



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

It has been a wonderful first half term as Head Teacher of Henshaw Primary School. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown by our staff team, children and you all as parents and carers - thank you for your support.

We have welcomed Father Steve into our school several times over this half term and have planned further visits to re-establish our connections with our local, Christian community, including children visiting the church next half term. It was great to see so many of you at our first Workshop Wednesday and I hope you enjoyed coming into the classroom (or into the allotments!) to join your children for the afternoon. We will plan to have another event like this in the near future.

On the first Thursday back after half term, the teachers and teaching assistants have organised a Jubilee Day in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee. We are looking forward to celebrating this with the children and there will be lots of pictures of this day on Facebook. In commemoration of the Jubilee, five councils have joined forces to purchase china commemoration mugs for the children in their local schools. Haltwhistle Town Council, Henshaw, Bardon Mill, Plenmeller with Whitfield and Greenhead Parish councils chose a china mug depicting the Queen on her coronation. The mugs were delivered to our Federation and given out today. I would like to say a big thank you for this generous donation. This is something the children will be able to keep to remind them of this special event.

I do hope you all have a peaceful and restful half term holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6th June. If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on 01434 344324/via email at: henshaw@westtynefederation.uk
Best wishes, Mr Glenton

A Message from Miss Munro, our New Assistant Head who will be teaching in Year 6 from September

Hi everyone, my name is Michelle Munro and I am very much looking forward to becoming part of the team at Henshaw Primary School.

I've been a teacher for over twenty years and I love to see that light bulb moment when a child realises their true potential. In my spare time I very much enjoy running outdoors, long walks and working out at the gym. Over the next few months, I am really looking forward to being able to spend time meeting all the children, staff and parents. I can't wait to start my new adventure in teaching with your team.

Class News

Class 1

We have been learning all about bees in Reception. We enjoyed a great afternoon with our friend Suzanne, a local beekeeper. Our Reception friends from Greenhead joined us which was lovely. Suzanne told us lots of interesting facts and we got to try on beekeeper outfits. We also ate toast and honey and made beeswax candles. We had a great time on Workshop Wednesday when our parents helped us to plant our garden that we've been planning. We've been caring for our plants since and things are already growing! In maths we have been looking at number bonds to 5 and 10 and odd and even numbers. Ask your child what the difference is between odd and even numbers. Maybe they could collect an odd and then an even number of different objects for you.

Class 2

Class 2 have been very busy. We have been using the balance scales in Maths to weigh objects and talk about which objects are heavier and lighter. In English we have written a letter to Whiffy Wilson to persuade him to come to school. We used our knowledge of different sentence types and extended our sentences using, and, if, but and because. Year 2 have also practised finding and using homophones in their writing. We enjoyed having our parents in to visit for our workshop Wednesday. We were able to share with them our Science work about plants. We have continued to look at plants this week by identifying different types of leaves. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading their Julia Donaldson books at story time. They have had some thoughtful discussions about the books. They all have a favourite! We will continue to read more Julia Donaldson books next half term.

Class 3

Our class has had a very scientific week with baby chicks and ducklings hatching and planting seeds for investigations to be carried out on them. The highlight was the ducklings first swim! Our English focus has been explanation texts and the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah. In maths, we have continued our work on time from using calendars to timetables to reading and converting time from analogue to digital. In history, we have explored the Roman Empire. Understanding the passing of time is a huge concept for children to grasp. From BC to AD, to times of the day, days of the week, months of the year, time on the clock. Any input with these at home would be much appreciated.

Class 4

Class 4 have had a very busy week, with Workshop Wednesday and trips or workshops. In English, the children have been writing their own Greek Myths! We have enjoyed reading those as a class. In art the children have been creating some beautiful art using quilling and collage techniques. In PE we enjoyed a mini-Olympics. In guided reading, we have been enjoying hearing about the adventures of Virgo. We loved our visit to the 'The Sill' with our friends from Greenhead school to take part in an Art/Poetry day 'inspired by nature'. The children enjoyed working together to create their own artwork using natural materials. Later they enjoyed a walk along Hadrian's Wall from 'The Sill' to 'Sycamore Gap' A fantastic day. We also loved our Music and Dance workshop on Wednesday.



