



Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

We are at the end of our first half term in summer and what a great 6 weeks we have had! A HUGE well done to our Year 6 children who took their SATs; we do not need a test to tell us how wonderful you all are, but you faced these national tests with determination and resilience.

We are currently planning our 2nd 'Whole Federation Beach Visit' and have now got transport confirmed for the last day of the school year; Friday 19th July. We will pass on more details of this visit after half term.

Thank you for your continued support to the school and to the adults who work so hard across the Federation to offer the children the very best opportunities and education, we are regularly astounded by the thirst for knowledge and engagement from all of your children.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd June,

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

The West Tyne Federation at Chelsea Flower Show

We are so proud of Charlotte from our Federation, who took a trip down to London at the weekend and start of the week to take part in our on-going work with the National Trust. Charlotte was an ambassador for our Federation and represented our schools as she presented one of the seedlings from the felled Sycamore Gap tree to Dame Judi Dench.

As well as facing many photographers, interviewers and even taking part in a podcast, Charlotte was composed and spoke beautifully about the tree, our schools and our local area. If you haven't had a chance to read any of the articles in the newspapers, these can be found in the Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail, Evening Standard, LBC and The Journal. It even made the local news on BBC, ITV and This Morning! We will keep you updated on the next phase of our plans in the next few newsletters.



Class News

Early Years

Eden class have explored the work of the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh and have produced some fabulous sunflower art pieces using a variety of processes such as printing, painting and collage. In literacy we have focussed on re-telling a longer story. The children could sequence the story of the Hungry Caterpillar and write a phrase to match a picture. In maths we have learnt about symmetry, we have used mirrors and folding to find out how many lines of symmetry something has. At home you could look for symmetry in nature.

Clyde Class

This week we have enjoyed creating information texts linked to minibeasts found in our class reader Superworm. Year 1 have enjoyed taking part in a range of sporting activities with Henshaw at Newbrough whilst the year 2s explored the synagogue in Newcastle. We learnt why the objects were special to Jewish people. In Maths we have been learning to tell the time using analogue clocks. During Science we have been exploring and identifying living things within a river habitat. To support your child at home show them a watch or an analogue clock and discuss what they do at specific times throughout the day.

Danube Class

In our maths lessons this week the children have been learning about shape. Year 4 have identified right angles and different triangles describing the different types. The Year 3 children have been using their knowledge of turns to describe the movement of shapes. Vocabulary such as, turn clockwise a quarter turn, or turn anti-clockwise a full turn. In PSHE we have continued to discuss the relationships we have with our friends, families and wider community. As always we thank you for your support with reading, spelling and times tables at home. This is especially important over the half term break. At the beginning of June will be the Year 4 multiplication check so please could this be a focus at home. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break.

Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have had a very busy few weeks! Year 6 have completed their SATs and they have all shown amazing resilience and determination whilst doing so. They have enjoyed celebrations including hot chocolates in the staff room and a pizza party! In English, we have been writing a balanced argument based on our guided reading text, 'Who Let the God's Out?' and in maths, we have been focusing on algebra and decimals. We have begun presenting our R.E homework to the class and even enjoyed some homemade Challah (Jewish bread). We have also begun our new topics in Art and History this week and are looking forward to continuing them after half term. Please continue to encourage your child to access Spelling Shed at home and I hope you all have a lovely week off.



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 - Jasper

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Jasper, Charlie

Etiquette Award - Jessica B

Environmental Award - Owen

Kindness Award - Lily

Inclusion Award - Harris

Friendship Award - Lily

Role model Award - James W



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 - 90%

Clyde - 100%

Danube - 96.3%

Mississippi - 98%

Whole School - 97%

Dates for the Diary

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May - Half Term week

Wednesday 5th June - West African wildlife workshops

Friday 7th June - Rearranged afterschool netball festival at Allendale

Thursday 13th June - Yr 5/6 -Lockerbie Parents Information Meeting - 3.30pm

Tuesday 18th June - Year 6 leavers event at Newcastle Cathedral

Friday 21st June - Quad Kids event for Year 5.6

Tuesday 2nd July - Year 3.4 Temple workshop at school

Wednesday 10th July to Friday 12th July - Lockerbie Residential for Years 5 and 6

Monday 15th July - Federation Sports Day and Summer Fair at the Wentworth

Wednesday 17th July - Year 3.4 visit to Yorvik Centre, York

Thursday 18th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly (time tbc)

Friday 19th July - Whole Federation Beach visit to South Shields

Summer Term 2 - Year 5 and 6 will be swimming for the final half term