



# Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School Newsletter

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## A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers

We find ourselves already racing towards Easter holidays but before then, we have many exciting things happening. The children are getting ready for our annual 'dance off' between classes for our Federation Dance Festival, homework will be due in next week and we are looking forward to giving the children the opportunity to present which famous scientist they have chosen to research, we have our Easter morning planned with Father Steve, where each class takes their turn to retell the Easter story and we have a whole Federation visit to The Forum Cinema to watch Flow; an animated film all about our effect on nature and overcoming adversity.

We will also be revealing our themes for our annual 'design an egg' competition next week - what a busy end to the term but we are making the most out of our last 2 weeks! We are looking forward to welcoming you into school next week for Parents' Consultation where you can look at the wonderful work your children have completed.

Best wishes

Mr Glenton

The School Council have been meeting regularly with our School Council Leader, Mr Harwood to continue to have a voice for our children within the school but also to work with the adults on making our school an even better place to learn and play.

In their last meeting, they decided they wanted to focus on making our school healthier so have made their own healthy snack policy for breaktimes, after consulting with all classes. Please support our wonderful school council by adhering to these guidelines for healthy snacks, a copy is attached to this newsletter.



### Eden Class

In Eden we have explored numbers up to 9 and 10. The children have used their super subitising skills to see the amounts and not count. They have begun learning number bonds to 5 and 10 and can demonstrate this using objects, pictures and numbers. In art we have learnt about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and had fun making our own nature art in the forest using pinecones, shells, sticks and stones. We talked about the transient nature of our art and how it wasn't harmful to the environment. At home you could make your own transient art using loose parts or natural items when out on a walk.

### Clyde Class

In Clyde class we have been working hard on our multiplications in particular our 2s and 10s. In English we have been writing letters to our friends to persuade them to visit the Isle of Struay linked to Katie Morag. In Science we have been exploring and trying to identify which plants would grow from seeds and bulbs. We have also been busy practising our dance for the dance festival. Last week we had lots of fun at the skipping festival with our friends from Henshaw. We have started to explore the religion Islam and learn about their beliefs. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by listening to them read and practise their spellings.

### Danube Class

In Danube class this week the children have been continuing to learn about mass and capacity. They have been adding grams, kilograms and identifying equivalent capacities and volumes. During our English lessons we have been researching the Ancient Egyptians, with the use of technology and have been drafting our non-chronological reports. The children have enjoyed learning about the life of the Ancient Egyptians and will continue to explore them in greater depth in history. Please continue to support your child at home with their spellings, reading and times tables. We also hope that you can continue to encourage the children to use Sumdog at home.

### Mississippi Class

Mississippi class continue to focus on reading and times tables. In English, we have been writing a non-chronological report, linked to our Frozen Kingdoms topic in Geography. The children have written some wonderful reports, celebrating all that we have learnt and researched during the topic. In maths, we have been exploring shapes, calculating perimeter and area and looking at some algebra. In science, we continue our topic on the human and animal life cycles, exploring each stage of the life cycle and the human circulatory system. We started the term with a trip to Hexham Library to learn about the human impact on the environment, told in a creative way through story telling and puppetry. We also had an engaging experience at the Life museum in Newcastle, exploring different aspects of science and the solar system. Continue to support your children through reading, Sumdog, Spelling Shed, times tables and dance rehearsals!



### 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 - Faith**

**Resilience & Teamwork Award - Charlie**

**Etiquette Award - George**

**Environmental Award - Haydon**

**Kindness Award - Bonnie**

**Inclusion Award - Noah**

**Friendship Award - Jasper, Gracie**

**Role model Award - Kesha, Theon**



### Attendance:

Eden - 91.43%

Clyde - 94.12%

Danube - 94.00%

Mississippi - 100%

**Whole School - 94.9%**

The school is getting an increased number of Leave of Absence requests for family holidays. Please be aware that, due to changes from the DfE, Headteachers can no longer authorise family holidays during term time. As per our partnership agreement with our 12 other local schools, an unauthorised absence of 5 days or longer will result in a fixed penalty notice.

### Dates for the diary

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Parent Consultations**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Non-Uniform Day; chocolate donations welcome**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Easter morning carousel with Father Steve**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Federation Dance Festival**  
Bunny and Easter Egg raffle draw

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Whole federation cinema visit**  
Chocolate Hamper raffle draw

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of term**

**Easter holidays - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April is a Teacher Training Day - We are looking forward to welcoming our children back to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**