



Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

A warm welcome back to school after the summer holidays - I do hope you all had a lovely break and managed to make some great memories with your families and children.

All children have settled back into school and are already showing great pride in their work and focus in lessons. Our online platforms (Spelling Shed, Sumdog and Emilie) will all be up and running by the end of next week so please continue to support your children with these - regular practise, as well as reading their school books with them, really do make all the difference.

Class emails are now also live so, if you need to get in contact with your class teacher, please email them at their class name followed by @westtynefederation.uk. Could I ask all parents to send a quick message to their classes email address so teachers have got your contact email.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Start of the Day

Thank you for supporting us as we moved to a slightly earlier start time of 8:40am. The vast majority of the children have been on time for the start of school, which really helps with ensuring no learning is missed and that teachers can start the routines of the day straight away.

If your child is later than 8:40am at the start of the school day, please go to the office and sign in the registration book whereby an adult can then escort children down to their class.

EDEN

Early years have enjoyed reading the story Elmer and discussing how we are all unique. We made Elmer's trunk to decorate our class by painting cardboard tubes bright colours as well as our own patchwork elephants. The children went on to look at their facial features in mirrors and painted brilliant self-portraits.

In PSED we have focused on emotions through the story 'The Colour Monster' and explored what each emotion can look and feel like. At home you could play turn taking games such as matching pairs this will further develop patience, social skills and problem solving.

CLYDE

The children in Clyde class have had a fantastic first two weeks back in school. We have been exploring numbers within 20 using different objects to represent them. We have been working on our English skills and applying our phonics knowledge to spell keywords in our sentences.

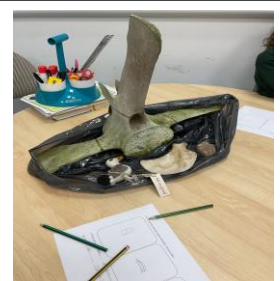
We had lots of fun exploring objects from the 1950s in History and had some great discussions about Creation and God during our RE lesson. During Science we have been exploring materials and classifying them using their properties seeing which ones are opaque, transparent or translucent.

DANUBE

A warm welcome back from Danube class and I hope you have had a wonderful, restful summer break. The children have all settled into Danube class life well. In English, the children have started learning about our class poet Benjamin Zephaniah and his poem People Need People. Our class texts this half term are The Twits by Roald Dahl and Stig of the Dump by Clive King. The children are enjoying both! In maths, the children are well on their way with the place value topic and will be moving onto addition and subtraction shortly. In science, our new topic is rocks and we have investigated different types of rocks and will start to look at how they are formed. Our history topic this term is Through the Ages and the children created a physical timeline in the playground that demonstrates the different periods of time and just how long ago the Stone Age was! In RE, we have looked at God's Creation and everything that is wonderful about the world. Please continue to support your children through daily reading. Spelling Shed has been set up so that they can practise their spellings and we will also practise our times tables daily. Ask them what they have learnt so far about the Stone Age!

MISSISSIPPI

It's been a great start to the term in Mississippi class. In literacy, we have been studying the poem 'The Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll- and we're leading up to writing our own versions. We've also found out some biographical details about Lewis Carroll- did you know he was one of 11 children! In science, we've begun our study of how to classify animals by looking at a collection of bones and fossils and working out what they could tell us. Some of them were 400 million years old! We started our history topic about the Shang Dynasty by considering what different evidence could tell us about this fascinating time period and in maths, the children are looking at place value working with 6-digit numbers. Our guided reading book is so engaging that several of the children want to buy it or borrow it from the library to find out what happens! Well done for your enthusiasm!



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 - Jasper, Charlotte

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Theon, Jack, Hope

Etiquette Award - Albie

Environmental Award - Harris, Niamh, Henry

Kindness Award - Eva

Inclusion Award - Evie

Friendship Award - Phoebe

Role model Award - Oskar



Weekly Attendance:

Eden -	100%
Clyde -	92.98%
Danube -	82.72%
Mississippi -	94.44%
Whole School -	92.62%

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

Attendance

Regular attendance at school has been proven to **drastically improve** the attainment and progress of children across the curriculum, especially during their formative primary-school years. **Please** continue to support your child's life chances by taking holidays in the 13 weeks school holiday period and ensuring your child is at school every day. As per the DfE guidelines from 2024, family holidays can no longer be authorised by the Head Teacher and is likely to result in a fixed penalty notice, issued from the Local Authority.

Workshop Wednesday and Parent Consultations

We are pleased to tell you that our next Workshop Wednesday will be on October 8th at 2:15pm. Parents are welcome to attend to join in the learning with their children. Parent Consultations will take place in the first few weeks of next half term and letters for this will be out before half term holidays.

Wet Weather Incoming!

We are definitely now in autumn, with the wind and the frequent rain showers one minute and lovely sunshine the next!

Please can all parents ensure that children have a coat in school every day, even if it is sunny in the morning - don't you just love the changeable British weather?!

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 16th September - Individual school photos

Tuesday 16th September - Reception children, sight testing

Thursday 18th September - Father Steve Worship assembly

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th September - Year 5 and 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 8th October 2:15pm - Workshop Wednesday (parents welcome)

Tuesday 21st October 2pm - Harvest Festival at St Cuthbert's church (all families welcome)

Half Term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

A Final Thought...

You are braver than you believe,
Stronger than you seem and
Smarter than you think.

A. A Milne