



Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Hello everyone and welcome to our second newsletter of the academic year. The children have settled well into school and are making the most on the fantastic opportunities and curriculum on offer. We would like to share this with you at our upcoming Workshop Wednesday next week and also at parent consultations which are scheduled for the first week back after half term (week commencing 6th November).

Sign up sheets for times and days will come home with your child next week.

I am happy to now be able to share the news with you that we are consulting with our community on the opportunity to join the Newcastle and Durham Diocese Multi Academy Trust along with our Federated school, Henshaw Primary. I really do think this move is in the best interests of our Federation and we will gain much from working with the trust and other schools within it. There are two meetings planned for parents to come to if they wish to ask further questions; these are on Tuesday 17th October at 3:30pm at Greenhead and Wednesday 18th October at Henshaw. Parents from both schools are welcome in either meeting.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and wrap up warm as we head into these Autumn months.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Upcoming Parent Events, all are welcome to attend

Just a quick note to remind parents of the lovely events we have got coming up in the next few months:

- **Workshop Wednesday** at school - 2pm to 3pm on Wednesday 11th October, the focus will be Maths games - Reception to Year 6
- **Harvest Festival** at Greenhead Church - 9am on Friday 27th October - Reception to Year 6
- **Remembrance Day Celebration** at Holy Cross, Haltwhistle 10:30am on Friday 10th November - Year 3 to Year 6

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden class we have enjoyed reading the Little Red Hen. We have learnt some wonderful words such as collaboratively, concoction, ingredients, rising and unhelpful. The children worked together to make their own loaf of bread and enjoyed it toasted for snack. We have created our own version of the story in drawing club. In maths we have been exploring different ways to sort objects such as by size, colour and shape. We created a class washing line and pegged up matching pairs of socks. At home see if your child could help match up pairs of socks when sorting out the washing.

Clyde Class

This week we have been writing a recount based on Wilfrid Gordon's journey to help Miss Nancy find her memories. In Science we have been comparing the structure of different plants. In Maths, Year 1 have been exploring the place value with numbers to 15 and Year 2 have been looking at fact families within 20. To support your child at home, practise writing the numbers up to 20 using different writing materials such as chalk or using sticks in the mud. We have also enjoyed creating our own artwork to represent the Creation story.

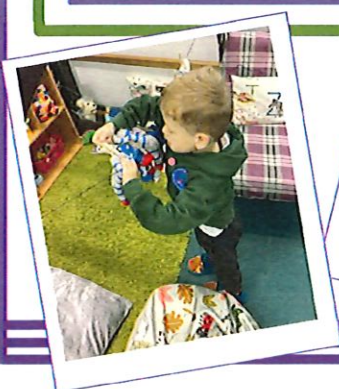
Danube Class

This week in Danube class we have been learning about Rocks in Science. The children have been pretending to be geologists and carry out investigations to compare and group different rocks. There have carried out four different investigations where they needed to find the best rock for each job described. In maths the children have been exploring solving addition and subtraction problems with 3 and 4-digit numbers. As always, we appreciate your continued support with practising times tables at home with the children. We would also like to encourage the children to continue to use EdShed at home to give them the best opportunity to practise their spellings.

Mississippi Class

This week in Mississippi class, we have been looking at common factors and multiples in year 5 and long division in year 6. In English, we have written a biography about David Attenborough and in History we have continued our work around the Shang Dynasty. We enjoyed a gymnastics taster session this week and practiced how to do a round off and in Netball, we learned how to pivot to pass the ball.

Please continue to encourage your child to access Spelling Shed, we have a weekly spelling test each Friday and all spellings up until half term can be found in your child's diary.



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 - Lily, Evie H, Faith & Briar

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Jessica J, Layla & Daniel

Etiquette Award - Harry & Jessica B

Environmental Award - Fraser, Conan, Joe & Faith

Kindness Award - Charlotte, James W, Evie H & Lily

Inclusion Award - Ella-Mae

Friendship Award - Faith & Paige

Role model Award - Bonnie, Fraser & Ruby



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

Eden - 92.9%

Clyde - 94%













Danube - 95.3%

Mississippi - 96%

Whole School - 94.53%

Our target for attendance is 96%





Forest Adventures

A new playgroup for 3, 4 and 5 year olds

Held in our beautiful woodland area at Greenhead Primary school every Monday from 3:30pm until 5pm (or sunset in winter).

Led by a qualified Forest School Practitioner, come and join us as we explore nature, create art out of the environment and use our wonderful resources (including our fire pit).

Sessions are £5 per parent and child

To book a session, please call the school office on 01697 747347 or email at greenhead@westtyne federation.uk to reserve your place

McMillan Coffee Morning at Bardon Mill Village Hall

A huge THANK YOU for all the cakes we received into school from staff and families last weekend to help support the McMillan coffee morning at Bardon Mill Village Hall - it was a great success and the community raised some wonderful funds to support this charity.

We will continue to support St Oswald's hospice, our Schools' charity, this year and we are looking forward to receiving our Shaun the Sheep (Terry) back in a few weeks after his travels to Newcastle Cathedral.



Clubs, lunchtime enrichments and new resources

Clubs across our Federation continue to be well attended and this really does enrich the education offer that we can provide for all our pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the school staff who give up their time to provide these wonderful opportunities. Please remember, children are welcome at any club within the Federation, irrelevant of where they do their day-to-day learning.

Working with Miss Porteous, our PE leader for the Federation, we are in the process of setting up further clubs (football and sports leaders) at lunchtime and we are excited to announce that our new school football strip has now arrived - next step is to train up a school team! We have also received a grant to further develop out of school hours provision and have been ordering lots of new netball, football, forest schools and gymnastics equipment because of this - watch this space for new clubs coming soon...

Dates for the diary

Invitations for parents evening after half term will be sent out next week

Monday 9th October - NHS Flu immunisations Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 11th October - 2pm-3pm Workshop Wednesday; all parents and carers welcome

Friday 20th October - Reception & Year 6 Height & weight measurements

Friday 27th October 9am - Harvest celebration at Greenhead Church; all parents and carers welcome to attend

Friday 27th October - Deadline for Year 5&6 Lockerbie Residential deposits.

Friday 27th October - Last Day of half term, **school returns on Monday 6th November**

Week commencing 6th November - Parent consultation week

Friday 10th November - Remembrance Day Celebration at Holy Cross, Haltwhistle 10:30am - Year 3 to Year 6

Thursday 23rd November - Bedtime stories event at school for Reception to Year 6

A final thought...

Life is like riding a bike; to keep going you must keep moving forward

Anon