



Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and you are all getting prepared as we head into the Christmas period (only 5 and a half weeks left!) It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying their learning as they have returned after the half term break, with a visit to Holy Island, A Remembrance Day Celebration and lots of learning and fun being had in classrooms. Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend parent consultations this week, it is a good opportunity to find out about how your child is doing in school and to ask any questions. Please do get in touch with the class teacher if you were not able to attend and a follow up appointment can be made.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Remembrance Day - a celebration

Once again, we celebrated Remembrance Day, as a Federation, and marked this with all of our Key Stage 2 children travelling and performing at Holy Cross Church in Haltwhistle.

It was wonderful to see so many of you there to join in with this special event and, as well as being joined by Father Steve, our 'sister Trust Schools' Wark and Newbrough also came. Together, we performed two songs and also, our Year 6 children took part in readings and poetry recitals. Each of the schools made a Remembrance Day Wreath to lay and we all took part in the 2-minute silence.



We would like to say thank you to Holy Cross Church for hosting us but also to our CEO, Paul Rickeard for coming and telling us stories from his own family, regarding World War 2.

We couldn't think of a better way to commemorate this day than coming together as a community.

Class News

Early Years

In Eden class we have been exploring events that happened a long time ago and how they are remembered today. We asked the question 'why do we celebrate bonfire night?' The children learnt about Guy Fawkes and his plot. They looked for clues in illustrations that tell us that this happened in the past. We noticed that the clothes were different and compared the King's men to modern day police men and women. The children enjoyed creating firework pictures and edible sparklers. They wrote fantastic words in literacy to describe fireworks such as boom, pop and crackle. We have also learnt why we wear poppies and what the different colour poppies represent. At home to develop an awareness of their own history you could look at family photos and talk about events that happened in the past and who or what has changed.

Clyde Class

This week we have been working on creating our own shape poems linked to objects within the classroom. In Maths we have been working out the differences between two numbers using part whole models and number lines. During Science we have been working out how to collect rainwater accurately and made our own rain gauges accurately. We have also made our own poppies for Remembrance Day.

To support your child at home, continue to read their book with them every night and practise counting out different objects at home such as toy cars, Lego bricks or pens and see who has the most or least.

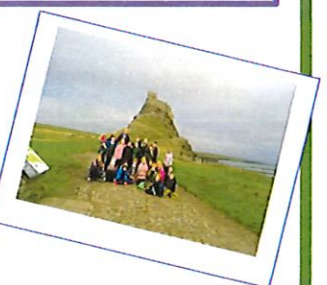
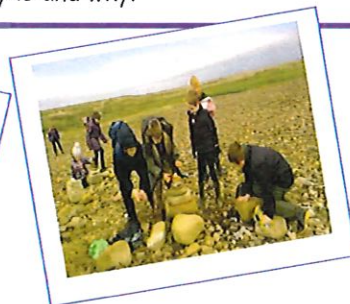
Danube Class

The children had an amazing time on our educational visit to Lindisfarne last week. We have used this visit for inspiration in our English work. The children have been identifying newspaper report features in the hope to create their own Viking raiders report. In Maths we have been continuing to practise solving problems with column addition and subtraction. The children have been learning about 'inverse operations' in maths and how this is used to check their answers are accurate. In RE children have been discussing the story of John the Baptist and looking at artwork which has been inspired by this bible story. Thank you for supporting your children with their spellings, times tables and reading at home. We have current focus on times tables this year, so practising these at home can really help your child's progress.

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class had a wonderful day at Lindisfarne last week. The children had the opportunity to explore and learn about how unique the island is and the significance of its history. The class worked hard contributing to the Remembrance service and have learnt about the significance of this. In English we have been learning about William Shakespeare and the language needed to write a biography about him. We have also been discovering the language of persuasion and have been learning about how to persuade a reader about which Shakespeare story is better, Romeo and Juliet or Macbeth. In Maths we have had a great start to our fractions topic, learning how to compare, order and calculate fractions. In Science we are learning how to work scientifically, starting to look at some of the ways scientists conduct experiments, record their results and then report on them in order to make a conclusion.

Ask your child what their favourite Shakespeare story is and why!



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 - Cooper & Melody

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Ruby & Lewis

Etiquette Award - Faith

Environmental Award - Harris

Kindness Award - John-Paul

Inclusion Award - Joe

Friendship Award - Katie

Role model Award - Andrew



Attendance:

Eden - 96.7%

Clyde - 98.6%

Danube - 94.7%

Mississippi - 100%

Whole School - 97.4%

Well done Greenhead – our whole school attendance this year, so far is 98.3% - This is one of the highest whole school attendance figures out of our whole Trust! Well done Greenhead!

The Department for Education guidance for attendance changed in August this year. Head Teachers are now unable to authorise holidays in term time. Guidance also states that 5 days of unauthorised absence should be reported to the local authority. Please be aware that we, as a school and like other schools, are duty bound to follow this legislation and we cannot authorise family holidays, except for in the most exceptional of circumstances.

Colder weather incoming!

The weather is set to get rather chilly over the next few weeks. Please can all children have coats in school for breaktimes and also, a pair of slippers for when they are in the classroom.

Anti Bullying Day

It was wonderful to see all classes focussing on anti-bullying recently, marking this day by wearing odd socks and discussing friendship and what to do if we do not get along. Children continue to explore relationships and celebrate differences in both assemblies and weekly PSHCE lessons.

Hexham Food Bank

We have received a lovely video from the Hexham food bank (available on our Facebook Page) to show their appreciation for your wonderful donations of food items for our local community. If you are in need of their services and would like to enquire what they offer, please contact [01434 700068](tel:01434700068) or email on getintouch@westnorthumberlandfoodbank.org.uk

Welcome Mrs Coggins!

I am pleased to say that Mrs Coggins has been successfully appointed to our Academy Council as parent governor for Greenhead. The Academy Council works with the Head Teacher, strategically and behind the scenes, to make sure our Federation is the best it can be and Mrs Coggins is very welcome to join us in shaping the future of our schools.

Homework

Thank you for continuing to support your child's homework projects; it has been wonderful to see them so excited and proud of the work they have produced at home as they have presented their work to their classmates.

Christmas Dates for the diary

Tuesday 10th December - KS 1 and Reception Nativity - 2pm at St Cuthbert's Church

Friday 13th December - Year 1 and 2 Life Centre Visit, including ice skating

Tuesday 17th December - Key Stage 2 to HBHS, rehearsal day

Wednesday 18th December - Key Stage 2 to HBHS, Rehearsal and performances at 2pm and 4:30pm.

Thursday 19th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20th December - Christmas Parties (AM)

Friday 20th Dec -Christingle; St Cuthberts Church, families welcome to attend 1:30pm

School closes for Christmas and New Year Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January 2025 Teacher Training Day

School reopens on Tuesday 7th January 2025

A final thought...

Openness and honesty is always the foundation for insightful
conversations

Bell Hooks