



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

It was great to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival last week and it was wonderful to once again get back to our local church. A big thank you to Father Steve & everybody who helped with teas, coffees & a warm church for children to perform. In this newsletter, I can now confirm some of the lovely events we have planned in the next few weeks to enhance what we are able to offer the children; such as our bedtime stories event, Remembrance Day celebration and disco (many thanks to the PTA for organising this). Just after half term, we will be able to give you the details of our Christmas activities coming up including our Christmas fair, Christingle service and performances from the children.

In the past term, we have had visits from our School Improvement Partner and an Ofsted Inspector (who works for the Diocese) to externally validate the amazing work the staff and children do and what a fantastic place Greenhead Primary is. I would like to share some of these with you:

1. Behaviour observed around school and in the classrooms was calm and respectful. Pupils in lessons were engaged in their lessons. Relationships between the children and adults were good.
2. Behaviour across school is good. The new behaviour policy was consistently implemented, and pupils can articulate the new system.
3. The school building is well organised, and space is used effectively. The summer holiday painting program has ensured all classrooms are bright and clean.
4. The school is aware of the importance of preparing the pupils for life in modern Britain and one of the four school drivers is Diversity and the Wider World.
5. All aspects of Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Leadership have been considered to ensure that the correct priorities for development are identified and actioned.
6. There is particular emphasis on outdoor learning in Early Years and the Christian values are instilled through regular class and whole school assemblies.
7. The culture of safeguarding is strong. Actions have been taken to ensure the school, the grounds and daily routines support staff in identifying, helping, and managing pupils to feel and stay safe.

Bedtime Stories Event

On 10th November, all children are welcome to come back into school at 4:30pm for our Bedtime Stories event. Children are welcome to wear their pyjamas, bring their pillows, blankets and a teddy where they can listen to stories read by the adults in the school. Tickets will be £3.00 for the event and will include a hot chocolate and biscuits. Parents will be able to collect children from the front playground at 5:30pm. A letter will go out in the first week of term with more details.

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden we have been exploring signs of Autumn in our brilliant woodland area. We found berries, mushrooms, conkers, acorns, leaves, puddles and mud! The children were great at noticing the change in weather and clothing for this season. From this we have explored leaves, learning the different parts (tip, blade and vein) and the important job leaves do creating food for the tree and creating oxygen. The children collected a range of leaves and painted them autumnal colour to create some amazing leaf prints. We harvested our pumpkin and beetroots and prepared the vegetable patch for planting. In maths we have been finding matching pairs, looking at numbers, size, pattern and the animals on Noah's ark. At home you could encourage your child to help with the laundry by pairing up socks.

Clyde Class

This week in Clyde Class we have been planning to rewrite our class reader, *Giraffes Can't Dance* using adjectives and key phrases. In History, we have been looking at timelines and plotting different significant people with the appropriate time phrase. During Maths we have been comparing and ordering objects and numbers in different ways. To support your child at home read a book with them each night and talk about what is happening in the story and discuss their favourite parts.

Danube Class

In Danube class have been learning a lot about Lindisfarne this week and the Viking raids that happened there a long time ago. The children have been coming up with questions that they would like to find out on our visit there next week. The children have enjoyed creating their own artwork using computers and have been continuing to learn about digital devices. Please continue to encourage the children to read and complete their Spelling Shed work at home. Have a lovely weekend from all of us in Danube class!

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have been enjoying their Guided Reading text 'Between the Lines' and have been summarising the story for far in a tweet or on a timeline. In maths, year 5 have been learning how to round numbers to estimate an answer and year 6 have been focussing on short division. In English, we have begun focussing on our class poet - Spike Milligan - and we have enjoyed learning his nonsense poem, *On the Ning Nang Nong*. Ask your child if they can remember the words!



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 - George F & Theo S

Resilience & Teamwork award - Dexter & Finley

Etiquette award - Tommy, Bonnie & Ruby

Environmental award - Eden Class

Kindness award - Ella-Mae

Inclusion award - Lily

Friendship award - Briar & Freya

Role model award - Tommy



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 -96% Clyde - 91% Danube - 98% Mississippi - 90% School - 93%

Sponsored Reading Event

We raised an AMAZING £244 for extra books for our school through our sponsored reading event. Thank you to all the families and children who took part. Check out our Facebook page to see some of the wonderful books we were able to buy with your generous donations.

PTA Disco at Greenhead Primary School

Our PTA has organised a school disco for our children on Friday 4th November from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. If they wish to attend, children can bring a bag of party clothes to school on this day to change into after school.

As well as music and games, children will receive a hot dog, a drink and a rice crispy cake. Tickets will be available from the school office or by sending £2.00 (in a named envelope) with your child. Parents will be able to collect their children from our playground at 4:30pm. A HUGE thank you to our PTA for organising this for the children, they will have a great time!

SAVE THE DATE: Remembrance Day Celebration at Holy Cross

On Friday 11th November, at 10:40am, children from Years 3 to 6 will take part in a Remembrance Day celebration at Holy Cross Church in Haltwhistle. They will be reading stories, poems and singing songs to remember the brave men, women and children who have fought in wars.

We will also be performing a special song with the church choir. A letter will be sent out in the first week of term giving you more details about this and asking for you to indicate if parents or grandparents would like to attend this community event.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 17th October - Councillor Trevor Cessford assembly - British Values

Tuesday 18th October - Year 1.2 (Clyde Class) South Tynedale Railway visit

Wednesday 19th October - Year 3.4 (Danube Class) Lindisfarne visit

Thursday 20th October - Workshop Wednesday (on a Thursday!) 2:15pm - 3:15pm

MONDAY 24th TO FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER - HALF TERM

Monday 31st October - Teacher Training Day - School closed to children

Friday 4th November - PTA Disco - Please see above

Monday 7th November - Anti Bullying Day - activities in school

Thursday 10th November - Bedtime Stories Event at 5pm

Friday 11th November - Remembrance Day Celebration at Holy Cross - Parents, Carers and Grandparents welcome to attend.

A message from our Vicar, Father Steve



Help needed - Halloween service and party

On Sunday 30th October, you are invited to an All Hallows Evening service at Greenhead at 4pm. Part of the service will be by candlelight (but battery ones for safety with any fancy dress!). We would like to have a party for the children in the village hall afterwards but need some parents to help organise it. If you could help with that, please contact the vicar, Steve, on 01434 320215 or canonstevewright@gmail.com

A final thought...

If you are tired, learn to rest not to quit

Anon.