



Greenhead CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

A very warm welcome to all our children and families as we begin another academic year, full of learning, memorable experiences, fun and achievements. The staff have been into school over summer to refresh the classrooms and get ready for the start of the term. If you need to have a quick chat with a member of staff, please do this at the end of the day so teachers can get children into school promptly at 8:40am.

Alternatively, please email staff using the class email addresses.

Thank you for providing children with comfy slippers to wear in schools. Please can I remind parents that jewellery, including earrings are not permitted in schools. If ears have recently been pierced, please remove these after 8 weeks and replace them with plastic spacers for during school time. Within the 8 weeks, please ensure that earrings are taped over before school begins.

Our Academy Council have started the process of recruiting your new head teacher and an advert is now live to attract the best possible educator to lead our schools on the next step of our journey. I am thrilled that I will continue to work with both our wonderful schools in January (even though this will be from afar) as part of the Durham and Newcastle Joint Education Diocese Team. Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Attendance - A new school year, a new beginning...

With your help, we were able to finish last school year just above national average for whole-school attendance. Please continue to support your child and us by ensuring your child is in school every day to get the most out of their learning journey.

EDEN

Eden class have enjoyed exploring the story 'The Colour Monster' and can confidently identify the emotions. During our drawing club sessions, we have innovated the story by drawing an emotion thief stealing an emotion and creating a map for the Colour monster to find the emotions to take back. We have explored colour and colour mixing and created wonderful colour monster splats. In maths we have been matching objects, finding a set and sorting objects. At home you could support this by playing a memory game or snap. Why not ask your child to help set the dinner table.

CLYDE

In Clyde class we have been busy learning about space and creating our own information text about what we have learnt about space. We have continued to have our daily phonics sessions where we have been applying our knowledge into writing sentences. In Maths we have been exploring more than and less than and estimating where numbers can go on number lines. We have also been learning about George Stephenson during History and how he has impacted the railway today. During science we have been exploring a range of objects and identifying what the objects are made from and which properties we can use to describe them. In RE we have been learning about what a parable is and discussing the meaning behind the parable The Lost Son. Your child will get weekly spellings to practise, please continue to support your child with their spellings and read daily with them.

DANUBE

The children have settled brilliantly into the new school year. We have started to find out about the Anglo-Saxons in history and are looking forward to finding out about the Vikings too. In English we have been looking at the poet Valerie Bloom and writing some Haiku poems based on these. In Maths we have been looking at place value of numbers within and up to 10,000. In RE we are looking at people of God and have enjoyed retelling the story of Noah. Perhaps your child may be able to explain the significance of a rainbow in Christianity.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Class have had a great start to the year! In English, they have been retelling stories from other cultures by creating story map plans and exploring the Hindu story of Rama and Sita. In maths, we have been working on place value up to 1,000,000, using counters and base 10 to help them. The children have also loved exploring our new guided reading text 'Between the Lines' by Stewart Ross and have noticed lots of links to our history topic, WWI. In science, the children have been exploring forces and have conducted investigations into the downward force of gravity and the effect of air resistance on falling objects.

Great work Mississippi Class!

'Can you challenge your child to write down a 7-digit number and tell you what it is?'



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 - Poppy, Bonnie

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Parker, Ben, Melody

Etiquette Award - Eva, Jett

Environmental Award - Briar, Jonah

Kindness Award - Cameron, Harris

Inclusion Award - Christine, Year 6

Friendship Award - Niamh, Nyla

Role model Award - Phoebe, Hannah W



Weekly Attendance:

Eden -	96%
Clyde -	90.91%
Danube -	100%
Mississippi -	100%
Whole School -	97.14%



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

Director Position

Henshaw Nursery currently have a voluntary vacancy for a director role. Unfortunately, due to other work commitments our 'Treasurer' is going to be resigning once we can find a suitable person to take over.

If you have some spare time and are amazing with numbers, please come and have a chat regarding the role.

Thank you, Mrs Bowes, Nursery Manager.

Dress as your future-self day

We are happy to announce that, two weeks today, on Friday 2nd October, we will be holding our first 'Dress as your future self' Day. On this day, children are welcome to come to school dressed as what they would like to be when they are older. This might be a job in the fire or police service, a doctor or even a palaeontologist. During the day, we will be discussing with children the many jobs that they will be able to do, once they are all grown up! This links well to their homework about careers, the letter of which has gone home today. We can't wait to see what the children's future aspirations are.

Workshop Wednesday

Workshop Wednesday will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 14th October where families are welcome to come into school from 2pm to enjoy learning in Art with their children. We hope to see you all there.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 23rd September - Father Steve Collective Worship Assembly

Friday 2nd October - Dress as your Future Self Day (See above)

Wednesday 14th October - Art Day/Workshop Wednesday 2pm

Tuesday 20th October - Harvest Festival at St Cuthberts 2pm. All families welcome to attend from Reception to Year 6.

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October - Half term

A Final Thought...

If you give people a chance, they shine

Billy Connolly