



# Henshaw CE Primary School

## Newsletter

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### A Message from the Head Teacher

Can I start by saying a MASSIVE thank you to all the parents that worked so hard with their children to take part in the History-focussed homework projects that have come into school in the past two weeks. We have been astounded by the knowledge and enthusiasm the children have shown when they have been sharing their projects - super researching, enquiry skills and confident presentations.

Year 3 and 4 have started their 'Beneath Our Feet' project last week, where they worked with children at Greenhead Primary to explore our mining heritage and the work of local artist; Norman Cornish. Year 6 have also started their university workshops with their PhD mentor from Newcastle University and have already produced some stunning written outcomes.

This week, the children have also had a visit from the Tynedale Hospice Association, who have told us all about the wonderful, caring work they do in our community. We hope to do some fundraising activities next half term; Our School Council will take the lead on this.

Four more school days to go, we hope you all have a lovely half-term holidays,

Best Wishes, Mr Glenton

### Need to get in touch?

If you need to get in touch with your class teacher, the best time is at the end of the day when we dismiss the children, so we can give you our full attention. Please feel free to pass on any quick messages at the start of the school day where necessary. Alternatively, please send an email to class teachers who will respond to you when they are able. Please do not notify us of absence using class emails as these are not checked as regularly as the School Office email.

The School Office email or telephone number should be used for absences.

Class teachers check the class email addresses at regular intervals through the week but will not be replying to emails after 6pm or before 8am or at weekends; our teachers work extremely hard so deserve and need to maintain a healthy work/life/family balance too!

If you feel that the class teacher has been unable to solve an issue which has occurred, please contact the school office and Mr Glenton, or one of our Assistant Head Teachers, will endeavour to get in touch to help.

## Class News

### Tyne Class

In Tyne class, we have been learning about adding two groups together. We have practised this using everyday objects, dominoes and numicon pieces. Some of us have made our own dominoes and added the spots together. We have also learnt how to say and write number sentences. Can you practise adding two groups of objects together at home? You could use cutlery or teddies. Can you say the number sentence to match your adding calculation?

### Thames Class

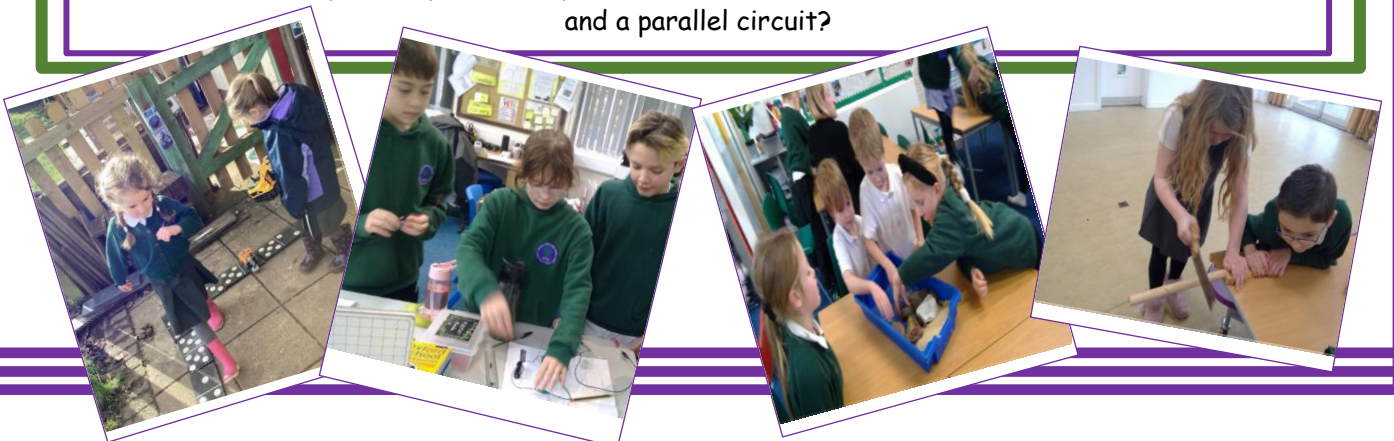
Thames class have been writing letters to Katie Morag and including their grammar and punctuation, contractions, conjunctions and capital letters. In Maths, Year 2 have been looking at multiplication and division. They could consolidate this at home by practising making equal groups and sharing. Year 1 have been comparing numbers using the vocabulary greater than and less than. They could consolidate this at home by finding greatest amounts of objects or least amount of objects, or even seeing who has the greatest amount of peas on their dinner plate!! We are looking at animal groups in Science and talking about their features. We continue to work hard learning our sounds in Read, Write Inc and reading our books. In Geography, we have been finding out about the RNLI and discovered some very interesting facts.

