



Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

We have made an excellent start to the new school year with lots of fun, hard work and achievements in the short six weeks we have been back.

We are all very proud of our Year 5 and 6 children who represented our school at the Sycamore Gap event at The Sill, what great role models they all were for this important event. We cannot wait to receive our Sycamore sapling (from the original tree) which will be planted early next year.

We continue to incorporate new procedures from our Trust into our school lives as well as the paperwork this entails! Thank you to our parent community for filling out many forms to keep us on track with these new policies. We are receiving quite a few holiday leave of absence forms for holiday requests. Please be aware of the changed DfE guidance which stops us from authorising almost all holiday requests and also the statutory guidance to all schools in England for unauthorised absences which we must follow. Our Trust-wide policy has been sent out to parents and is on our website too. Within this newsletter, please find details of some great upcoming community events; Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day Celebration and Christingle service. We should be able to confirm the dates of Christmas performances in our next newsletter.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Harvest Festival at St Cuthberts Church

We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival at St. Cuthberts Church on **Wednesday 23rd October** at 2pm. Families are welcome to attend and parents are invited to collect their children from the school yard once the service is finished. We will once again be collecting for the Hexham Food Bank, to support families in our local area. If you would like to make a donation, please see the items that have been requested below. These can be brought into school in the last week of this half term.

Reception - Dried pasta and rice

Year 1 and 2 - Canned goods

Year 3 and 4 - Sauces (jars or condiments) Year 5 and 6 - Sugar, tea and coffee

Class News

Early Years

We have been exploring emotions in Literacy and PSED through stories such Ruby's Worry, The Colour Monster and In My Heart. The children have identified a range of emotions such as proud, calm, love and happy. They have given wonderful examples of times they have felt each emotion. In maths the children have been comparing size and have used great vocabulary such as tall, enormous and tiny. We created a class height chart and made a picnic for the three bears.

In RE we have learnt all about Harvest festival and created a wonderful scarecrow and a delicious apple crumble. At home why not create your very own family height chart.

Clyde Class

In Clyde class we have been creating a set of instructions to make jam sandwiches using a range of imperative verbs. In Maths we have been using a variety of resources to compare numbers within 20 and using language such as greater than and less than.

We have enjoyed our History lesson where we have been learning about George Stephenson and why he is significant to our local area. In Science we have been finding out which fabric would be the best suited for a pair of curtains and why. To support your child's learning at home see if they can count some objects into two groups and see if they can identify which group has more or less.

Danube Class

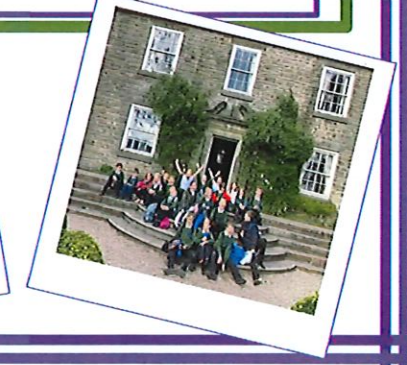
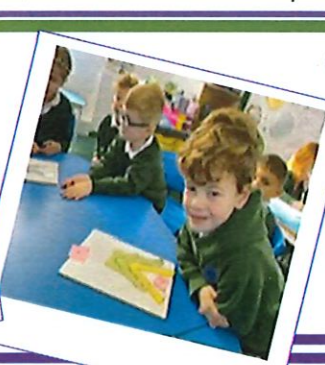
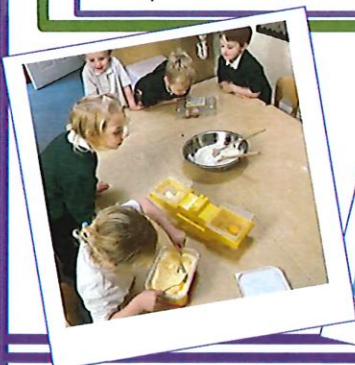
Danube class had a wonderful day at Beamish last week. The children had the opportunity to explore the different parts of the museum and take part in a pottery workshop. In English we have been starting to plan a piece of historical narrative. We were inspired to base our story on the Viking raid of Lindisfarne with children choosing to write from a monk's or Viking's perspective. The children will be encouraged to use descriptive language to retell what happened on that fateful day. This has been a fantastic opportunity as it is linked with our history topic which also gets the children ready for their trip to Lindisfarne next half term. In science we have been exploring our outside areas looking at plants and the effect of sunlight in sunny and shaded areas. In maths we have been consolidating our place value knowledge practising comparing, ordering and identifying numbers. To support your child's learning, we appreciate your continued support with reading, spellings and times tables at home. We are currently focusing on times tables in class, Year 3 focusing on the 3- and 4-times tables and Year 4 on the 4 and 6.-times tables.

