



# **Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School**

## **Newsletter**

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

West Tyne Federation of Schools

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### **A Message from the Head Teacher**

Welcome back to all our children, parents and community; we hope you all had a wonderful summer holidays and we are thrilled to start another school year with lots of exciting opportunities and learning across our Federation.

May I take this opportunity to say a warm welcome to Mr Harwood, our new Year 5 and Year 6 teacher who has made a super start with our Key Stage 2 children and our Sycamore Gap art project.

Clubs have started up this week and have already been a massive hit; thank you to all the TAs and Teachers who give up their time to provide these wonderful enrichments for the children within their own time. Please can I ask parents to ensure children are collected promptly at 4:20pm at the front entrance of school.

We are now part of the Durham and Newcastle Diocese Learning Trust, and we have been warmly welcomed into our new family of schools. Please bear with us as we incorporate new policies, procedures and guidance into our routines and school life.

There may be a few 'teething problems' along the way (thank you for your understanding especially with ParentPay!) but these new ways of working will ensure continued improvements across the Federation. In particular, a HUGE thank you to Mrs Coleman and Mrs Slater who are working hard to make these systems work.

Please check out the dates for the diary as we have got some wonderful enrichments and community events coming up.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

### **Parking at the front of school**

Please can I remind parents not to park on the zig zag lines outside the front of school. It is important these are kept clear in case of emergency. We have had special permission from the council for the taxis to wait a short while on here however, we have been notified that members of our community have received parking fines for parking here from local enforcement officers.

## Class News

### Early Years

The Nursery and Reception children have really enjoyed exploring the different areas in the class environment and have been learning to play cooperatively. We have enjoyed reading the story Elmer and discussing how we are all unique. We decorated our very own patchwork elephant for Elmer's Day and discussed how we are unique and things we like or are good at. The children created loose part emotion faces in playdough and could identify which colour monster it represented.

At home you could play turn taking games which will further develop patience, social skills and problem solving. Some examples are matching pairs, connect 4 and dominoes.

### Clyde Class

This week we have been exploring numbers within 20 counting forwards and backwards and representing numbers in different ways. In English we have been looking at facts about Neil Armstrong and finding features of an information text.

In Science we have started to explore everyday materials. To help support your child at home encourage them to count objects up to 20 forwards and backwards.

### Danube Class

We have had a wonderful week in Danube class this week. The children have enjoyed starting to learn about their new topic 'Invaders' in history. We have been listening to a Viking's recollection of why they decided to leave their country and invade England. In maths the children have been learning about place value and have enjoyed playing rocket together in class. We have started to plan a diary entry in English making sure that we are writing in the past tense and using exciting descriptive language. Going forward we would appreciate your ongoing support with the children's reading and spellings at home.

### Mississippi Class

We have hit the ground running in Mississippi class this term, collaborating with Danube class on the Sycamore Gap project! This has involved working with an artist to create a sycamore tree, leaves and seed pods out of willow branches. The project will be revealed on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September alongside other schools and their projects at The Sill. At home, why not try making a symmetrical pattern following the creation of butterflies at school.



### Our School Promise

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

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

Learning Award - Theon

Resilience & Teamwork Award - George H

Environmental Award - Year 1

Kindness Award - Phoebe, George H, Jack

Friendship Award - Layla

Role model Award - Ruby



### Attendance - our target is 96%

Each and every day your child is in school counts. It helps them to remember their prior learning from the day before but also build on this learning the next day. Thank you for your continued support by ensuring your child is in school every day to give them the best education and life chances

Eden - 100%

Clyde - 94.7%

Danube - 100%

Mississippi - 99%

Whole School - 98.4%

### Dates for the Diary

Invitations for Year 5 and 6 to sign up to our Lockerbie residential will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Reception vision screening

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> September - Father Steve into school for collective worship

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> September - NSPCC workshops for year 2 and year 5.6 - further information to follow

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> September - Diversity Role Models to visit school - Key Stage 2 - further information to follow

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> September - Year 5.6 visit to The Sill to mark the Sycamore Gap Anniversary

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Beamish workshop visit (in school) for Key Stage 2 classes

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> October - Workshop Wednesday - 9am all family members welcome to attend

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Reception to Y6 Flu immunisation

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Harvest Festival 2:30pm at St Cuthbert's Church - all family members welcome to attend

## McMillan Coffee Morning at Bardon Mill Village Hall

To support this wonderful cause, our local community are running a coffee morning on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 10am - 12pm** to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Charity. This will be at Bardon Mill Village Hall and entry will be £3.

Could we ask our school communities for any donations (shop bought or freshly baked!) to add to this event. Cakes can be brought in on Thursday or Friday morning and we will transport them to the event, ready to raise lots of money for this worthwhile cause. We hope to see you there.

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

## Harvest Fair at Greenhead

**GREENHEAD**

**SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**

**HARVEST**

**10 AM - 2PM**

**FAIR**

**JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC**  
FROM THE BRAMPTON REIVERS, FOOD FROM THE YELLOW BIRD CAFE AND WILDE BAKES, CRAFT STALLS, BEERS, BOUNCY CASTLE, GAMES, TOMBOLA AND LOTS OF LOVELY PRIZES!!!

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With special performances by Hannah Lucy Stage School and Lydia Howdon current Adult Irish Dancing Champion



## Virtual Reality at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation

We are very excited to announce that we have purchased 16 pairs of virtual reality headsets for the children across our Federation. Teachers were given a demo and training of these remarkable pieces of equipment over our Professional development days and they are currently writing programmes to interweave the use of virtual reality into some of our lessons. Keep an eye on Facebook in the next few weeks as the children will be 'let loose' on these devices within lessons.



**A final thought...**

**It is never too late to be what you might have been**

**George Elliot**