

Friday, 17th February 2017

Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic, action-packed half term so far! We hope that the children have a brilliant half term holiday, stay safe and have a well-deserved rest!

Nature garden!

Wow! What a week!

The Spadeadam working party has done us proud and the children (and staff!) are so keen to get in and use the lovely new outdoor space! This project wouldn't have been possible without the co-ordination of Flight Lieutenant Michael Lyddon and his team of volunteers. We would like to say a huge thank you to them all. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Wigham and Mr and Mrs Bell for donating the new fence resources, Mrs Nolan and the members of the PTA for organising the raffle and refreshments, Mrs Simpson for providing bulbs and plants, Poltross in Haltwhistle for donating bird seed and feeders, Mr Sharp for contacting the relevant people so the project could take place initially, and last but not least the children and the staff who helped with the planting and the baking!

Over the course of the week the Spadeadam working party have totally re-vamped the nature garden. They have replaced the fence, created a storage bin for the children to make their own compost, emptied the pond and filled it with rubble and compost and planted seeds in it with the view that it will become a meadow for wild flowers in the Summer months. They have also re-created our fire pit area that we use during Forest School sessions, made bug houses/hotels, hedgehog houses, bird feeders and bird boxes. The carpenter at Spadeadam has also made the children four moveable benches so that they can be positioned anywhere in the Nature Garden.

Sally Graham from Northumberland National Parks joined us to discuss habitats with the children and how to encourage wildlife into the garden. The children also made fat ball bird feeders with her and hung them in the trees.

The children have absolutely loved being able to be a part of this fantastic outdoor opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed helping the RAF soldiers. The working party have cleared the area and made it safe and accessible for all children from Pre-School age upwards. As a school we want to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences. We feel that by participating in engaging and achievable tasks and activities in a woodland environment each child has an opportunity to develop motivation, emotional and social skills. The children now have the chance to work in an outdoor classroom and be part of an ongoing community project.

The children's biscuit and cake sale made £75 for new outdoor equipment! Well done everyone!



Star of the Week

Reception – Everlynne – For improved reading and great use of descriptive words.

Class 1 – Lilly – For being a map skill detective when doing research about Greenhead.

Class 2 – Imogen – For a fantastic adventure story!

Virtues and Values – Honesty – Jack, Aiden, Fraser, Nathaniel, Angus and Arthur for being honest about their feelings regarding playing football and working as a team to sort it out.

Dates for your diary

Year 4 Residential talk with Debra Rowntree	Monday 27 th February 3.30pm – Greenhead School
West Tyne Federation joint Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 1 st March 11.15am - St Cuthbert's Church, Greenhead
World Book Day – dress as your favourite character.	Thursday 2 nd March
Mother's Day tea and cake morning (More details to follow)	9.45-10.30am Thursday 23 rd March Greenhead School Hall
Red Nose Day (More details to follow)	Friday 24 th March
Dance Festival (All Year groups – more details to follow)	Tuesday 28 th March

Mrs Hancock & Miss Reynolds's Menu w/c 27.2.17

(Please note this menu may be subject to change)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lasagne, Crusty Homemade Bread & Salad	Roast Beef Dinner, Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Carrots	Chicken Pie, Sweetcorn & Potato Wedges	Sausage Pasta Bake & Salad	Fish Coddies, Chips & Beans
Raspberry Chocolate Muffin	Steamed Syrup Sponge & Custard	Carrot Cake	Iced Muffin Cake	Oaty Biscuit & Milkshake
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

Yours

Mrs Meek

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