



# Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School

## Newsletter

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### A Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome to our February newsletter, I hope you are all having a good start to the year.

Thank you for your continued support with the adverse weather, so far we have had ice, snow and a storm! During such weather, risk assessments are done on the school site and if deemed safe, the school will open – however, with some of our families living quite far away and in more remote locations, we understand if children may not be able to get to school on these occasions.

We are all looking forward to seeing what the children have created for their river reading homework in the last week of this half term (W/C 17<sup>th</sup> February). This really is a great opportunity for children to present their personal opinions and thoughts on their reading choices and likes.

I am thrilled to say that our new parent governor, Jess Coggins, is on the case to revitalise our PTA at Greenhead. There will be an informal meeting for any parent who would like to know more and support the school with this – details and date will follow shortly.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

### Photography Workshops and photography Art Gallery

#### at Greenhead Primary School

Next half term, children from Reception to Year 6 will be working with our Co-Chair of Governors and resident professional photographer, Sarah Smith, to create their own pieces of art using photography. With props, lenses, manipulation software and a keen eye, all children will produce their own photograph with the expertise of Sarah.

The week after this, at the end of the school day, we are welcoming all families into our front entrance and hall to view these photos and purchase them, as part of our first photography art gallery. All profits from this workshop will go towards enrichment opportunities for the children in our school. We hope to see you there!





## Class News

### Eden Class

In Eden class the children have learnt about the Lunar New Year and how this is celebrated in countries such as China. We enjoyed the story 'The Great Race' and learnt how the Emperor was named each year after an animal and which character trait they had. The children retold the story and used their phonic knowledge to write a label for each animal on their Chinese zodiac calendar. In maths we have learnt about capacity. The children have made milkshake and could represent full, nearly full, half full, nearly empty and empty. The children have enjoyed exploring capacity outside in the water area. At home can your child pour themselves a glass of water and then tell you how much is left after they have drank some?

### Clyde Class

In Clyde class we have started to plan our information text linked to great explorers and arctic animals. We have discussed which features we would need to include in our writing. To support your child's learning share some facts about animals that live in the arctic. In maths we have enjoyed using practical resources to add numbers together. We have had great fun using the VR Headsets for science to explore arctic animals. We have found some interesting facts about artists linked to still life. We have also voted for our dance for our dance festival and started to practise the dance during PE.

### Danube Class

This week in Danube class we have been learning about different units of measurement in maths. We have been identifying and converting measurements such as mm's, cm's, m's and km's. In English the children have been revisiting what the different features of a newspaper report are in preparation for creating their own article. We have learned all about green energy with Connor this week, identifying what are green skills? The children learned what type of jobs they can get in this field in the future. In D.T the children have been finishing their simple machine designs and began constructing these sharing their ideas with their peers. Please continue to support your children with their reading, spellings and times tables at home. The children have their Sumdog logins in their homework diaries to practise their maths skills at home.

### Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have a big focus on reading and times tables at the moment. In English, we have been writing a story from another culture, linked to the Arctic and our learning in Geography on the topic Frozen Kingdoms. The children wrote some fabulous newspaper articles about the expeditions of Sir Ernest Shackleton and his famous work in Antarctica on his ship, The Endurance. In maths, we started a new topic, fractions and how to complete different calculations such as multiply and divide with fractions. In science, we continue our electricity topic, and we have been learning how to create a circuit using different components and how to measure voltage using a voltmeter. We also virtually explore how renewable energy is created using our new VR technology. The children were fantastic during our cross-country cross-school event. They all had a go and represented the school wonderfully. Test your children on their times tables knowledge!





### Our School Promise

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

Learning Award - Briar, Cadence, Andrew

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Gracie, Oscar

Etiquette Award - Freya, John-Paul

Environmental Award - Shay

Kindness Award - George F

Inclusion Award - Faith

Friendship Award - George H, Kesha

Role model Award - John-Paul



### Attendance:

Eden - 82%

Clyde - 98.6%

Danube - 98%

Mississippi - 94%

**Whole School - 93%**

Thank you for continuing to support our attendance policy and ensuring your children are in school. Currently, our whole school attendance is slightly ahead of our Trust's average; even after the winter bugs that have been going around - Well done everyone!

### Dates for the diary

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February - PTA meeting at school, 2:30pm - all welcome

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Fly tying workshop, Year 5.6

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - I'm a scientist, online webinar with The Life Centre, Year 5.6

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Last day of half term

Half Term - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Y3.4.5.6 visit to Hexham Library "Seedheart"

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Reception visit to Hexham - "One Cheeky Octopus"

Year 1.2 visit to Hexham - "Come What May"

Hexham book festival letters will be sent out next week.