



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone well and you are all looking forward to the summer holidays. It has been an incredible year and Greenhead Primary has achieved so much in such a short amount of time. A huge thank you to all the adults who work in school to make our community (and whole Federation) such a wonderful place to be. Another thank you to you; our community - who are so supportive, open and honest with us so we can provide the very best for your children.

We still have lots of fun events planned to finish up our year; starting with the Sports Day and Summer Fair at The Wentworth Leisure Centre on Monday 10th July. If we could ask parents to arrive no sooner than 12:45pm and queue to the right side of the main doors, we will open the event soon afterwards.

The Year 5 and 6 children are very excited about their upcoming residential to Lockerbie and the Year 6 children are looking forward to their reward day at the Metro Centre.

On Thursday 20th July, we have our Federation Beach visit to South Shields; it is going to be a fabulous day! Please can you ensure children have a change of clothes, hat, suncream, towel, water bottle and packed lunch for this day. Children are also welcome to bring buckets, spades and other sandcastle-building resources! Can we take this opportunity to say a MASSIVE thank you to the Beltingham with Henshaw Parish Council, the Bowes Lyons Trust and St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge Mothers' Union who have so generously made donations towards this visit, along with being subsidised by the school. This has ensured we have kept costs passed on to parents low. We are also using any profits we have made from the sale of ice lollies so that each child can have an ice-cream at the beach.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

School Uniform

If you have any pre-loved uniform that does not fit your child/children anymore, please feel free to donate it to school (if possible, freshly laundered) and we will add it to our pre-loved provision.

On the last Tuesday of term, we will place our stock in the hall, before and after school, for parents/carers to come and get any uniform they may need for next year. All we ask is for a small donation for each item (£1) taken so we can continue to buy storage and wash uniform if needed.



Class News

Eden Cass

Eden class have been learning all about money and have enjoyed exploring money in our ice cream role play area. The children can identify different coins and are beginning to find amounts of a combination of coins. We put this skill into practise in the community by visiting the lovely Greenhead Tearooms where the children bought a cupcake and counted their money. In literacy we have read 'There's a Rang-tan in my bedroom' and created a poster to create awareness about the importance of sustainable palm oil production to protect the rainforests. The children continued learning about food production and created a delicious chocolate and banana loaf using ethical fairtrade products. At home you could create a tuck shop and give your child coins up to the value of £1 to spend daily. You could make crisps more expensive than fruit to encourage healthy eating.

Clyde Class

This week we have had a very busy week in Clyde class doing lots of exciting activities. We have been working on our environmental pledge by looking after the plants within the school grounds and removing some of the weeds.

During Workshop Wednesday we have been learning about Fairtrade and experimenting with fairtrade chocolate. In maths year 1 have been learning to tell the time to the hour and half past whilst year 2 have been exploring tally charts and interpreting tables.

Danube Class

In Danube class this week we have enjoyed visiting the Walltown workshop where we were able to create our own giant sculptures. We are really looking forward to going back this afternoon to enjoy the outdoor performance. We had the opportunity to investigate the wildlife around us and create willow branch crowns. During our D.T lessons we have been designing and constructing items to sell at the Sports Day school fair. In our PE lessons we have been practising our athletic skills. Parents, please continue to encourage the children to practice their spellings on Spelling Shed and continue to support their reading at home. We would also like to remind you that PE homework is due in next week. Have a lovely weekend from everyone in Danube Class.

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have enjoyed writing non-chronological reports based on animals in the Amazon Rainforest and biographies based on a famous scientist in English. We have been focussing on negative numbers and converting units of measure in maths and in science, we have been creating our own curious creature using specific characteristics. We also had lots of fun during Workshop Wednesday learning about Fairtrade tea and completing our environmental pledge to litter pick around the school grounds. Ask your child if they can remember any facts about Fairtrade tea.



Our School Promise

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

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 – Nessy club members, Ruby & Jessica J

Resilience & Teamwork award – Jasper, Clyde class, Rachel, Fraser, Lily & Iyla

Etiquette award – Bonnie, Rachel, Finn & Daniel

Environmental award – Conan, Fraser, Dexter, Jack, Charlie & Ruby

Kindness award – Daniel, Lily & Evie H

Inclusion award – Fraser, Faith and all the children

Friendship award – Phoebe, Eden class & Freya

Role model award – Freya, George H, Faith & Fraser



Attendance:

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

Eden- 76% Clyde- 85.7% Danube- 88.5% Mississippi- 95.6%

Whole School: 89%

Our attendance target is 95%

We have had several illnesses (including chicken pox) in school in the past few weeks.

Thank you for adhering to County School guidelines and sending children back, following this advice.

A message from Miss Marsh

Miss Marsh started working with us as an academic mentor on a fixed term basis for one year, this was due to some additional funding we received from the Government for 2022-23. She has worked with and made a real impact on children throughout the Federation. I am thrilled to tell you that Miss Marsh has been successful in gaining her first teaching post to start in September but we are very sad to see her go; her new class are very lucky to have her.

"After an amazing year working at both Henshaw and Greenhead, I am sad to be leaving. I am moving on to Kirkbride Primary School to become a Year 1/2 Class Teacher. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all the children, staff and parents across both schools and will take many happy memories with me." Best wishes, Mrs Marsh

Before and after school clubs and activity clubs for next year

From September, we will continue to offer Before School Club, this will be from 7:45am until the start of the school day. We will offer an After School provision until 4:30pm from Monday to Thursday. Please can we ask that parents give us as much notice as possible if they require this. Specific after school clubs run until 4:20pm and a sign-up sheet will come out to parents in the first week back, ready for these clubs to start in the second week.

Winning Raffle Tickets

The winning raffle tickets for the Fairtrade raffle are: 591, 597, 603, 600, 613, 589 and 632
Please ring the school to arrange collection of your prize and bring your ticket along on collection!

Contact details and information required from the school office for next year

As we approach the end of the year, please can we ask all parents and carers to ensure their school comms accounts are up-to-date and there are no outstanding balances by 31st July. Swimming will not be taking place in the Autumn Term so this will not appear on school comms until later in the year. This will help us to start the new school year effectively. If your contact details have changed, please inform the school ASAP so emergency contact details are current.

Dates for the diary

Monday 10th July - Sports Day at Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham 1pm to 3pm

Wednesday 12th - 14th July - Lockerbie residential for Year 5 and 6 children

Monday 17th July - Year 6 reward visit to the Metrocentre - arrive at Henshaw at 8:20am

Wednesday 19th July - Reports out to parents

Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 leavers assembly (parents welcome to attend) 2:30pm

Thursday 20th July - Whole Federation Beach Visit

Friday 21st July - Final day of term

Have a lovely, restful Summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in September for another school year.

Monday 4th September is a teacher training day.
School reopens to children on Tuesday 5th September 2023

A final thought...

How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard

A.A Milne