



Greenhead CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Can I start by saying a MASSIVE thank you to all the parents who worked so hard with their children to take part in the History-focussed homework projects that have come into school in the past two weeks. We have been astounded by the knowledge and enthusiasm the children have shown when they have been sharing their projects - super researching, enquiry skills and confident presentations.

Year 3 and 4 have started their 'Beneath Our Feet' project last week where they worked with children at Henshaw Primary to explore our mining heritage and the work of local artist; Norman Cornish. Year 6 have also started their university workshops with their PhD mentor from Newcastle University and have already produced some stunning written outcomes.

This week, the children have also had a visit from the Tynedale Hospice Association who have told us all about the wonderful, caring work they do in our community. We hope to do some fundraising activities next half term; Our School Council will take the lead on this.

Four more school days to go, we hope you all have a lovely half-term holiday

Best Wishes, Mr Glenton

Need to get in touch?

If you need to get in touch with your class teacher, the best time is at the end of the day when we dismiss the children, so we can give you our full attention. Please feel free to pass on any quick messages at the start of the school day where necessary. Alternatively, please send an email to class teachers who will respond to you when they are able. Please do not notify us of absence using class emails as these are not checked as regularly as the office email. The office email or telephone number should be used for absences.

Class teachers check the class email addresses at regular intervals through the week but will not be replying to emails after 6pm or before 8am or at weekends; our teachers work extremely hard so deserve and need to maintain a healthy work/life/family balance too!

If you feel that the class teacher has been unable to solve an issue which has occurred, please contact the school office and Mr Glenton or one of our Assistant Head Teachers will endeavour to get in touch to help.

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden we have been digging deeper and exploring our questions about day time and night time, where does the sun and stars go? We used our inflatable solar system and the light of torch to investigate what happens as the earth rotates and orbits the sun. The children were great at making observations about where the light hit and which parts were in the dark. We even found out how the moon 'changes' shape. We created our solar system outside and orbited the sun, the moon had to orbit the earth as it went around the sun this was a dizzy job! At home you could continue to deepen this understanding by talking about shadows, why not make shadow puppets or see how you can make shadows different sizes.

Clyde Class

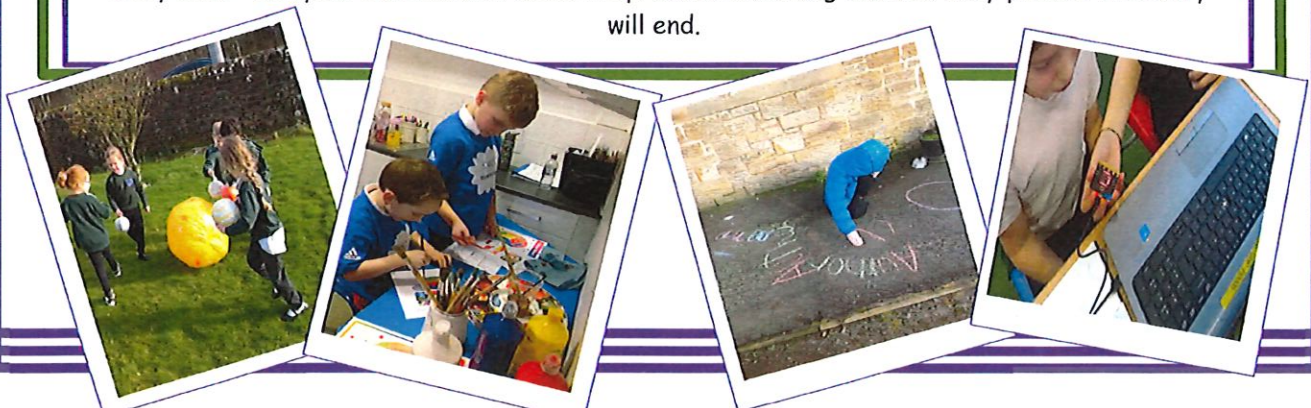
This week in Clyde Class we have finished writing our letters to Katie Morag where we have been using a range of punctuation such as question marks, exclamation marks and commas. We have had lots of fun exploring numbers to 20 in year 1 by using chalk to create our own number lines. Year 2 have been busy learning to share objects equally and to understand how to use the division symbol. To support your child at home they can practise forming their numbers to 20. With Year two you can support them by sharing objects at home equally such as toy cars, pens or lego bricks and write a division to match their groups. During Art we have been exploring colours and creating different shades of the same colour using paint. On Safer Internet Day we learnt about how to keep ourselves safe online and talked about what we can do if there is anything that is worrying us online. In Geography we will be looking at the RNLI to understand how they help people.

