



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Hello everyone and welcome to our second newsletter of the academic year. The children have settled well into school and are making the most of the fantastic opportunities and curriculum on offer. We would like to share this with you at our upcoming Workshop Wednesday next week and also our Parent Consultations which are scheduled for the first week back after half term (week commencing 6th November).

Sign up sheets for times and days will come home with your child next week.

I am happy to be able to share the news with you that we are consulting with our community on the opportunity to join the Newcastle and Durham Diocese Multi Academy Trust along with our Federated school, Greenhead Primary. I really do think this move is in the best interests of our Federation and we will gain much from working with the Trust and other schools within it. There are two meetings planned for parents to come to if they wish to ask further questions; these are on Tuesday 17th October at 3:30pm at Greenhead and Wednesday 18th October at 3:30pm at Henshaw.

Parents from both schools are welcome in either meeting.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and wrap up warm as we head into these Autumn months.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Upcoming Parent Events, all are welcome to attend

Just a quick note to remind parents of the lovely events we have coming up in the next few months:

- **Workshop Wednesday** at school -Wednesday 11th October, 9am to 10am, the focus will be Maths games - Reception to Year 6
- **Harvest Festival** at All Hallows Church, Henshaw- Wednesday 25th October, 9:00am - Reception to Year 6
- **Remembrance Day Celebration** at Holy Cross Church, Haltwhistle - Friday 10th November, 10:30am- Year 3 to Year 6

Class News

Tyne Class

This week in Tyne class we have introduced 'Drawing Club' to explore our class story 'Not Now Bernard'. The children have really enjoyed it. They have loved drawing the character, setting and their own ideas about the story. Libby's monster ate an egg sandwich to take away the taste of Bernard! The children have been adding magic codes for things to happen to their pictures. Ella's magic code made her monster burst into a heart and kiss you! Maybe you could draw a picture from a favourite book you have at home and add a magic code for something to happen.

Thames Class

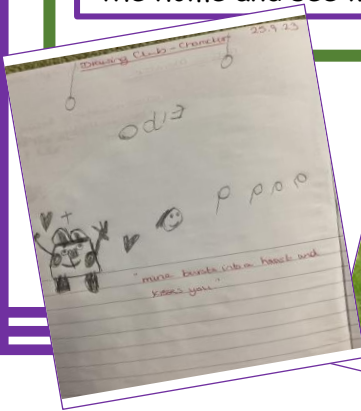
Thames class have been listening to the story Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge in English. They have then discussed memories and written their own recount of the story, using a story map to help them. In maths we have continued our work on place value. Year 1 have looked at the number line and different ways to make 10. Year 2 have been estimating on a number line and practised counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. In science we have looked at what plants need to grow and set up our own experiment to see where they will grow best. Will they grow in the dark cupboard? In RE we have been listening to the Creation poem. We also lay on the grass in the sunshine to experience Gods creations and painted our own interpretation of the Creation story. In History we are going to be looking at family trees. Could they find out about their own family tree?

Rhine Class

This week in Rhine class, we have been learning how to write Kennings Poems and we have some super examples being created. In maths, Year 4 have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Year 3 have been learning how to add and subtract 1s and 10s. In history, we have learnt about Stone Age settlements and in Science, we have looked at the three different types of rock - sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic and how they are formed. This built on last week's science about the properties of rocks. In music, we have started to learn our harvest and remembrance day songs. In guided reading, we have found out more about quarries. We looked particularly at quarries in Kent, as this was where the book 'Stig of the Dump' was based on. Can you find out facts about any quarries that are near us? We can then use that as our basis for our sessions next week.

Nile Class

The children in Nile class have been using their sketch books to create their very own taotie designs. A taotie is a creature in Chinese mythology. Its name translates to 'legendary voracious beast' because of its huge appetite. Its likeness was often used to decorate bronze goods in ancient China. Once their designs have been finalised the children will create their design using a plaster mould. Ask the children to look around the home and see what items may have been created by using a mould.



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 - Fearne, Margo, Eve, Bethany

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Ivy, Reece, Emily S

Etiquette Award - Olly, James, Reece

Environmental Award - Elizabeth, Arty, Charlie, Christopher

Kindness Award - Cole, Lacey, Richard

Inclusion Award - Charlie, Macy

Friendship Award - Alicia, Alex

Role model Award - Parker, Emily W, Grace M, Evie



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

Tyne - 90.7%

Thames - 91.7%

Rhine - 98.7%

Nile - 92.2%

Whole School - 93.6%

Our target for attendance is 96%

Forest Adventures

A new playgroup for 3, 4 and 5 year olds

Held in our beautiful woodland area at **Greenhead Primary school** every Monday from 3:30pm until 5pm (or sunset in winter).

Led by a qualified Forest School Practitioner, come and join us as we explore nature, create art out of the environment and use our wonderful resources (including our fire pit).

Sessions are £5 per parent and child

To book a session, please call the school office on 01697 747347 or email at greenhead@westtynefederation.uk to reserve your place

Early Bird Offer - Sign up to the first 6 sessions and the first is free. Sessions start Monday 18th September

MacMillan Coffee Morning at Bardon Mill Village Hall

A huge THANK YOU for all the cakes we received into school from staff and families last weekend to help support the MacMillan Coffee Morning at Bardon Mill Village Hall - it was a great success and the community raised some wonderful funds to support this charity.

We will continue to support St Oswald's Hospice, our Schools' charity, this year and we are looking forward to receiving our Shaun the Sheep (Caelus) back in a few weeks after his travels to Newcastle Cathedral.



Clubs, lunchtime enrichments and new resources

Clubs across our Federation continue to be well attended and this really does enrich the education offer that we can provide for all our pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the school staff who give up their time to provide these wonderful opportunities. Please remember, children are welcome at any club within the Federation, irrelevant of where they do their day-to-day learning.

Working with Miss Porteous, our PE leader for the Federation, we are in the process of setting up further clubs (football and sports leaders) at lunchtime and we are excited to announce that our new school football strip has now arrived - next step is to train up a school team! We have also received a grant to further develop out of school hours provision and have been ordering lots of new netball, football, forest schools and gymnastics equipment because of this - watch this space for new clubs coming soon...

Dates for the diary

Invitations for parents evening after half term will be sent out next week

Monday 9th October - NHS Flu immunisations Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 11th October - 9am-10am Workshop Wednesday; all parents and carers welcome

Monday 16th October & Tuesday 24th October - Lunchtime Taster Sessions for Football Club

Friday 20th October - NCMP Heights & Weights Measurements - Reception and Year 6 only

Wednesday 25th October - 9am Harvest Celebration at All Hallow's Church, Henshaw; all parents/carers welcome to attend

Friday 27th October - Last Day of half term, school returns on Monday 6th November

Week commencing 6th November - Parent Consultation week

Friday 10th November-10.30am Remembrance Day Celebration at Holy Cross Church, Haltwhistle - Year 3 to Year 6

Monday 20th November-4.30-5.30pm Bedtime stories event at school for Reception to Year 6

A final thought...

Life is like riding a bike; to keep going you must keep moving forward

Anon