Mississippi Class

Mississippi had a fabulous day at the Beamish Museum. We made the most of the day and some of the things we saw were a 1900s classroom and met some teachers dressed from that period. We played some games that children played during that time. We explored different parts of the town including a dentist surgery and cinema. We took a ride on an old locomotive, a tram and made some pottery!

Mississippi have been working hard on biographies of Sir Isaac Newton, exploring his important work and linked to our topic in Science all about forces. In maths, we finished our place value topic and have been working hard on adding and subtracting whole numbers where there are more than four digits.

Ask your children about friction and how that impacts our daily lives!



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 - Hannah & Benjamin

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Jasper

Etiquette Award - Melody

Environmental Award - Owen

Kindness Award - Gracie

Inclusion Award - Joe

Friendship Award - Shay

Role model Award - Jack (y6)



Attendance:

Eden - 97.5%

Clyde - 98.58%

Danube - 99.5%

Mississippi - 98.75%

Whole School - 98.6%

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. A copy of our Trust's attendance policy can be found on the school website.

Remembrance Day Service at Holy Cross for Key Stage 2

We are thrilled to once again announce that we will be marking Remembrance Day at Holy Cross Church on Monday 11th November. This time, as well as our sister school (Henshaw) joining us, our other 2 local Trust Schools, Wark and Newbrough will also be in attendance. This special event will start at 10:40am with songs, poetry and reading before the 2 minutes silence. We hope you will be able to join us in paying our respects.

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion has delivered Remembrance Poppies and related items which are available for purchase from the School Office from Monday 14th October until Friday 8th November. All items are £1. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our Academy Council (formally governors)

Our governing body has now changed names under the Trust leadership and is now known as the Academy Council. Here are a few words from our new co-chairs.

Sarah Smith - I have enjoyed my time on the board of governors so far and have great involvement within the school, either taking photos of the pupils or attending various school trips and school events, all of which have been amazing experiences. Knowing how much commitment, enthusiasm, compassion all of the staff give to their pupils, these schools will thrive under the new academy and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for both Greenhead and Henshaw Primary Schools. I'm looking forward to my new role as joint co-chair with Father Steve and learning new skills within this role.

Father Steve - I am the vicar of Greenhead and Henshaw churches (as well as Haltwhistle and Beltingham) and have found it interesting being one of the governors of our schools this last two years. Being chair of the Academy Council is a bit daunting so I'm glad I'm doing it jointly with Sarah and I look forward to being involved with our schools that little bit more.

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.

Dates for the diary

Mon 21st Oct - Anti Bullying Day - We are all different; Children to wear odd socks this day!

Weds 23rd Oct - Harvest Festival 1:30pm at All Hallows Church

Half Term Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Thurs 7th Nov - Year 3.4 visit to Holy Island, letter to follow

Thurs 7th Nov - Second fixture for the school football team

Monday 11th Nov - Remembrance Day service at Holy Cross for Key Stage 2

Monday 16th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner

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

A final thought...

**Openness and honesty is always the foundation for insightful
conversations**

Bell Hooks