



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

What a busy start to our last half term this year - It really does feel like the year has flown by! I hope you had a chance to read the Ofsted reports from both Greenhead (February) and Henshaw (May) which both illustrated what a fantastic Federation of schools we have, the well-behaved and lovely children who attend them and the hard-work and dedication the professionals working across these schools show each and every day. I feel the Federation (and what we are able to offer your children) has gone from strength to strength this year and it is extremely heart-warming to hear the community and parents' positive comments and see the support for our wonderful schools every day. Although we do not 'always' get everything right, I really value your openness, understanding and communication and appreciate working together with you all. Both Ofsted reports can now be seen on our websites and on the Ofsted homepage portal.

As we near the end of the academic year, I would like to share the school organisation for classes next year, as follows:

| Class | Teacher | Additional adults who may work in the class |
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| Nursery and Reception (Eden Class) | Miss Thompson (Monday to Thursday) Miss Mitchell (Friday, Forest School) | Miss Teasdale Mrs Brachtvogel |
| Year 1 and 2 (Clyde Class) | Mrs Makepeace | Miss Eames Mrs Hosking |
| Year 3 and 4 (Danube Class) | Miss Mitchell (Monday and Tuesday) Miss Porteous (Wednesday to Friday) | Mrs Hosking |
| Year 5 and 6 (Mississippi Class) | Miss Jopson | Mrs Crawford |

Welcome to Miss Eames who will be joining us as a teaching assistant, working in Key Stage 1.

Also welcome Miss Teasdale and Mrs Brachtvogel who are joining our Federation family officially as the school takes the exciting step of incorporating the Nursery into our provision.

From next year, we will be called **Greenhead Nursery and Primary School**; exciting times!

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden we have enjoyed learning about the wider world using the story 'Handa's Surprise'. The children located Africa on the globe and learnt some great facts about the country Kenya. We carried out a taste test of exotic fruit from the story and used this activity to create a pictogram of our favourite fruit, as well as writing amazing adjectives to describe them. The children are able to retell the story and can remember which animal stole which fruit. At home you could play 'Kim's Game'. Place 4 or 5 fruits on the table/floor, name the fruits a couple of times to help your child remember them. Then cover the fruit with a tea towel. Take one fruit away without your child looking and see if they can identify which fruit is missing.

Clyde Class

Clyde class have been busy learning about elephants linked to our class reader book Elephant Me and created our own information text. During maths year 1 have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and year 2 have been looking at comparing volume and capacity. We have also been making our own paper tag labels in DT and explored different fabric objects and discussed what we liked about them and how we could improve them. We have been enjoying the lovely weather and compared the weather within all four seasons during Science. We had lots of fun using atlases to explore different continents and countries around the world.

Danube Class

In Danube class this week we have been lucky enough to watch butterflies being released into the nature garden (What a lovely new home for them!). We attended the School Games Quad Competition at Allendale Primary this week. It was an excellent opportunity for the children to practise their athletic skills and compete against children from other schools. In maths the children have been learning about time, months and years. In English we have been completing our newspaper report writing based on an event from ancient Egyptian history. The children have been learning to include in their newspaper reports: what, why, where, when and who. We hope you all enjoy the sunshine this weekend and continue to support the children with their reading and spellings at home.

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have had a fab start to our final half term before the summer holidays. We have begun our new science topic of 'living things and their habitats' and have compared the life cycles of a number of different animals. We are also writing a leaflet persuading people to go on holiday to Brazil in English and in Maths, we are looking at co-ordinates. Year 6 had a brilliant trip to Newcastle Cathedral to celebrate their time at primary school and Year 5 have enjoyed taking part in their final Forest School session. As always, please continue to encourage your child to access Spelling Shed 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.

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 - Everlynn & Ruben

Resilience & Teamwork award - Briar & Jessica J

Etiquette award - Harry & Danube Class

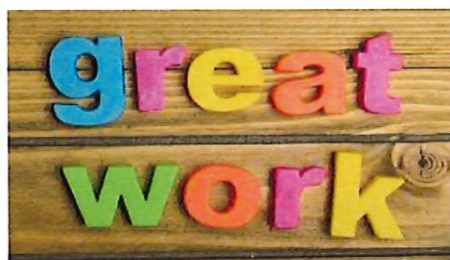
Environmental award - Finn, Fraser & Faith

Kindness award - Paige & Dexter

Inclusion award - Phoebe & Harry

Friendship award - Jack, Freya & Theo S

Role model award - Ruben & Rachel



Attendance

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

Eden - 99%

Clyde - 92.7%

Danube - 95.5%

Mississippi - 94.7%

WHOLE SCHOOL - 94.9%

Our upcoming Sports Day

Just a quick reminder that our Sports Day is once again being held at the Wentworth in Hexham from 1pm until 2:30pm on **Monday 10th July**, followed by our Summer Fair. It is vital that parents inform us if their child requires transport back to school at the end of Sports Day so that we can make transport arrangements as necessary. Parents are then welcome to take their children at the end of Sports Day to look around the Fair.

Our Shaun the Sheep and St Oswald's trail

Our Shaun the Sheep, named Terra (the Roman goddess of Earth) looks utterly 'baaa-rilliant' and is now ready to join the 'flock' around Newcastle for the St Oswald's trail (beginning on 19th July and running for 10 weeks). Thank you for supporting our fund-raising efforts so far for this important and worth-while charity. A huge thank you to all the adults and children who have helped to decorate Terra, in particular, our DT lead, Miss Thompson who has led this project so well.



A message from Mrs Knowles

It is with great sadness that at the end of this academic year, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Knowles. In the short time I have worked with her, I have seen her give such passion, dedication and work tirelessly in her role as HLTA at the Federation. We wish her well as she embarks on her many adventures in her retirement.

"I have been working in education for nearly 40 years and have decided to 'hang up my hat' and take early retirement.

I began my career as an NNEB (Nursery nurse) in Newcastle where I worked in various schools, mainly in Early years and SEN support.

After having a break for 4 years to be a stay-at-home mum for Joshua, I returned to education, firstly in the Pre - school/nursery at Henshaw and then in the school as a TA/HLTA. My final 6 years have been spent at Greenhead .

It has been a joy and a privilege to work with children from all walks of life during my career and to be part of their life journey.

So, after a lifetime of runny noses, paint and glue, and of being known as the 'tissue lady ' and the 'messy teacher ' , it's time to say goodbye. I will continue to uphold you all in my thoughts and prayers". God bless, Mrs Knowles

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 27th June - Reception Class (Tyne) to visit Greenhead for outdoor learning

Tuesday 4th July - Transition afternoon - Children spend the afternoon with their teachers for next year.

Wednesday 5th July - Workshop Wednesday at 9am, all parents/carers welcome to attend

Wednesday 5th July - (PM) Sculpture workshop for years 1-4 at Walltown (letter to follow)

Friday 7th July - Theatre performance for Whole School at Walltown (letter to follow)

Monday 10th July - Sports Day at the Wentworth, Hexham 1pm to 3pm

(The school will be subsidising these three visits so no cost to parents)

Wednesday 12th - 14th July - Lockerbie residential for Year 5 and 6 children

Monday 17th July - Year 6 reward visit to the Metrocentre - arrive at Henshaw at 8:20am

Wednesday 19th July - Reports sent out to parents

Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 leavers assembly (parents welcome to attend) 2:30pm

Thursday 20th July - Whole Federation Beach Trip - see attached letter

School closes for Summer holidays on Friday 21st July and reopens to children on Tuesday 5th September; Monday 4th September is a teacher training day.

A final thought...

Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world

Nelson Mandela