



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your children have had a wonderful first half term back to school, I cannot believe we are going into week 7 already!

It was great to see so many of you at our first Workshop Wednesday this year; I think it was the best turn-out we have had so far since starting the events. After listening to feedback, we have decided to do these once a term instead of half-termly.

Children's topic homework is due in next week. We have already seen some amazing work which children have done at home. Children love to present these to their classmates; thank you for continuing to support your child's learning.

We have our Harvest Festival coming up at our All Hallows Church on Thursday 23rd October, 2pm. We also have a wonderful pumpkin carving and painting session, which will take place after school and is being organised by our amazing PTA on our last day before half term, Friday 24th October - more details to follow...

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Our New Outdoor Building!

We are thrilled to now share with you that we are getting a brand-new building on our school grounds!

During the Spring Term, construction will start on the new room, where children can go to with an adult for small group work and to further their learning.

The new building will be christened by the children, and we look forward to hearing their suggestions for its new name!



This week, Tyne Class have enjoyed the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. We have all loved exploring our new 'Farm Shop' - working the till, making shopping lists and filling our baskets with produce. During circle time, we talked about where some of our produce comes from and how it becomes the food we eat - we even worked with Thames Class to practice our Harvest Festival song, which is all about being thankful for our crops. On Tuesday, we had a go at baking our own bread, just like Little Red Hen! We had to follow a recipe, measure our ingredients, stir them together and knead the dough. We made a beautiful loaf which tasted delicious, and we were very proud of our collaboration skills! Tyne Class have also enjoyed spending time outdoors this week - lots of the children have been gathering Autumn treasures and are great at regularly checking our 'Pine Cone Experiment' in which we are testing how pinecones open and close depending on the weather. What a great week!

In Thames Class this week, we have been working around the story of 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. Our Workshop Wednesday was very well attended with the parents of 19 children attending. In D.T. we made vegetable soup and had a taste. It was very spicy! In maths, we have been learning how to add, subtract and find the difference between numbers - some reinforcement of this at home would be welcomed. In R.E., we have been finding out about what a Harvest Festival is and why we celebrate it. We have also been practicing our songs. In history, we have completed our timelines.

Rhine class have been continuing their learning about the Stone Age by researching the ancient monument of Skara Brae. In English they have been listening to 'Stig of the Dump' and writing their own diary entries using their understanding of pronouns, fronted adverbials and conjunctions. In Maths they are adding 4-digit numbers crossing 10. They have also been looking at friendship and discussing the qualities they would like to find in a friend.

This children in Nile class enjoyed an educational visit to the Sill and a walk to the site of sycamore gap tree. From this, the children then showed off their fact-finding skills to research trees, ready to generate a non-chronological report which was filmed by one of the Channel Four production teams. The children will then show off their research skills at the start of the new year when the film should be broadcast.



Let's Celebrate!

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

Learning Award - Charlotte Cy, Rohan, Rosie J, Freya, Zach, Archie, Emily T, Charlotte Cw, Arlo, Fenn, Lincoln, Lilly H

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Aubrey, Lilly L, Parker, Libby, Angus, Grace S, Koa, Arthur

Etiquette Award - Reuben, James, Emily S, Ollie, Christopher, Lilly L, John James, Tobin, Arlo

Environmental Award - Lilah, Ava PH, Jacob, Georgia, Darcy, Poppy, Kaitlyn

Kindness Award - Makai, Austin, Sophie, Koa

Inclusion Award - Gracie, Billy, Zach, James, Belle

Friendship Award - Marley, Christopher, Dougie, Rosie T, Kaitlyn

Role model Award - Rhys, Eva W, Emily W, Eve, Emily S, Ellie, Libby, Ed

Weekly Attendance:

Tyne - 88.9%

Thames - 98.3%

Rhine - 97.5%

Nile - 99.3%

Whole School - 96.37%



Lateness

Please ensure your child is in for 8:40am each day. Just five minutes lateness each day adds up to a whopping 3-days absence over the course of a year. Teachers in school have activities for children to take part in from the moment they enter the class so please support us and your children by making sure they are on time every day.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultation letters are being sent out next week. These will take place during Week commencing 10th November.

Pumpkin Carving and Painting

The PTA would like to put an amazing Halloween event on at school on our last day before the half term holiday; Friday 24th October. After school, children will be able to take part in pumpkin carving and painting. More details of this event will come out next week but we are all really looking forward to it!

Filming with our Year 5.6 children

On Monday, Year 5.6 took a trip up to Sycamore Gap with a production crew from Channel 4 to take part in a documentary about Sycamore Gap. The crew then came into school on Tuesday to film our learning about nature and the importance of trees.

The children were amazing, and we are so proud of their confidence in front of the camera!



Dates for the Diary

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th October - Year 5 and 6 Bikeability

Monday 20th October - Year 1.2 visit to Beamish - Everyday life in the 1950s

Wednesday 22nd October - Year 3.4 visit to Hexham Abbey - Becoming a scientist

Thursday 23rd October 2pm - Harvest Festival at All Hallows Church (all families welcome)

Friday 24th October - Pumpkin carving and painting with Henshaw PTA (more details to follow)

Half Term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

Monday 3rd November - School re-opens

A Final Thought...

Be yourself, everybody else is taken

Oscar Wilde