



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

It was great to see so many of you at our Workshop Wednesday last week, where parents had the opportunity to explore a science lesson with the class. We had some scatologists looking at dinosaur droppings in Reception, building bridges out of different materials in Year 1 and 2, exploring sound in Year 3 and 4 and building a working heart for the circulatory system in Year 5 and 6. We are so happy to be able to share your child's learning with you on this regular basis.

We have also had a successful Together Tuesday where Miss Munro provided a workshop for parents who took the opportunity to explore how we teach and how the children learn Mathematics. The parent booklets for these will be available on our website next week and if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

I would like to say a MASSIVE well done to our Year 6 children, who have put in fantastic effort and focus to their work with Durham University and are soon to submit their final assignments - we are very proud of you all and know you will do fantastically well.

Next week, our design a Shaun the Sheep homework is due in as well as our Easter Egg competition and our 2D flower display competition. I feel that lots of prizes may be awarded next week...

From me and all the team at Henshaw Primary School, may we wish you a happy Easter and a restful holiday (we still have one more week to go next week however!)

Best wishes

Mr Glenton



Class News

Tyne Class

In Tyne class we have continued our learning all about the Easter. We looked at Easter symbols. We listened to the Easter story. We sequenced the story pictures and did some fabulous writing all about the story. We ate hot cross buns and discussed how Christians eat these at Easter to remember that Jesus died on the cross. Can you tell an adult the Easter story? How will you celebrate Easter?

Thames Class

Thames Class have been writing a recount based upon the Great Explorer. We used ad-verbs, expanded noun phrases and conjunctions to make our writing interesting. In Maths, Year one has been looking at related facts and Year two have been recognising amounts of money. I am sure they would love to work out the change at the supermarket. In science, we have looked at natural materials and talked about their properties. We have also started our history topic Magnificent Monarchs. Perhaps they could share their knowledge about some monarchs at home. We have also had a fantastic visit from the Angling Trust. The children loved practising their fishing skills.

Rhine Class

In Rhine Class, we have started our new theme on the Egyptians for history. The children are really excited about this. We have already looked at some artefacts that were found by archaeologists. In P.E., we have been learning our Dandiya Raas dance using the sticks that the children have made. We have been democratic and the children have voted for their own music for the dance. In English, the children have been writing a newspaper report about a character from 'The World's Worst Children'. In art, the children have been improving their drawing skills by sketching pictures of statues. In computing, the children have become quite adept at programming and debugging - including using the correct terminology such as debugging and algorithm. Remember next week, our design and technology homework is due in. We have had some super Shaun the Sheep designs already in, so keep them coming. It would be great to see our designs come to life!

Nile Class

To introduce decimals, the children used manipulatives on a place value chart to represent different decimal numbers. In pairs, one child made the number while their partner stated the number made. After that, the children then explored how to make decimal numbers using the part-part whole models and bar models. How many ways can 0.25 be represented using a part-part whole?



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 - Nile Class, Emily W, Grace S

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Ava, Findlay, Jayden

Etiquette Award - Daniel, Cole

Environmental Award - Ellie, Freddy N, Heidi

Kindness Award - Charlie, Heidi, Aria, Grace M, Tommy

Inclusion Award - Macy, Lincoln

Friendship Award - Kian

Role model Award - Lacey, Abigail, Matthew



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 - 96.7%

Rhine - 100%

Nile - 97.4%

Whole School - 98.1% Well done! 😊

Our target for attendance is 96%

Upcoming Events: Coffee Morning and Easter Chocolate Hamper Raffle

Next Tuesday, after dropping the children off, why not pop into school for a coffee and a cake (for a small donation) to have a catch up and chat with the other parents of Henshaw Primary children?



Our coffee morning will run until 9:30am. **Tickets will also be on sale for the Easter chocolate hampers during this time too. There are four lovely hampers to be won and tickets cost £1 each.**

Can we take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to Miss Finlayson for organising the hampers and also all she does to raise money for our school.. we think you are wonderful!

Henshaw Nursery would like to offer a Forest school session on Tuesday 4th April 9am until 3pm. The cost is £35 including lunch, spaces are limited. Please contact henshawnursery@gmail.com for further details or to reserve your space. Thank you

Staff Spotlight - Our Wonderful Office Manager, Mrs Slater

I have worked as an Office Manager, at Henshaw Primary School for over 23 years....although it doesn't seem that long!

I really enjoy my job, as no two days are the same. I cover a wide variety of tasks, which can range from monitoring the school finances to unblocking a toilet...to name but a few!

I have the best view in the school from my office, looking out onto the playground and seeing what the children get up to at playtime...all good of course :) They make me smile every day! It's also great for spotting parents who haven't returned a School Trip permission slip...the office window comes in very handy!

In my spare time I love to go horse riding. I have a horse, a dog and 2 geese...hopefully another horse will be arriving soon but don't tell my husband!

The thing that makes my job so special for me, is the fabulous team I work with. Not only are they dedicated work colleagues but they have also become good friends...I may be here for another 23 years!

Homework, 2D Flower competition and Decorated Egg competition

We are looking forward to seeing everyone's **Shaun the Sheep designs and models**, which need to be sent into school next week. We are loving the ones that have been sent in so far. School will look like a multicoloured sheep farm by the end of the week!!

Our Easter Egg Competition is also running now, with decorated eggs to be brought in on Tuesday 28th March. We are asking for £1 entrance fee, which will be donated to Tynedale Hospice, with prizes for best decorated eggs.

We also have a **Flower Competition** for Errington Reay Pottery. 2D flowers need to be sent into school by Monday 27th March and Miss Henderson will judge the winners.

Monday 27th March -Year 3/4 swimming lesson followed by Dance Festival at Allendale School
-Flower competition entries due into school

Tuesday 28th March -Friends of Henshaw Coffee and Cake morning- 8.50-9.30am All welcome!

Wednesday 29th March - Easter Day - children can bring in decorated eggs and will be taking part in a range of activities across school

Thursday 30th March - Chocolate Hamper Draw and judging of decorated eggs (Good luck everyone!)

Friday 31st March - Federation Dance Festival at Haltwhistle Leisure Centre
- School closes for the Easter holidays

Monday 17th April - School re-opens for the Summer Term, Year 3/4 swimming

Thursday 20th April - World Culture Day

Monday 24th April - After-School Clubs begin this week (more details to follow)

A final thought...

Family is not an important thing, It's everything

Michael J. Fox