



Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well as the weather is starting to turn more wintry and with Christmas on the horizon!

It was great to see so many of you at Parents' Evening last week and also see children so excited to share the amazing work they have been doing in class with you all. If you were not able to attend, please email your child's class teacher on the class email to arrange a follow up appointment.

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising a coffee morning at Greenhead Village Hall; this was very much enjoyed by everyone and raised over £800 for enrichment for the children at our school!

Finally, please take a look at our 'dates for the diary' section on the newsletter; we have lots of events coming up in the next few weeks to celebrate Christmas.

Best wishes,

Mr Glenton

Children in Need



A big thank you to our whole community from us at school and Nursery, you raised a wonderful £47 for this worthy cause.

Eden

In Eden the children have enjoyed reading the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have extended our vocabulary through drawing club, the children now know the meaning and created actions for construct, exhale, flimsy, sturdy and obliterate. We looked at different materials such as wood, plastic and metal and found items made of these in our classroom. We carried out a science experiment to see which items the big bad Wolf could huff and puff. The children made great predictions based on the materials properties, we learnt about fair testing and had fun finding out the results. In maths we have begun to explore numbers 4 and 5. We have looked at different picture representations of each number and made our own using multi-link cubes. We have sung lots of number rhymes and represented them using five frames or finger numbers.

At home ask your child to show you the actions for each of our wonderful new words; construct, exhale, flimsy, sturdy and obliterate

Clyde

In Clyde class we have been enjoying our science investigations where we made predictions about what would happen to marshmallows if we heated them up and used our observations skills to see which products can melt. To continue to support your child's learning at home in melting explore which foods can melt at home.

In Maths we have been comparing two-digit numbers and sequencing them in order.

We have also had workshops linked to emotions and about being good friends. During English we have continued to learn our new phonics sounds split diagraphs whilst year 2 have been writing a diary entry about a night in the Toy Museum. We have also created some artwork linked to Remembrance Day where the children took part in the two minute silence at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

Danube

In English, we are learning about the features of a narrative and using our new guided reading book 'Blast to the Past' to write our own story that includes setting and character descriptions as well as speech between characters. We have also started our new class reader, The Witches, which we are enjoying. In maths, we have begun multiplication and division. In science, we have started our new topic 'Working Scientifically' and have completed our first investigation examining suitable soils to grow tulip bulbs. In History, we have been exploring the impact of iron and how iron changed the way people lived during the Iron Age. Please continue to support your children through daily reading, Spelling Shed and Sumdog. If you have any problems, please email in. Test the children on different times tables!

Mississippi

The second half of autumn term is in full swing - and so is the excitement about the school production! The children have been writing some excellent science fiction stories in English, drawing on the work of HG Wells amongst others! We are nearing the end of The Girl of Ink and Stars in guided reading. It feels like every session ends on a cliffhanger at the moment- it truly is a spell-binding book. The next book- which we are due to start very soon- is a good one, too and continues the science fiction genre. In science, we are honing our skills in working scientifically with a series of investigations which will help practise different ways of presenting results- in graphs, charts or comparisons.

Mississippi class were also lucky enough to have the opportunity this week to work with Miss Teasdale, who will be teaching them after Christmas. I know she is really looking forward to being here at Greenhead and working with the children.



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 - Ben R

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Oskar, Bonnie, Ruby, Charlie, Briar

Etiquette Award - Charlotte, Oskar

Environmental Award - Harrison, John-Paul

Kindness Award - Nyla, Oscar, Christine

Inclusion Award - Briar, Oscar, Cameron

Friendship Award - Cooper, Hannah B

Role model Award - Jasper



Weekly Attendance:

Eden - 96.58%

Clyde - 94.39%

Danube - 96.67%

Mississippi - 96.3%

Whole School - 96.8%

Children who attend primary school regularly (96%+) are much more likely to achieve well at GCSE and A-Level than children with poor attendance in their early years of education.

Parking

Thank you to our community for continuing to park sensibly outside of our school and having consideration for others. The minibuses have had permission from the Council to park on our yellow zig-zag lines for a very short time at pick up and drop off. Please can we ask parents not to park on these lines at any time. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Federation, Sycamore Seedling

We are thrilled to share with you that our Federation will be receiving a Sycamore Seedling from the Sycamore Gap Tree in the next few weeks.

This sapling has been gifted from The National Trust as part of our ongoing work with them and other broadcasting agencies.

This will be a tree for our whole community, and we are honoured to be part in this tree's enduring legacy.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 26th November - Fire Brigade Visit

Friday 5th December - Greenhead Christingle 1:30pm at St Cuthberts, all family welcome.

Wednesday 10th December - Flu Nasal jabs

Monday 15th December - Key Stage 2 to Haydon Bridge High School for Rehearsals - all day, drop off and pick up as usual at school.

Tuesday 16th December - Key Stage 2 to Haydon Bridge High School for Rehearsals, afternoon performance at 2pm and 4:30pm. Children to be collected from HBHS after the second performance.

Wednesday 17th December - Reception and Y1.2 Christmas performance at St Cuthberts - 2pm.

Thursday 18th December - Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Friday 19th December - Class Christmas parties

School closes 19th December until Tuesday 6th January 2026

A Final Thought...

Trust and belonging are formed and earned by consistent action, not by words

Anon