



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

I hope this newsletter finds all of our families well and you are looking forward to an upcoming rest over half term. It was great to see so many of you at our Workshop Wednesday this week, where children shared with their adults how they learn their spelling rules and patterns in the classroom.

Just a quick reminder to families that children are welcome to bring in a snack for breaktimes however, we would ask that these are healthy snacks (fruit, vegetables, plain biscuits); referring to our packed lunch policy, chocolate bars and sweets are items which our School Council have asked not to be present in school. Thank you also for continuing to support our hydration drive in school and provide your child with a clean water bottle of water or cordial juice each morning. Please can we remind parents not to use concentrated, fresh fruit juice in water bottles.

Finally, a HUGE thank you for your continued support of our homework projects at school; we continue to be astounded by the enthusiasm and the presentation of these wonderful projects. I think we, as teachers, also learn a few facts from this wonderful work which the children have completed about famous scientists from around the world.

Best wishes Mr Glenton

A message from Father Steve

We love our village hall in Greenhead so we are helping to raise money for it with a Domino Drive there on February 21st Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. This is during half term and children and families are welcome to come and join in - no experience necessary! As well as learning a new skill, if you have visitors over half term and would like to see our church then that will also be possible.

For more details, please see the poster at the end of this newsletter.

Class News

Tyne Class

In Tyne Class the children have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. We listened to the story 'The Great Race' and learnt how the Emperor named each year after an animal. The children used their phonic knowledge to write a label for each animal on their Chinese zodiac calendar. The children had lots of fun exploring the animals in the small world area and recreating the great race! In maths we have been combining groups to find the total, the children have been great at representing this using a part whole model, ten frames and numicon. At home you could support your children's learning by playing games which involve rolling two dice such as 'shut the box' or you can play an addition game online: www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/addition-to-10

Thames Class

What a busy half term Thames class have had! In English we have used our knowledge of different types of punctuation to write letters and instructions on how to save a whale. We used the Julia Donaldson book 'The Snail and the Whale' as a discussion point and discussed various strategies to help the whale, including calling the RNLI. In Maths we have been making equal groups to develop our understanding of multiplication and division. In Science we have explored our senses and looked at animals and their offspring, We had great fun during Dot day, using different techniques to create artwork. In Geography we have looked at aerial photographs and identified features in our local area and in London. Perhaps the children could use Google images at home to identify significant landmarks or features. Thank you for your support with the Science project, we all learnt some amazing facts and the children were excellent presenters.

Rhine Class

In Rhine Class, we have been writing our own cinquain poems about volcanoes. At home, perhaps the children could have a go at creating a cinquain poem about something they enjoy? In maths, year 3 have completed their work on measures and year 4, have completed their work on perimeters. In Commando Joe, the children have carried out the last of the teamwork tasks related to Nelly Bly and made a steamboat for the last part of her journey. We learnt how to play 'Portsmouth' on the glockenspiel in music and showcased our gymnastics routine to our class in P.E. In R.E. we have thought about the world that Jesus wanted and produced artwork to reflect this and in Geography, we have found out about the volcanologist Stephanie Grocke.

Nile Class

The children in Nile class have had a fabulous visit to the Laing Art Gallery. During their visit, they have had the opportunity to study a local photographer (Chris Killip) and review water colour paintings of the River Tyne, exploring the various uses of the river. The children also created their very own dazzle boats, which were used to confuse the enemy. What can your child tell you about a dazzle boat and what other interesting facts can the discover about dazzle boats or Chris Killip?



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 - Rhys D, Olly W, Harry, Alice, Alex, Jayden, Georgia

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Rohan, Parker, Billy, Finley, Eve, Maddie

Etiquette Award - Rohan, Macy, Parker,

Environmental Award - Sophie, Alice, Alicia, Tobin

Kindness Award - Alex, Aria, Jamie, Charlie, Finley, Reece B

Inclusion Award - Emily S

Friendship Award - Charlotte Cy, Eddie G,

Role model Award - Sophie, Eva Gm x2, Reece B, Maddie

Attendance: *Every day is important to give children their full entitlement to an exciting learning journey*

Tyne - 95.3%

Thames - 96%

Rhine - 94.1%

Nile - 89.5%

Whole School - 93.8%

Our target for attendance is 96%



Reading Buddies at Henshaw Primary School

Our Reading Buddies provision is well underway at Henshaw Primary school with children across the school now spending time with their younger/older school friends to read and explore stories and books. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm that the older children have brought to working with the younger children and our younger pupils have relished the chance to 'show off' their reading skills.



Nail Varnish

Thank you to our families for continuing to stick to our School Uniform policy; this really does ensure children are regulated and are a cohesive group of learners. Can we please remind parents that children should not be wearing nail varnish at school. We thank you for your understanding with this.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March (the second Thursday back after half term, we once again will be celebrating World Book Day. Children will be celebrating the world of stories and books and are welcome to come to school **dressed as their favourite book character**. It would be great if each child could bring a copy of the book that their character is from into school on that day, and they will get the chance to share this story with a friend.

Children will also be taking part in their Reading Buddies provision this day, engaging with an author through an online forum and taking part in a book treasure hunt around school - it is going to be a fantastic day!

Easter Celebration

We wanted to give you advanced notice that will be holding our first Easter celebration at St Cuthbert's Church on **Tuesday 26th March from 2pm**. During this time, children will be doing Easter readings, singing songs and parents will then be free to come back to school to see the wonderful Easter Egg Competition entries that we hold each year. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 19th to Sunday 25th February - Half Term week

Teacher Training Day Monday 26th February - Children return to school on Tuesday 27th February

Wednesday 28th February - Reception visit to Great North Museum, Dinky Dinos workshops

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day, children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character

Tuesday 12th March - Year 1/2 visit to Susan's Farm, Houghton, Cumbria
- Year 5/6 visit to NUFC Stadium

Wednesday 13th March - Workshop Wednesday, all parents welcome to attend, 2pm - 3pm

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Celebration at All Hallows' Church, 2pm, all welcome to attend

Thursday 28th March - Federation Dance Festival at Haltwhistle Leisure Centre (details tbc)

Thursday 28th March - Last day of school before Easter holidays

Year 5 and 6 will continue to attend swimming lessons on a Monday until the Easter holidays

A final thought...

Rest when you need to, but never quit

John Wooden

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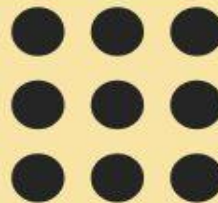
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