



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Hello everyone, we hope this newsletter finds you all well and you are all managing to keep warm in this chilly, snowy weather. We have had a wonderful start to this short half term with a whole school assembly from the Tyne Rivers Trust (who dropped off salmon eggs to grow in our new fish tank), a dinosaur museum tour at the Great North Museum for Reception and a visit to Whitehaven for Year 5 and 6 where they found out all about slavery in the past. Year 3 & 4 have also enjoyed a visit from the family of the famous Northern artist, Norman Cornish, this week to support their project, Beneath our Feet. It is really beneficial that children are able to explore the amazing opportunities available to them through our local amenities and environment.

There will be a new section for the next few months in our newsletter; the staff spotlight. This is so you can get to know members of the school team a bit better and understand the many jobs they do to make our school a fantastic place to be.

The school also enjoyed a fabulous World Book Day; we saw a huge range of characters from Little Red Riding Hood to Harry Potter and Willy Wonka - Robin Hood even put in an appearance! The children enjoyed working with others from different classes in the afternoon to create some wonderful puppets for their mystery story book, which they used to retell the tale. The day was capped off with a treasure hunt in our lovely woodland area.

I was thrilled to be able to share with you Greenhead's latest Ofsted report. After a rigorous, 10-hour inspection by two inspectors, leaders of the school were given this feedback and we felt that this truly represented our school's ethos and values.

We were bound by confidentiality and had to wait a while for the full report. Reading this, I feel it could have been written by somebody who has worked at the school for many years - it truly encapsulates what we are all about at the West Tyne Federation.

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful family of professionals who work so hard and diligently to provide a first-class education for your children. Your continued support really does make all the difference, Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Class News

Tyne Class

In Tyne Class this week we have started our Dinosaur topic. We read 'Dear Dinosaur'. We have looked at the features of a postcard and have written our own postcard with a question on it to our favourite dinosaur. We had a fantastic trip to the Great North Museum where we enjoyed the Dinky Dinos workshop. We also explored the rest of the museum and did a scavenger hunt. The children were beautifully behaved and were a real pleasure to take out and about. Our host said they were "a pleasure" to have. We will continue our learning about dinosaurs over the next few weeks. Maybe you could find out a fact about your favourite dinosaur to put in our class book.

Thames Class

Thames Class have been looking at Instructions and the vocabulary needed to write them. We have also written a poem about Billy McBone and looked at rhyming words. In Maths, Year 2 have continued to look at the 5 and 10 times table. We are now practising division. It would be really helpful if they could practise making groups of 5 at home. Year 1 have been doubling numbers and adding near doubles. In Science, we have started to look at the properties of Materials and identify what objects are made of. We have looked at Saltwick Nab in Geography and the children enjoyed finding out about the ship Rohilla. I am sure they will enjoy sharing their information with you.

Rhine Class

This week in Rhine Class, we have been extremely busy with writing our historical narrative around mining. We have continued work on fractions in maths. Have fun exploring fractions at home with fruit, cakes, pizzas - whatever you have to share equally. In science, we have concluded our work on light. We have played two tunes on the ukulele in chord c. We have started creating our sun dial, but weather has not allowed us to complete it. In PSHCE, we had some super discussions about risk taking. We finished the Demon Dentist and are about to start our next text by David Walliams 'The World's Worst Teachers'. And we are making our dance sticks for the Dance Festival.

Nile Class

During their educational visit, Nile Class have had the opportunity to experience what life was like for the Jefferson Family, who traded rum across Europe and other countries. The children were given the opportunity to see how slaves were shackled and chained below the deck of ships and transported around the world, never having the opportunity to see their family again. The children even sang a sea shanty. What can the children learn about triangular slave trade?



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 - Charlotte Cy, Emily T

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Bethany, Rhys, Cole

Etiquette Award - Years 5 & 6

Environmental Award - Sophie

Kindness Award - Alicia

Friendship Award - Hope

Role model Award - Eva Gm



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 - 100%

Thames - 96%

Rhine - 89.6%

Nile - 96.3

Whole School - 94.6%

Our target for attendance is 96%

Upcoming Events: Red Nose Day, Workshop Wednesday and Together Tuesday

We have lots of enrichment events coming up across the Federation in the next couple of weeks. Next Wednesday is Workshop Wednesday and parents are invited in to learn all about Science with their children in the classroom.

On Tuesday, Miss Munro will be holding her first Together Tuesday relating to Maths and how to support your child with this subject at home. On Tuesday 21st this will be held at Henshaw and the Tuesday afterwards, it will be held at Greenhead. All parents are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

Friday will also be Red Nose Day and children (and staff) are welcome to come to school in non-school uniform for a chocolate donation to go towards our Easter hamper. Red nose cupcakes will be available to buy at school for £1 and any loose change you may have, to cover our Red Nose on the school yard, would be gratefully received. Thank you!

Staff Spotlight - Our Wonderful School Cook, Mrs Hancock

I have been Catering Manager at Henshaw Primary School for 15 years and took over the catering for Greenhead Primary School around 2013. I love my job with the Federation.

I do lots of jobs in the school including the ordering, preparing and cooking of the lunches for both schools. I am also responsible for producing the menus which change twice a year. These are compiled following guidelines set down by the Food Standards Agency, and I meet up once a year with a representative from our food supplier to discuss new products suitable for the children. Once again this year, we will do this with the School Council to continue to give children a voice in our school.

I am also responsible for all the paperwork that comes with working in a kitchen like risk assessments, COSHH sheets, cleaning schedules and temperature charts and am very proud that in my 15 years at Henshaw, I have maintained a 5* rating from the Environmental Health Officer! I cater for many different dietary requirements over the Federation, both staff and children and relish this challenge to provide nutritious but tasty meals for children.



Absence and Lateness

Please can we remind parents to contact the school office by 9:15am if their child is going to be absent from school and not use the class email addresses to inform class teachers of absence. The teachers check these email addresses at the end of the day on most days so this message could be missed.

Please can we also remind parents that school starts at 8:45am and teachers provide early morning work (which is tailored specifically to their level and sequence of learning) from 8:50am, so that learning can start straight away. Please ensure that your child has access to our full curriculum by making sure they are here on time each and every day; this way they can have full access to our wonderful curriculum.

Tuesday 14th March 2:30pm - Together Tuesday at Henshaw, Maths focus with Miss Munro

Wednesday 15th March 9.00- 10.00am - Workshop Wednesday, Science Focus

Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day - Non-School Uniform Day. Please bring in a chocolate prize to go into our Easter tombola. Red Nose Cupcakes (£1) for sale and any loose change to cover our Red Nose would be appreciated!

Monday 20th March - Year 6 dental programme

Tuesday 21st March 2:30pm - Together Tuesday at Greenhead, Maths focus with Miss Munro

Tuesday 28th March 8.50am - 9.20am Friends of Henshaw Coffee and Cake morning - raffle will be drawn

Wednesday 29th March - Easter Day - children can bring in decorated eggs (letter to follow soon!) and will be taking part in a range of activities across school

A final thought...

Kindness is like snow; it makes everything it covers beautiful

Kahlil Gibran