Danube Class

The children in Danube class this week have really enjoyed sharing their History homework with one another. We were really impressed with the range of different people that the children had chosen to research. We enjoyed playing games to learn our spellings this week. Some of the children went outside to practice their spellings using different coloured chalk. Year 3 enjoyed a morning of DT in the woodland area with Miss Mitchell. We have also enjoyed singing our songs in preparation for the Valentines day performance. We are grateful for the ongoing support with the children's spellings, times tables and reading out of school. This support is vital to the children's progress in school.

Mississippi Class

In English, Mississippi class have begun writing a formal letter based off our class text, Twelfth Night. In Maths, year 5 have continued to learn about multiplication and division and y6 have begun learning about ratio. We have enjoyed creating circuits in Science and tested how to make a lightbulb brighter by adding and taking away components. Finally, we are coming to the end of our Guided Reading text (The River Queen) and have been making predictions about how the story ends - ask your child what it means to predict something and how they predict the story will end.



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 - *Jasper, Harrison*

Resilience & Teamwork Award - *James, Iyla, Ellie*

Etiquette Award - *Tommy*

Environmental Award - *Clyde class, Faith*

Kindness Award - *Iyla, Lily, Joe*

Inclusion Award - *Rachel, Ellie*

Friendship Award - *Bonnie, Briar*

Role model Award - *Fraser, Jessica B, Daniel*

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** - 98%
- **Clyde** - 94.55%
- **Danube** - 98.18%
- **Mississippi** - 97.06%
- **Whole School** - 96.82%



Our target for attendance is 96%



Bible stories and Drama Club

A fortnight ago, the children really enjoyed listening to stories, acting them out and learning more about the Christian faith. Father Steve, Elsie and Judy provided this wonderful provision for our children and were very impressed with the knowledge and enthusiasm children showed.

The next session is on **Wednesday 15th February at 3:20pm until 4:20pm 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. **Please ring the school office to reserve a place for your child.**

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.

Friendship coins

Each and every day, we continue to work with the children on our Christian values and on understanding the different friendships and relationships in their lives. With our restorative approach and daily assemblies, children discuss this and what to do when they (inevitably) fall out. Next week, we are having a push on friendship and children will be given three friendship tokens each at the start of the week. Over the week, they will be able to give tokens to other children when others have shown their Christian values and been kind to them. Children can gift these as many times between themselves as they wish. If these come home, please send them back to school so children can reuse them each week.

Can you help us with any of the following...

Our chickens have settled into school wonderfully and are now laying eggs! We now want to research the possibility of getting other animals for the school. If you have an outdoor rabbit hutch going spare which we could put in our new reading corner, then please let us know. Also any donations of straw or chicken feed from our farming families would be greatly appreciated.

Valentine's Day Service at our local church

Just a reminder that our first Valentine's Day service will be held at the Church at **9:30am on Tuesday 14th February.** All are welcome to attend where the children from Year 1 to 6 will be singing and talking about St Valentine.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 14th February - Greenhead Reception visiting Henshaw Reception, Henshaw Primary
Tuesday 14th February - Valentine's Day service (Year 1 to Year 6), 9:30am at Greenhead Church - parents welcome to attend.
Thursday 16th February - The Demon Dentist theatre visit, Danube Class, The Sands Centre
Friday 17th February - 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
Thursday 2nd March - **World Book Day** - Children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character and there are fun games and activities planned.

A final thought... Be kind to yourself so you can be happy enough to be kind to the world - Misha Collins