



Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

It is my pleasure to welcome all of our families and children back to Greenhead Nursery and Primary School after a restful and relaxing summer holiday; we hope you have all had a lovely 6 weeks break together.

We have a jam-packed term ahead of us and Christmas will be upon us before we know it! Could I ask all parents, with children who have moved into a new class group, to send a quick email to the class email addresses so that teachers have your contact details - we have found this is the quickest and easiest way to get this information where it needs to be! Class emails are:

greenheadnursery@westtynefederation.uk nursery

eden@westtynefederation.uk reception

clyde@westtynefederation.uk year 1 and 2

danube@westtynefederation.uk year 3 and 4

mississippi@westtynefederation.uk year 5 and 6

I am thrilled with the continued improvements to the school with the addition of a fantastic Early Years Unit (now including Nursery), new tables for our Key Stage 2 children and new LED lighting in our corridors. Watch this space for more developments to our beautiful, small school coming soon...

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Welcome Nursery!

We are excited to welcome the Nursery children to our school family this term. Together with Reception, they now make our Early Years Unit, led by Miss Thompson. This fantastic provision will take full advantage of our wonderful outdoor spaces of the orchard, physical and water areas, quad playground and both Reception and Nursery classrooms. Discreet teaching sessions will be given to both groups of children as well as lots of social interactions and learning opportunities together.

Class News

Eden Class

In Eden class we have been exploring the story Elmer and discussing how we are all unique. We created our very own patchwork elephant, decorated with our likes and things we are good at. We then went on to look at physical differences and looked at our facial features in mirrors and painted brilliant self-portraits. The children have really enjoyed exploring the different areas in the class environment and have been learning to play cooperatively. We have focused on emotions through the story colour monster and explored what each emotion can look like. The children created loose part emotion faces and could identify which colour monster it represented. At home you could play turn taking games which will further develop patience, social skills and problem solving. Some examples are matching pairs, connect 4 and dominoes.

Clyde Class

All the children have settled into Clyde class really well and have worked super hard. We have been working on creating rhyming poems based on our class poet Micheal Rosen. During Maths, we have been doing the unit place value. In year 1 we have been looking at place value within 10 and exploring different ways to represent numbers to 10. In Year 2 we have explored place value using part whole models and base 10 within 100. We have also been discussing what animals do during Autumn as part of our seasons unit for Science.

Danube Class

We have had a fantastic week in Danube class and have been enjoying learning about how to create a diary entry in English. We are basing these entries on our guided reading book 'Stig of the Dump' and the main character Barney when he meets Stig for the first time. In Maths we have been solving problems using partitioning and investigating the value of digits using place value. We celebrated Roald Dahl day on Wednesday in class by creating our own Mr Twit 'disgusting' beards! The children are really engaged with our class reader 'The Twits' and all the horrible pranks Mr and Mrs Twit play on each other. All the children in PE practised their netball throwing skills and displayed how to complete a successful shoulder, bounce and chest pass. Please continue to support the children with their learning at home. This can be achieved by giving them opportunities to use spelling shed, reading to an adult/older sibling and supporting them with times tables.

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have settled back into school life nicely and are enjoying our new topics. We have begun to read our guided reading text The Girl of Ink and Stars and predict what we think might happen next. In maths, we are finishing our place value unit and have worked with numbers up to 10,000,000. In History, we have begun to learn all about the Shang Dynasty - ask your child if they can remember where and when it took place. All pupils have now had their spellings loaded on to Spelling Shed so please encourage your child to access this 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.

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 – Jessica J, Noah

Resilience & Teamwork award – Finley, Fraser, Jessica B, Jack, George H

Etiquette award – All year 4, Harrison

Environmental award – Briar

Kindness award – Fraser, Ella, Finley

Inclusion award – Lily, Finley

Friendship award – Charlie, Hannah

Role model award – Hannah, Ruby

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

Eden - 100% Clyde - 96.7% Danube - 91% Mississippi - 98.4%

Whole School - 96.5% Our target for attendance is 96%

Congratulations!

We are sure you will join us in sending warm wishes and a HUGE congratulations to Mrs Mitchell, who got married over the summer holidays. We hope you had a fantastic day and wish you many years of happiness together!



Hello Mrs Brachtvogel, Mrs Liddle & Miss Eames!

We would like to say a BIG GREENHEAD WELCOME to three new members of staff who have joined us this year:

Mrs Brachtvogel has worked for many years in Rainbows Nursery and is now a member of the school team. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge of Early Years Education. She will continue to work in our Nursery Monday to Thursday.

Mrs Liddle has also worked for many years in a Nursery environment as a Nursery Manager, running a very successful and inspirational Nursery in Gateshead. She will work in our Nursery on Thursday and Friday.

Miss Eames has worked as a Teaching Assistant in another Northumberland school for many years and has worked with children across Early Years and Key Stage 1. She will work across school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

MacMillan Coffee Morning at Bardon Mill Village Hall

To support this wonderful cause, our local community are running a coffee morning on **Saturday 30th September between 10am - 1pm** to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Charity.

We will be holding a school stall at the event too and would like to ask our school community for any donations (shop bought or freshly baked!) to add to this event. Cakes can be brought in on Friday 29th and we will transport them to the event, ready to raise lots of money!

We hope to see you there.



Dates for the diary

Invitations for Year 5 and 6 to sign up to our Lockerbie residential will be coming out in the next fortnight.

Monday 18th September - School clubs start

Tuesday 19th September - Reception vision screening

Thursday 28th September - Individual & sibling school photos

Monday 9th October - NHS Flu immunisations Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 11th October - 2pm-3pm Workshop Wednesday; all parents and carers welcome into school

Friday 27th October - Harvest Festival 09.15 in church (parents can enter church from 9am)
- Last Day of half term, **school returns on Monday 6th November**

Week commencing 6th November - Parent consultation week

A final thought...

And suddenly, you just know; it's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings. Anon