



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

It was great to see so many of you at our Workshop Wednesday last week where parents had the chance to explore a science lesson with the class. We had some scatologists looking at dinosaur droppings in Reception, exploring boats made from different materials in Year 1 and 2, exploring sound in Year 3 and 4 and building a working heart for the circulatory system in Year 5 and 6. We are so happy to be able to share your child's learning with you on this regular basis.

We have also had a successful Together Tuesday where Miss Munro provided a workshop for parents who took the opportunity to explore how we teach and how the children learn Mathematics. The parent booklets for these will be available on our website next week and if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

I would like to say a MASSIVE well done to our Year 6 children who have put in fantastic effort and focus to their work with Durham University and are soon to submit their final assignments - we are very proud of you all and know you will do fantastically well.

Next week, our "design a Shaun the Sheep" homework is due in as well as our Easter Egg competition and our 2d flower display competition. I feel that lots of prizes may be awarded next week...

From me and all the team at Greenhead Primary School, may we wish you a happy Easter and a restful holiday (we still have one more week to go next week however!)

Best wishes

Mr Glenton



Class News

Eden Class

In Eden we have been learning more information about dinosaurs using non-fiction texts. The children have used their phonics skills to read facts and decide which dinosaur the fact is about. We became Scatologists for workshop Wednesday and investigated 'dinosaur poo' to find out whether the dinosaur was a herbivore, carnivore or an omnivore. We read the story 'If I had a dinosaur' and discussed which dinosaur we would have as a pet and why it would make a good pet. The children created fantastic illustrations of their pet dinosaurs and wrote labels for a Tyrannosaurus. At home to further this interest you can explore the [Natural History Museum](#) website or watch episodes of [Andy's Dinosaur Adventures](#) on the CBeebies website.

Clyde Class

This week we have started to create a story map based on our class reader, Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs. During Maths Year 1 have been exploring related facts in a variety of ways whilst Year 2 have been looking at adding pounds and pence. To support your child at home, explore money by using real coins and see if they can find different ways to make an amount for example 10pence. The children enjoyed our Workshop Wednesday where we looked at which materials would be best to make a boat. We created a prediction and used our observation skills to see what happened to the different boats when we put them in water. The children have been working really hard to practise their dance routine for the dance festival.

Danube Class

In Danube class this week we have started our new history topic. We are excited to start learning about the Ancient Egyptians and have started our Egyptian clay sculptures. We have been identifying in English the features of a newspaper report in preparation of writing our own next week. Our newspaper reports will be based on the characters of our class book by David Walliams 'The World's Worst Children'. We would like to remind parents that the D.T homework for this half term is due in next week. We would also like to ask that the children are encouraged at home to go on Ed Shed for the spellings every day too. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have been writing balanced arguments based off their Guided Reading text, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. We are really enjoying this book and have had some fabulous conversations relating to refugees and the headlines in the news recently. We are continuing our Science topic of 'Animals including Humans' and have learned all about how the body changes. Please continue to encourage your child to access Ed 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.

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 - Tommy, Ruben & Bonnie

Resilience & Teamwork award - Evie B & Danube Class

Etiquette award - Mississippi class & George H

Environmental award - Dexter

Kindness award - Rachel & Faith

Inclusion award - Noah

Friendship award - Jessica J, Ruby & Bonnie

Role model award - Noah, Conan, Fraser, Theo S & Jessica B

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

Eden: 92% Clyde: 99.1% Danube: 97.27% Mississippi: 98.8% Whole School: 97.7%



Easter Chocolate Hamper Raffle and Guess the Bunny Name

We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to Mrs Wigham and Mrs Johnson for arranging the Chocolate Hamper Raffle and Guess the Bunny name draws.

Numbers for the raffle (there are 3 hampers to win) are available in the School Office for £1 per number and the Bunny is in School Reception (awaiting his winners cuddle) with his choice of name to pick for 50p per guess.

The draws for all prizes will be made on Friday 31st March with goodies brought home by your child in time for Easter.

Staff Spotlight - Our Wonderful Office Manager, Mrs Coleman

I have been at Greenhead Primary School for just over two years now and I love it! The staff are all brilliant and the children are a pleasure to know. I love helping them on their learning journey, if only in a small way.

I look after all the admin and ordering for our whole school and ensure all information for parents and staff is sent out. I also make arrangements for visits and all the fun things and make sure everything is organised.

I like walking my dog, Alfie, and spending time with my son when he comes home from Uni.

I love being part of the Federation and am extremely proud of our recent "Good" rating from Ofsted.

Look out "Outstanding", we are coming for you!!



Homework, flower competition and Easter Eggs competition

We are looking forward to seeing everyone's Shaun the Sheep designs and models, which need to be sent into school next week. We are loving the ones that have been sent in so far. School will look like a multicoloured sheep farm by the end of the week!

Our Easter Egg Competition is also running now, with decorated eggs to be brought in on Tuesday 28th March. We are asking for a £1 entrance fee, which will be donated to Tynedale Hospice, with prizes for best decorated eggs.

We also have a Flower Competition for Bonnie's Tea room window. 2D flowers need to be sent into school by Monday 27th March and Mrs Wood will judge the winners.

Henshaw Nursery would like to offer a Forest school session on Tuesday 4th April 9am until 3pm. The cost is £35 including lunch, spaces are limited. Please contact henshawnursery@gmail.com for further details or to reserve your space. Thank you

DIARY DATES

Monday 27th March - Flower competition entries due into school.

Dance Festival Y3/Y4 at Allendale Primary School

Tuesday 28th March - Decorated Eggs entries due into school.

Wednesday 29th March - Decorated Eggs are judged.

Friday 31st March - PTA Chocolate Raffle prizes and Guess the Bunny winner announced

Whole School Dance Festival at Haltwhistle Leisure Centre

Break up for Easter Holiday

Thursday 20th April - World Culture Day

Monday 24th April - Afterschool clubs begin

A final thought...

Family is not an important thing, It's everything.

Michael J. Fox