Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to speak to so many of you at our Parent Consultations this week and the teachers have really enjoyed sharing with you the great progress and work your children have been doing in school over the past term.

All our Harvest Festival donations were received by the Hexham Food Bank and they would like to offer their heart-felt thanks for your support of this local charity.

As we race towards Christmas, please take note of all the upcoming events at school for the children and get in touch with the school office if you need any further information.

Best wishes,

Mr Glenton

Christmas Dates

The dates for our festive celebrations were shared with our community last week. These are also listed on the back page of this newsletter and we are looking forward to seeing you at the Christingle and the Christmas performances.

Once again, Key Stage 2 will be performing at Haydon Bridge High school with our sister school, Henshaw Primary. A letter will follow next week with how to order tickets for the production.

EDEN

Eden class have learnt why we celebrate bonfire night and how to stay safe. Reception can now sequence and retell the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. In maths we have been exploring numbers 4 and 5 in depth. The children can subitise arrangements of 4 and 5, discuss pictorial representations, create compositions of 4 and 5 and identify 1 more than and 1 less than. We have answered the question 'Why do we wear poppies?' We learnt about the different colour poppies and what they represent. The children used split pins to join paper to create their own poppies and we weaved 'God's eye' poppies to lay at the cenotaph.

CLYDE

This week we have been showing our respect to those who lost their live during the war by making poppies and placing them at the cenotaph. We have started to look at features of a recount in English and in maths we have been exploring different ways to partition numbers using straws and base 10.

In science we have been making a rain gauge as part of our science experiment to measure rainfall. We discussed where would be the best place to collect rainfall. Next week we will be collecting the data. We enjoyed our visit from the fire fighters last week who explained how we can stay around fires and what to do if we come across one. During RE we have started to learn about events of Jesus' birth and why it is important to Christians. To support your child at home, continue to read their book and practise their spellings daily.

DANUBE

In Danube we have been working hard on perfecting our methods of column addition and subtraction across 10, 100 and 1000 using our place value charts. In English, we have been learning about the features of a newspaper report and have written our own newspaper reports based on the theft of Freya's belonging in our Guided Reading book 'The Saga of Erik the Viking'. We had our first dance lesson this week during which we practiced a group dance in preparation for our Christmas performance. We have also started our new DT topic 'Cooking and Nutrition'. During this unit, we will learn about the key ingredients in biscuits, and this will culminate in the baking and decoration of our own biscuits. In Science, we have started our new topic 'Working Scientifically' in which we will be exploring different scientific methods and carry out experiments to investigate how states of matter can change.

MISSISSIPPI

In maths, Mississippi Class have been learning about multiplication and division. We built arrays to find factors and represent square numbers. We then used cubes to build cubed numbers. In guided reading, we started a new book, The Boy at the Back of the Class. We used role play to support our inference and considered how different characters might be feeling. In English, we have been writing persuasive letters which link to our history topic (World War One). The children enjoyed exploring what life was like in Britain during WWI and the events that happened towards the end of the war. Can they remember some of the jobs women and children did on the Home Front?









Let's Celebrate!

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

Learning Award – Shay, Christine

Resilience & Teamwork Award – Albie

Etiquette Award – Phoebe, Eva

Environmental Award – Noah

Kindness Award – Poppy

Inclusion Award – Harrison

Friendship Award – Alfie

Role model Award – Cadence, Jett



Weekly Attendance:

Eden - 98%

Clyde – 97.27%

Danube - 92.5%

Mississippi - 97%

Whole School – 95.48

Our attendance target is 96%, please help your child's class reach this target by ensuring your child attends school regularly.

School Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing our school uniform policy. Having a school uniform helps to give our children a sense of community as well as meet our health and safety objectives. Please could we continue to ensure children are not wearing earrings in school, instead having spacers in place if needed. We will be providing a pre-loved school uniform sale in the next few weeks in case parents need a top-up of any items for next term.

Bikeability training Monday and Tuesday

Can we please remind parents of children in Mississippi class (Y5/Y6) that children need to bring bikes, helmets and a warm coat and gloves on Monday for Bikeability training

Remembrance Day

This week, Greenhead and Henshaw joined 9 other schools from across the county to mark Remembrance Day at Hexham Abbey.

Over the past two months, our Federation has organised and led this event so that we can remember but also celebrate the lives of those who fought and gave their lives for our country; either in the past or in the present day.

As well as singing with the 200-strong group of children, our pupils took part in readings, lighting candles and the 2-minute silence. It was wonderful to see so many of our community there to support this event and our schools; it was a really memorable event.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th/Tuesday 17th November – Y5&Y6 Bikeability training

Thursday 3rd December – Christingle at St Cuthberts 1:30pm, families welcome

Monday 7th December – Xmas Jumper Day - £1 donation for Save the Children

Tuesday 8th December – Key Stage 2 to Haydon Bridge High School, Rehearsal Day

Wednesday 9th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas production at Haydon Bridge High School, 2pm and 4:30pm – tickets to be available soon

Thursday 10th December – Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas performance at St Cuthberts, 2pm

Thursday 17th December – Christmas lunch

Friday 18th December – Last Day of Term,
School reopens Tuesday 5th January 2027

A Final Thought…

Every sunset is an opportunity to reset, every sunrise begins with new eyes

Richie Norton