



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Hello everyone, we hope this newsletter finds you all well and you are all managing to keep warm in this chilly, snowy weather. We have had a wonderful start to this short half term with an angling workshop for Year 1 and 2, a dinosaur museum tour at the Great North Museum for Reception, Year 3 & 4 have also enjoyed a visit from the family of the famous Northern artist, Norman Cornish, this week to support their project, Beneath our Feet and a visit to Whitehaven for Year 5 and 6 where they found out all about slavery in the past. It is really beneficial that children are able to explore the amazing opportunities available to them through our local amenities and environment.

There will be a new section for the next few months in our newsletter; the staff spotlight. This is so you can get to know members of the school team a bit better and understand the many jobs they do to make our school a fantastic place to be.

The school also enjoyed a fabulous World Book Day; we saw a huge range of characters from Little Red Riding Hood to Harry Potter and Willy Wonka - Robin Hood even put in an appearance! The children enjoyed working with others from different classes in the afternoon to create some wonderful puppets for their mystery story book which they used to retell the tale. The day was capped off with a treasure hunt in our lovely woodland area.

I was thrilled to be able to share with you our latest Ofsted report. After a rigorous, 10-hour inspection by two inspectors, leaders of the school were given this feedback and we felt that this truly represented our school's ethos and values.

We were bound by confidentiality and had to wait a while for the full report. Reading this, I feel it could have been written by somebody who has worked at the school for many years - it truly encapsulates what we are all about at Greenhead, and more so, across the West Tyne Federation.

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful family of professionals who work so hard and diligently to provide a first-class education for your children. Your continued support really does make all the difference,

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden during maths we have been measuring height and length using non-standard units. We created a class height chart and could explain who is the tallest and who is the shortest. We also measured our dinosaur's height and length using cubes and then rulers. We have begun our Dangerous dinosaurs topic and have had a fantastic memorable experience at the Great North Museum where we all got to be palaeontologists! The children used brushes to dig for fossils and then identified them using fact files. The children also got to use their maths skills when measuring ammonite fossils and categorised them from smallest to largest. We went on a scavenger hunt around the museum and found lots of interesting artefacts. At home your child could measure items around the house for example toys, blocks and teddies!

Clyde Class

This week we have been looking at the features of instructions and planning to write a set of instructions to pack a rucksack for an adventure. In Maths, Year 1 have been looking at doubling and subtracting using numbers and Year 2 have been learning their 5- and 10-times tables and comparing them. This week Clyde Class had the pleasure of working with the Angling Trust who came into school. We learnt some different fish names and how to look after rivers and ponds for the fish. We have started to look at our new Art topic about Portraits and explored some artwork of Queen Elizabeth I and learnt some new facts about Queen Elizabeth I. In RE we have been exploring different parts of the Easter story and understanding the importance of different events to Christians. In Science we have been exploring our local area and finding signs of Spring, we talked about the differences between Winter and Spring. To help support your child in their learning at home you can help them find different instructions around the home e.g. board game or recipe and see if they can identify different features that make it a set of instructions.

Danube Class

This week in Danube class we have been learning all about fractions. We have been investigating how the denominator number changing, increases or decreases the size of the fraction. We have been writing fictional stories in English about being in a mine, follow on from our research about our local mining area. We have enjoyed using Scratch in computing, creating a sprite and key to control its movements. We need your continued support at home to support the children with their reading and spellings.

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class enjoyed their visit to The Rum Story in Whitehaven this week and learned lots of new information about slavery to help with their new History topic, Maafa. They learned all about the life of the Jefferson's, how slaves were treated and how Rum was transported between Europe, Africa and America. We have also enjoyed discussing refugees in relation to our Guided Reading text, The Boy at the Back of the Class and writing a biography based on William Shakespeare. Ask your child if they can tell you all about the Triangular Trade and please encourage them to keep going on Ed Shed.



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 - Theo S & Tommy

Resilience & Teamwork award - Rachel & Evie B

Etiquette award - Charlie & Mississippi class

Environmental award - Freya

Kindness award - Fraser & Rachel

Inclusion award - Jack

Friendship award - Theo G, Ellie & Jessica J

Role model award - Freya & Noah



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

Eden:78% Clyde:95.4% Danube:99% Mississippi:94.6% Whole School:94%

Upcoming Events: Red Nose Day, Together Tuesday and Workshop Wednesday

We have lots of enrichment events coming up across the Federation in the next couple of weeks.

On Tuesday 14th March, Miss Munro will be holding her first Together Tuesday at Henshaw relating to Maths and how to support your child with this subject at home.

On Tuesday 21st March it will be held at Greenhead. All parents are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

Wednesday 15th March is Workshop Wednesday and parents are invited in to learn all about Science with their children in the classroom.

Friday 17th March is Red Nose Day and children (and staff) are welcome to come to school in non-school uniform for a chocolate donation to go towards our Easter hamper. Red nose cupcakes will be available to buy at school for £1 and any loose change you may have, to cover our Red Nose on the school yard, would be gratefully received. Thank you!

Staff Spotlight - Our Wonderful School Cook, Mrs Hancock



I have been Catering Manager at Henshaw Primary School for 15 years and took over the catering for Greenhead Primary School around 2013. I love my job at the Federation.

I do lots of jobs in the school including the ordering, preparing and cooking of the lunches for both schools. I am also responsible for producing the menus which change twice a year. These are compiled following guidelines set down by the Food Standards Agency, and I meet up once a year with a representative from our food supplier to discuss new products suitable for the children.

Once again this year, we will do this with the school council to continue to give children a voice in our school.

I am also responsible for all the paperwork that comes with working in a kitchen like risk assessments, COSHH sheets, cleaning schedules and temperature charts and am very proud that in my 15 years at Henshaw I have maintained a 5* rating from the Environmental Health officer!

I cater for many different dietary requirements over the Federation, both staff and children and relish this challenge to provide nutritious but tasty meals for children.

Absence and Lateness

Please can we remind parents to contact the school office by 9:15am if their child is going to be absent from school and not use the class email addresses to inform class teachers of absence. The teachers check these email addresses at the end of the day on most days so this message could be missed.

Please can we also remind parents that school starts at 8:45am and teachers provide early morning work (which is tailored specifically to their level and sequence of learning) from 8:50am so that learning can start straight away. Please ensure that your child has access to our full curriculum by making sure they are here on time each and every day; this way they can have full access to our wonderful curriculum.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14th March 2:30pm - Together Tuesday at Henshaw, Maths focus with Miss Munro

Wednesday 15th March 2:00pm - Workshop Wednesday, Science Focus

Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day - Non-School Uniform Day. Please bring in a chocolate prize to go into our Easter tombola. Red Nose cupcakes will be available to buy

Monday 20th March - Year 6 dental programme.

Tuesday 21st March 2:30pm - Together Tuesday at Greenhead, Maths focus with Miss Munro

Monday 27th March - Danube class- Dance Festival at Allendale Primary (going from swimming)

Wednesday 29th March - Easter Day - children can bring in decorated eggs (letter to follow soon!) and will be taking part in a range of activities across school.

Friday 31st March - Last day of term before Easter holidays.

Monday 17th April - Summer term begins

A final thought...

Kindness is like snow; it makes everything it covers beautiful

Kahlil Gibran