



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holidays (it feels like rather a long time ago now!) Apologies for this late running newsletter that was due last week. Due to the inspection of our school, this newsletter was unable to be finished in time but we appreciate your patience in this.

We have made a fantastic start to the year and children have settled back well into classes. We have had a 'facelift' at our school with new carpets and I would like to say a big thank you for sending your children in with slippers to ensure that these are kept clean; it has also added more of a 'homely' feel to our school day. Eden and Clyde Classes are due to get their new carpets in the next two weeks.

Thank you for the parents who were able to come to our Workshop Wednesday and engage in Reading activities with your children - we are thrilled to be able to offer you these opportunities to engage in your child's learning within the school day.

As detailed in my previous email, the National Education Union is planning to implement a series of strikes in the coming weeks. For the **1st February**, we are planning that **all classes will be open to all children**. Attached is a letter detailing some Frequently Asked Questions, which I hope will help with the context of the strike. Industrial action is not taken lightly and decisions can alter over time, even in the hours before a strike. However, we will do our best to keep families informed of any changes to ensure there is clear planning to support our children. Best Wishes, Mr Glenton

Inspection of our school

As already mentioned, our wonderful school was inspected by the education regulator Ofsted, on Friday 20th January. As a federated school, we share expertise and subject leadership across both Greenhead and Henshaw which utilises the talents and specialisms of the professionals that work across the federation. The staff work incredibly hard each and every day and this is why our school is such a special place of teaching, learning and wonder.

Unfortunately, the outcome of the report is confidential until it has passed a rigorous checking and validating process but what I can share is how incredibly proud we are of our Federation and what it offers children in both schools; we may be small but we have huge ambition and I am sure this will be realised by Ofsted when the report is published in the next three to four weeks. We will notify you as soon as this is available.

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden we have loved our class book 'Whatever Next' and have started thinking about space. We wanted to find out more, so we have begun to find facts out about the planets using non-fiction texts. We have created our own labels for the planets and wrote some facts using our phonics knowledge. The children are beginning to write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Well done! In maths we have explored the number six in depth, finding lots of ways to make six, how to write it and its position on the number line. At home it would be great if you could support your child's number recognition by playing games such as dominoes or games involving dice.

Clyde Class

This week in Clyde Class we have been looking at using apostrophes for contracted from and using capital letters for people's names. We also received a letter from Katie Morag.

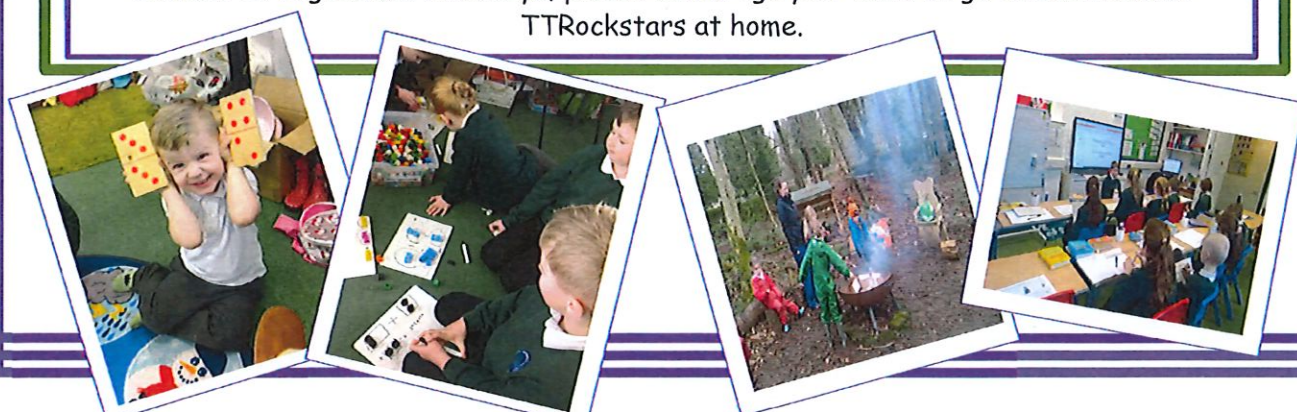
During Maths Year 1 have been looking at place value and finding different ways to represent numbers within 20 and year 2 have been looking at equal groups. To support your child at home with their learning see if they can group objects (toy cars, raisins, pencils) equally and see if they can describe the groups they can see. To support year 1, see if they can represent numbers within 20 using different objects at home.

Danube Class

In Danube class this week we have been learning about multiplication and division. We have been practicing our times tables by singing along with times table songs. In Science we have been investigating light to see how it travels. In Forest school we have been building fires, looking at fire safety and cooking our own food. We would like to thank all the parents for their continued support with the children's reading, maths and spellings at home.

