



Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers,

I hope your children have had a wonderful first half term back to school, I cannot believe we are going into week 7 already!

It was great to see so many of you at our first Workshop Wednesday this year; I think it was the best turn-out we have had so far since starting the events. After listening to feedback, we have decided to do these once a term instead of half-termly.

Children's topic homework is due in next week. We have already seen some amazing work which children have done at home. Children love to present these to their classmates; thank you for continuing to support your child's learning.

We have our harvest festival coming up at our local church on Tuesday 21st October. We also have a wonderful Bedtime Stories event, which will take place after school and is being organised by our amazing PTA on Thursday 23rd October.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Bedtime Stories Event

Our wonderful PTA have arranged a Bedtime Stories Event for all the children at Greenhead from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on Thursday 23rd October.

This exciting fundraiser for our school will include hot chocolate and a sweet treat, as well as lots of wonderful stories told by adults from school and the PTA.

Tickets are £4 each, with all proceeds going towards enrichment opportunities for our children. Please see the attached flier.

Eden

In early years we have been noticing seasonal changes, using our senses to explore the world around us. We have classified trees by identifying their leaves and fruits, as well as naming some parts of a tree such as roots, trunk and branches. It has been wonderful making Autumn crafts such as leaf crowns and conker caterpillars, the children demonstrated great fine motor skills! We have begun to think about Harvest festival and why we celebrate it. After reading the Little Red Hen, the children made a delicious harvest loaf and enjoyed sharing it with their friends for snack time. At home you can support your child's maths and fine motor skills through baking activities. We have some wonderful visual recipes for children to follow if you would like some.

Clyde

This week we have been looking at doubles and near doubles in maths and using a range of resources to help us add three one-digit numbers. In English we have been exploring our class reader book *A Squash and a Squeeze* by sequencing events and composing sentences. We have looked at our science investigation looking at which material would be best for cutlery to cut chocolate up. We have had lots of fun looking at timelines in History and talking about our past events. Continue to support your child at home with their reading and practising their spellings.

Danube

In English, the children have learnt about the features of a diary and have written a diary entry based on our class text, *Stig of the Dump*. We have also started our new class reader, *Esio Trot*.

In maths, the children have begun addition and subtraction. In science, we continue our rock topic and have looked at different layers of soil, rock and layers of the Earth. Our art topic is prehistoric pots and the children have been practising different patterns in clay and will make their own Bell Beaker Pot. We have also visited Stonehenge virtually using the VR headsets during a History lesson! Please continue to support your children through daily reading, Spelling Shed and Sumdog. If you have any problems, email in. Ask the children how different rocks are formed.

Mississippi

In Mississippi Class, our learning about living things and their habitats continues in science with some brilliant work classifying trees and other plants in our lovely outdoor areas at Greenhead, and we are now moving on to look at reproduction in plants. We were inspired by Jane Goodall to create some 'Pledges' for our planet when she sadly passed away recently - while the children remembered lots of details about her childhood from reading about her some time ago in guided reading! In Literacy, we are creating non-chronological reports about our own mythical creatures which the children are really enjoying. Father Steve came in to discuss with the children his perspective on our RE question- about whether the Genesis account of Creation conflicts with, or is complementary to, the scientific evidence for evolution. There seems to be a bit of a 'natural world' theme running through much of our work at the moment!



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 - Hannah W, Lewis, Ruby, Harris

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Briar, Noah, Poppy, Hope

Etiquette Award - Cooper, Charlie, Daniel, Niamh

Environmental Award - Nyla, Bonnie, Albie, Charlie

Kindness Award - Athena, Brooke, Hope, Daniel

Inclusion Award - Oscar, Cadence

Friendship Award - Hannah B, Daniel, Katie, Benjamin

Role model Award - Faith, Eva, Charlie

Weekly Attendance:

Eden -	100%
Clyde -	91.7%
Danube -	98.9%
Mississippi -	94.4%
Whole School -	96.3%



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

Lateness

Please ensure your child is in for 8:40am each day. Just five minutes lateness each day adds up to a whopping 3 days absence over the course of a year.

Teachers in school have activities for children to take part in from the moment they enter the class so please support us and your children by making sure they are on time every day.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultation reply slips will come out next week. These will take place on Week commencing 10th November.

Coats, gloves and hats...

As the weather continues to get colder, please ensure children come to school with a coat and also hats and gloves after half term. We are getting really changeable days at the moment where it is bright, lovely sunshine one moment and then pouring down the next! Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 20th October - Year 1.2 visit to Beamish - "Everyday life in the 1950s"

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

Wednesday 22nd October - Year 3-6 visit to Hexham Abbey - "becoming a scientist"

Thursday 23rd October - Bedtime Stories event, ran by Greenhead PTA
3:30 - 4:30pm

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

A Final Thought...

Be yourself, everybody else is taken

Oscar Wilde