



# Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School Newsletter

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## A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all - we hope you had a wonderful Christmas holidays. It has been lovely to see the children come back from their Christmas break full of stories of their time with their families, it sounds like you all had a great time!

This half term is always a cold and rainy one (but with lots of fun and learning in the classroom!) so please can children have a coat every day and, if possible, hats and gloves if the weather demands it.

Workshop Wednesday is booked in for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of February, where we will be having a focus on outdoor growing and learning (hopefully in preparation for the warmer weather).

Last term saw some awful bugs and sickness going around and we are happy to see the end of this. Please get in contact with the office by 9am if your child will not be in school for that day.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

## Christmas show...feels so long ago!

Although it seems like a long time ago, the Christmas shows this year were fantastic, from the Sleepy Shepherd to Aladdin; the musical, it was inspiring to see your children perform in front of such a large audience with such confidence and enthusiasm. It really was a wonderful way to end the year.



Thank you to all the school adults for their hard work to ensure these were a success.

### Eden

Early years have enjoyed learning how to care for God's wonderful world in RE. We went on a minibeast hunt and discussed how to care for the minibeasts and our woodland area. The children have begun preparing our allotment for planting and shown great teamwork and strength. In maths we have been learning about mass and capacity. We had great fun finding the mass of everyday objects. We also made cupcakes by weighing the ingredients against the mass of the eggs. At home continue to compare mass using the vocabulary light, heavy, lighter and heavier.

### Clyde

This week in Clyde class we have been learning to add and subtract from a 10 and across a 10 using different strategies such as number lines, base 10s and ten frames. We have been working hard learning new sounds during our phonics lessons as well as understanding and using the term adverbs and adjectives in our retell of *The Gruffalo*. In Science we have been identifying living things and non-living things and exploring how living things survive during Winter. To support your child in their learning when you go for a walk, see which living things they can find and how do they know it is a living thing. During RE we have started working on our thematic unit "How should we care for the world", we explored Bible stories to show how we should look after each other.

### Danube

It has been a busy start to the year in Danube class. In English, the children have enjoyed exploring features of playscripts, writing their own playscript and performing! In maths, we have started the second part of multiplication and division, beginning to multiply and divide larger numbers. We have started investigations in science, exploring the impact forces have on the movement of objects. The children enjoyed studying different types of maps as part of our new geography topic 'Regional Know How'. In RE, the children continue to learn about the Gospel and the 'good news' stories of Jesus. Please support your child with their Geography homework, times table practise, Spelling Shed and daily reading. Ask your child how to conduct a fair test...

### Mississippi

This week in Mississippi Class, we have been writing spooky stories set in imaginative worlds. We based our stories on the short film 'Alma' and focussed on building tension through our use of figurative language and sentence structure. In maths, the children have been working hard to explore and apply methods of long division. The children have shown amazing endurance when learning the necessary steps and are becoming increasingly confident at solving multiplication and division problems independently.

Mississippi Class have also been enjoying their new science topic 'Earth and Space'. When considering how thoughts about space have changed over time, we identified some constellations and held a class debate to consider the arguments for and against Earth being spherical. What a great week!



## 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

**Resilience & Teamwork Award** - John Paul

**Etiquette Award** - Owen A

**Environmental Award** - Jonah

**Kindness Award** - Harris

**Inclusion Award** - Cadence

**Friendship Award** - Faith

**Role model Award** - Ruby



### Weekly Attendance:

Eden - 98.21%

Clyde - 96.05%

Danube - 100%

Mississippi - 98.81%

Whole School - 98.3%

Our current school attendance sits around 98% - please continue to support your child's learning and our school by ensuring your child is in school as much as possible, we really do appreciate it.

### Healthy Snacks

Many of our children bring in a snack to have at morning break - this is a good way to keep your child energised and ready for their learning. If you would like to give your child a snack for this time, please can these be a piece of fruit or other healthy alternative. Fruit winders, chocolate covered biscuits and chocolate pastries are against the packed lunch policy, written by our own school councils.

We are one of the few schools who allow diluted squash in water bottles; this ensures that children are drinking regularly and are kept hydrated. Please can I remind our community that drinks should not be fizzy and should be low/no sugar.

## Our Sycamore Seedling is now part of our Federation

We were thrilled, in the last fortnight before Christmas holidays, to welcome our very own Sycamore Sapling to our Federation. We had lots of important guests from education and our community (including our CEO and the Bishop of Newcastle) who took part in the event, we can't wait to see it grow and become an important part of our Federation for years to come.



## Dates for the Diary

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Workshop Wednesday - 2pm to 3pm. Focus - Outdoor growing and learning**

**Friday 13th February - School closes for Half Term**

**Monday 23rd February - School opens for Spring Term 2**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3.4 start swimming lessons**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Father Steve, collective worship**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Reception visit to the Great North Museum  
(more details to follow)**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day**

## A Final Thought...

**Always have something good to look forward to**

**Tony Robins**