### Rhine Class

In Rhine Class, we have been finding out about rivers around the world. We have then been using our research to write a report about the rivers of our choice. We are presenting these in a lapbook style. In Maths, we have started work on measures and are learning how to find the perimeter of different shapes. Our science theme on light is 'heating up' now as we get closer to finding the suspect - we found out this week that some of the suspects couldn't have stolen the diamond earrings as their clothing was light coloured and would have reflected in the torch light - meaning that they would have been seen. If you could look out for reflective surfaces this week and think about what makes them reflective that will really help consolidate this work. I have been really impressed with how much information the children have retained in our work on Sikhism. We have also shared our history homework with projects including: Titanic, Berners Lee, the hole in the ozone layer, hydrothermal vents, Simon Weston, Stephen Hawking. They were amazing.

### Nile Class

The children in Nile class have had an electric time this week! In small groups, they have created an experiment to explore what would happen if they added extra bulbs, buzzer or motors to their circuit. It didn't take the children long to realise they needed to create a simple circuit first before they could then add extra components. From this they then realised that one cell does not have enough voltage to run more than one component. In class we have worked with simple series circuits, why not explore with your child at home what the difference is between a series and a parallel circuit?



## 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** - Barry, Cain, Lilly, Arty, Emily W

**Resilience & Teamwork Award** - Kian, Harry B, Zane

**Etiquette Award** - Riley

**Environmental Award** - Emily T, Ivy

**Kindness Award** - Lewis S

**Inclusion Award** - Alfie

**Friendship Award** - Aria, Isla B

**Role model Award** - Daniel, Bethany, Eva Gt, Margo, Jayden

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

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



Tyne - 93.3%

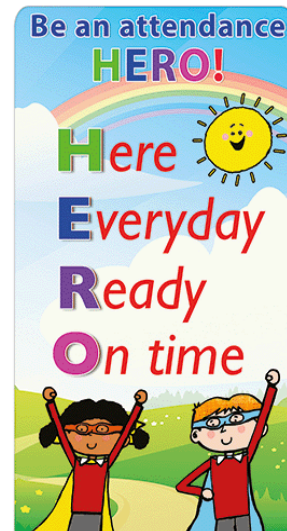
Thames - 94.67%

Rhine - 97.83%

Nile - 100%

**Whole School - 96.7%**

Our target for attendance is 96%



## Bible stories and Drama Club

A fortnight ago, the children really enjoyed listening to stories, acting them out and learning more about the Christian faith. Father Steve, Elsie and Judy provided this wonderful provision for our children and were very impressed with the knowledge and enthusiasm the children showed.

The next session is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 3:20pm until 4:20pm at Greenhead Church**, please let the office know if your child would like to attend. This session will be charged at £2 which can be donated on the day at the church. **Please ring the school office to reserve a place for your child.**

### A Message from Father Steve

Hopefully Haltwhistle Carnival will be happening this summer. I was thinking about a Churches' float in the procession. Is there anyone who has experience in this sort of thing, or is willing to help?

Part of the Church contribution to local life is our two Church Schools in Greenhead and Henshaw and I wonder if anyone could help shape what we do in the event, whether procession or stalls or any other ideas. Please contact Steve, the vicar, 07952 813786.

### Valentine's Day Service at our local church

Just a reminder that that our first Valentine's Day service will be held at the Church at **2:30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. All are welcome to attend where our children from Year 1 to 6 will be singing and talking about St Valentine.

We hope to see you there!

### A Message from some eager footballers at our school...

Hello, we would like to raise some money for new football goals at our school. Mr Glenton said that if we raised enough money, the school would fund the extra needed to get new goals for playtimes and lunchtimes. So we would like to hold a fund-raising day on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. During the day we will be:

- Selling hot chocolate at morning playtime - £1 for plain hot chocolate and £1.50 with cream and marshmallows.
- A penalty shoot out - 50p for 1 shot, 3 for £1
- A cake stall at the end of the day in the playground (following the Valentine's Day Service) - The stall will open at 3:15pm and if you want to make any cake donations, please bring these in on Wednesday morning - we would really appreciate this.

Children can bring money in on the day to take part. Please help us to raise money for our new football goals. Thank you, from Cain, Alfie, Harry, Hope, Findlay, Caelan, Daniel and Ruby (aka the 'Awesome Eight!')

### Dates for the Diary

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Greenhead Reception visiting Henshaw Reception, Henshaw Primary

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Valentine's Day service at the local church (Years 1 to Year 6), 2:30pm at Henshaw Church - parents welcome to attend.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Fundraising event, organised by Year 6, for new football goals

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February** - The Demon Dentist theatre visit, Rhine Class to The Sands Centre

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February** - Teacher Training Day, School closed to children

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** - School reopens

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** - Swimming lessons begin today for Year 3/4 children (Rhine Class)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - **World Book Day** - Children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character .. fun games and activities planned!

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - Father Steve into School for Collective Worship

**A final thought...Be kind to yourself so you can be happy enough to be kind to the world - Misha Collins**