Our School Promise

We have continued to learn our new school promise this week which reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

The Values of Our School

Wisdom gives us strength in all we do

Endurance keeps us going, trust in teamwork too

A thankfulness to God and community is right

Respecting his creation, the gifts we hold tight

Everyone's forgiven, kindness big and small

We value humility, justice for all

Peace and friendship for all to see

Striving for koinonia is where we want to be



Staff nominate children who have shown these values in our schools and have been role models for our Christian values in our weekly Celebration Assembly.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

Learning Award - Lewis S, Richard

Resilience & Teamwork award - Reception Class, Arthur B

Etiquette award - Lewis T, Fearne

Environmental award - Class 4

Kindness award - Barry, Libby

Inclusion award - Macy C

Friendship award - Harry B, Class 2

Role model award - Charlotte P

Each week, other children receive a postcard through the post to let their adults know how proud of them we are.

Attendance:

Class 1 - 100% Class 2 - 84.3% Class 3 - 89.6% Class 4 - 82.1%



Pre-loved Uniform Request

If you have any unwanted, clean and washed uniform (maybe the children have grown out of it?) please feel free to bring it to school as a donation. With the current cost of living crisis, we want to support our families by offering uniform which is pre-loved. This will also support our eco-school culture of reduce, reuse and recycle. Thank you for your support.

Community Vote of the Fortnight

Thank you to all the children who have given suggestions for the new names for our classes; the rivers with the most votes were; Tyne, Eden, Nile, Wear, Thames, Annan, Mississippi, Rhine and Danube. From after half term, our classes will be called:

Reception - Tyne

Year 1 and 2: Thames

Year 3 and 4: Rhine

Year 5 and 6: Nile

We will be having a 'Rivers Day' after half term



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 9th June - Movie Night: School Hall, 3:30pm - 5:30pm. Bring your own cushions!

Thursday 9th June - Parents Meeting for Year 5 and 6: Lockerbie Residential Visit

Friday 10th June - Guy Opperman (Local MP) visiting Henshaw

Wednesday 15th June - Hexham Book Festival Visit- Reception and Year 1 & 2

Thursday 16th June - Hexham Book Festival Visit - Year 3 to 6

Friday 24th June - School Photographs (Class) - 10am

Tuesday 28th June - Federation Sports Day: 1pm - 3pm at the Wentworth, Hexham

School Teacher Training Days for 22/23: Monday 5th September, Tuesday 6th September, Monday 31st October, Friday 17th February. School will be closed to children on these dates.

Sports Day

We are really looking forward to having our Sports Day again this year after having to miss this event over the past few years. This year, Mrs Makepeace, our PE lead for the Federation, has organised for us to hold our Sports Day on **Tuesday 28th June**. The whole Federation have been incredibly lucky and excited to secure the athletics track and field at the **Wentworth Leisure Centre**. All the family are welcome to attend from 1pm to 3pm and parents will be welcome to take their children home after this event at 3pm. Transport will be provided for those children requiring to be returned to school. More details to follow!

Friends of Henshaw Primary School Coffee Morning and Raffle

It was wonderful to have our first Friends of Henshaw Primary School meeting last week. They will be holding a coffee morning (with cake, donations welcome) on Friday 17th June where there will be a raffle and a chance to find out more about the Friends and how you can get involved. It will also be an opportunity for you to meet other parents and to bring our community back together after so much time we have spent apart. All are welcome in the school hall from 8:45am - 9:30am - we hope to see you then.

A final thought...

"All children need is a little help, a little hope and someone who believes in them." — **Magic Johnson**