellous Me' boards exploring vocabulary related to families, such as sister, brother, aunt, uncle, grandparents and how each family is different.

Class 1: This week we have been practising our handwriting and the children have worked really hard on joining their letters.

In English, we have made memory boxes and looked a little more at some of the characters in our class read, Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge.

In maths, year 2 children have worked on showing tens and ones in different numbers. Year 1 children have been using new words to compare amounts, talking about 'greater than', 'fewer' and 'equal to'.

We've been busy in geography looking at natural and manmade features in our local area, and also at different features around the world.

Class 2: This week we have been authors! The children have explored a historical narrative and have begun to write their own stories set in the Stone Age. Miss Callaghan has loved listening to everyone's fantastic ideas and no doubt everyone's final piece will be superb.

In our maths lessons we have been exploring number lines and the year 4 children have been working on partitioning.

The children have also been learning about life in the three different periods of the Stone Age and our science lessons have focused on bones and joints.

Well done to all of class 2 for another week of hard work.

Class 3: This week in class 3 the children have been learning more about the solar system in science. They can name all the planets and know that we have rocky planets and gas planets.

In english we have been reading a Chinese folktale, 'Bamboo and the Turtle'. The children using this tale then had to create a narrative poem, which they discovered is a poem which tells a story.

In maths the children have been using the inverse operation, problem solving, using Roman numerals and negative numbers.

As historians we were looking carefully at different artefacts from the Shang Dynasty, seeing if we know what they were used for and what they were made of.

For more information please look on our website and Facebook page.

Carlisle United half term activities

Carlisle United Community Sports Trust is running a SOCCER SCHOOL during the October Half Term holiday at Carlisle, Wigton and Penrith.

For more information and to book please visit:

www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk,

call: 01228 554169

or Email: soccerschools@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk

This week's attendance

Reception	100%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	84%
Year 6	100%
Overall	96%

HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING - REMINDER

Just a quick reminder that HBHS open evening is next Wednesday, 29th September from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds menu

(please note this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta Bolognaise	Chicken burger in a bun with wedges	Sausage, mash and yorkshire pudding	Mince and dumplings with mash	Salmon fish fingers with baby mid potatoes
WITH				
Sweetcorn	Peas	Carrots	Mixed veg	Beans
Fruit meringue	Raspberry and white chocolate muffin	Flapjack	Cheesecake	Cookie
Fresh fruit/Yogurt				

Yours



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