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have had lots of fun over the past few weeks. In English, we have been writing newspaper reports based on Ernest Shackleton's third expedition and took part in hot seating to find out more from some members of his crew. In maths, year 5 have begun their new topic of multiplication and division and year 6 have begun their new topic of converting measures. We have enjoyed taking part in our new Young Leaders programme and year 6 also went to Durham University to take part in their new Scholar's Programme. As always, please encourage your child to go on EdShed and TTRockstars at home.



Our School Promise

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

Learning Award - Fraser, Cadence, Ruby

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Noah, Harry, Fraser, Finley, Ella, Jessica J

Etiquette Award - Layla, Paige, Faith

Environmental Award - George H, Fraser

Kindness Award - Joe, Iyla, Everlynn

Inclusion Award - Phoebe, Harry

Friendship Award - Theo S, Layla

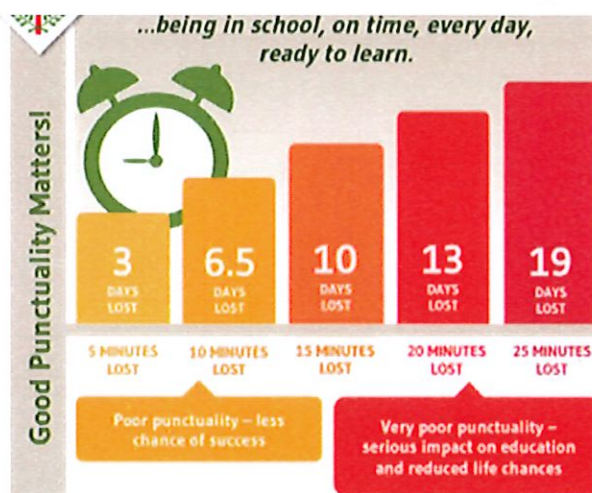
Role model Award - Briar, Rachel, Iyla, Dexter



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

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

- **Eden** - 97.3%
- **Clyde** - 99.1%
- **Danube** - 96.36%
- **Mississippi** - 95.8%
- **Whole school** - 96.97%



DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 full weeks of school in one year?

Bible stories and Drama Club

Our local church community trialled a bible story and drama after school club, after members of our school had expressed interest in starting up an after-school club at the churches. The children really enjoyed listening to stories, acting them out and learning more about the Christian faith. A huge thank you to Father Steve, Elsie and Judy for providing this wonderful provision for our children. The next session is on **Wednesday 15th February at 3:20pm at Greenhead Church**, please let the office know if your child would like to attend. This session will be charged at £2 which can be donated on the day at the church.

A Message from Father Steve

Hopefully Haltwhistle Carnival will be happening this summer. I was thinking about a Churches' float in the procession. Is there anyone who has experience in this sort of thing, or is willing to help? Part of the Church contribution to local life is our two Church Schools in Greenhead and Henshaw and I wonder if anyone could help shape what we do in the event, whether procession or stalls or any other ideas. Please contact Steve, the vicar, 07952 813786.

Packed Lunch Policy

A few months ago, the school council came to see me with an issue they had found themselves...they thought that packed lunches were becoming very unhealthy and they wanted to change this. The council have worked on a plan to address this with Miss Munro which involved consulting with other children and the parents and then producing their own guidance for a packed lunch policy. They then presented this to governors at a recent governor committee meeting. The governors overwhelmingly voted to adopt this policy. Well done to the school council for making improvements to our school. Please can I ask that parents support the children in the hard work they have put into this policy by abiding by this guidance from Monday. Thank you in advance for supporting and empowering the children to make a difference and have a voice.



Learning outside the classroom - Durham University and Eco Council

Last week, members of our Eco Council visited Haydon Bridge High School to take part in a sustainability workshop with 8 other local schools. They were able to present what they had done to make our schools more environmentally friendly and also made plans for our next steps.

This week, Year 6 have also started their work with Durham University by visiting this prestigious centre for learning and embarking on a university course. We are looking forward to meeting our University tutor next week and starting our project.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 1st Feb - Year 6 University tutor starts - workshops every week

Thursday 2nd Feb - Mining Workshop - Danube

Thursday 9th Feb - Tynedale Hospice assembly and possible follow-up fundraising

Monday 13th Feb - Rail Safety Education talk - Network Rail

Tuesday 14th Feb - Greenhead Reception visiting Henshaw Reception, Henshaw Primary

Tuesday 14th Feb - Valentines Day service 9:15am at Greenhead Church - (Years 1 to Year 6), - parents welcome to attend.

Wednesday 15th Feb - Bible Stories and Drama Club 3.20pm at St Cuthbert's Church

Thursday 16th Feb - The Demon Dentist theatre visit, Danube Class; The Sands Centre

Friday 17th Feb - Teacher Training Day, School closed to children

Monday 20th Feb - Friday 24th Feb - **SPRING MID TERM BREAK**

Monday 27th Feb - LKS2 (Y3/4) commence swimming lessons

A final thought...

Enjoy life - You only get one

Richard Branson