



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

It has been an incredible first term as Head Teacher of Greenhead and Henshaw Primary Schools. From my first day, the warmth and support I have received from parents, children and the wider community has meant the world. Thank you.

I hope you can see the improvements in and around school that the staff have worked so hard to implement over this term. I am incredibly lucky to be leading such a dedicated, warm and committed staff who want nothing but the best for your children. It is with excitement that I welcome new members of staff into our Federation. However, I am very saddened to say goodbye to some key members of staff as they move on to other schools to further develop their teaching and leadership in a different context but am happy for them as they embark on their new adventures.

We have got some incredible opportunities planned for next year and will continue with the wonderful things we already have in place or have started. We will also be continuing with our Workshop Wednesday and Together Tuesday as well as developing our after-school provision. Thank you for your continued openness and support.

Best wishes and have a lovely summer break, Mr Glenton

A message from our new Academic Mentor - Megan Marsh

Having qualified as a teacher in July, I am really pleased to be joining the West Tyne Church Schools Federation. In my spare time I love to explore our local countryside with my two dogs, Barney and Fern. I look forward to meeting everyone in September.



A message from our new Teaching Assistant - Lauren Crawford

Hi my name is Lauren and I am very excited to be joining the Federation as a new SEND teaching assistant. I will be working between Henshaw and Greenhead Schools and am very much looking forward to working with the staff and children within both. Children's passion for learning and investigating new things inspires me to help them develop further and I can't wait to help them and be part of their journey.



Class News

Tyne Class

Over the last couple of weeks we have been thinking about how we can look after our world. We read 'There's a Rangtang in my Bedroom' which is a gorgeous story but also has a serious message about not using palm oil. The children were so passionate about the message that they created wonderful posters and stood up in our whole school assembly to spread the word. I was so proud of them. In fact, I've been proud of them for the entire year. They have been fabulous learners, engaging in all our activities. They have embraced all our learning opportunities with their wonderful enthusiasm. They have filled my days with joy and wonder. What a fabulous bunch! Mrs Jameson and I would like to say a big thank you to all parents also for all your support. Have a fabulous summer!

Thames Class

Over the last couple of weeks, we have continued our work based on the author Julia Donaldson and written some alternative versions of Zog and the Flying doctors. We focussed on different sentence types and including description to interest the reader. During workshop Wednesday we made some of the characters from the books with clay. In Maths we have continued to explore the properties of shapes and consolidated our understanding of place value. We drew Venn diagrams in Science to sort animals into groups, herbivore, carnivore and omnivore. We also had a fantastic time at Wallsend boys club, taking part in different PE activities. We have had a very busy year in Thames class and have thoroughly enjoyed all of our learning opportunities. Miss Keith and Mrs Olsson would like to thank you all for your support. Have a lovely, restful summer.

Rhine Class

Rhine Class have had a very busy time with end of year assessments and POP tasks to bring our theme of Emperors and Empires to a close. We have looked at our memories from the start of the year and realised that we have travelled along our timeline from the Stone Age to the Romans and in September we continue this journey in Rhine Class with the Anglo-Saxons. Our school mosaic design is coming along well. We are looking forward to it being completed and placed at the front of our school where it will be for years to come - creating some of our own history. We have also gardened and planted flowers for the bees and butterflies supporting our eco-school's initiative to encourage wildlife into our school environment.

Nile Class

We have had a lovely residential trip to Lockerbie Manor this week. We have worked on resilience and teamwork. We also had time to share memories with Year 6 before they leave us. Good luck Year 6!

Love from Nile Class x



Our School Promise

Our School Promise 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 - Arty

Resilience & Teamwork award - Thames Class!

Etiquette award - Ellie

Kindness award - Charlie

Friendship award - Matthew

Role model award - Emily

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

Attendance: 91.2%

Class 1 -97.6%

Class 2 -93%

Class 3 - 91.2

Class 4 - 91.2%

Pre-loved Uniform sale

On the first week back, we will be holding our first 'pre-loved' uniform sale in school. Parents will be invited into school to get second hand uniform for a donation. All are welcome and any money raised will go towards school fund. Please continue to donate any unwanted uniform where you can.

Enrichment at Henshaw Primary School

Next year, we will continue to offer a range of enrichment opportunities for children. Nile class will be swimming at the Wentworth in Autumn Term and all children from Year 1 to 6 will continue to have expert coaching from NUFC. We will continue our Commando Joe's resilience & teamwork sessions and will also start whole school singing tuition which will be delivered by Northumberland County Council. Children in Year 5.6 will also have the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele. Finally, we will be developing our after school clubs on offer.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 5th September and Tuesday 6th September - Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 7th September - First day of School.

Wednesday 14th September - Year 5 and 6 to Newcastle Church

Wednesday 21st September - First singing lessons

Thursday 22nd September - NSPCC workshops

Friday 30th September - Individual photos

Friday 7th October - Harvest Celebrations at Henshaw Church

Our Yearly Residential to Lockerbie Manor

It was wonderful to be able to offer our yearly residential visit to Lockerbie Manor again this year. Children had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities such as fencing, kayaking and abseiling. The staff who accompanied the children were so impressed by the resilience, determination and teamwork which all children showed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Callaghan, Miss Sedgwick and Mrs Hall for their time, effort and kindness to support the children in taking part in such a fantastic three days - doing so shows how much these staff members are dedicated to our Federation. Check out our Facebook page to see the amazing things our Year 5 and 6 got up to in their time at Lockerbie.

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All schools in Northumberland (Including the West Tyne Church Schools Federation) are Operation Encompass (supporting children and families where domestic abuse is witnessed) and Operation Endeavour (supporting children who go missing from home and liaising with families) schools. It is our duty to notify parents and carers of this. For more information of this provision, please visit www.operationencompass.org

A final thought...

Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine Nikhil Saluja