



Henshaw CE Primary School ***Newsletter***

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome to our February newsletter, I hope you are all having a good start to the year.

Thank you for your continued support with the adverse weather, so far we have had ice, snow and a storm! During such weather, risk assessments are done on the school site and if deemed safe, the school will open - however, with some of our families living quite far away and in more remote locations, we understand if children may not be able to get to school on these occasions.

We are all looking forward to seeing what the children have created for their river, reading homework in the last week of this half term (W/C 17th February). This really is a great opportunity for children to present their personal opinions and thoughts on their reading choices and likes.

It was great to see so many families at our Emotional Coaching parental workshop last week - some really good hints and tips to help all children. Another chance to catch this workshop will take place at Greenhead next half term and all families in the Federation are welcome, Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Photography Workshops and Photography Art Gallery ***at Henshaw Primary School***

Next Wednesday, children from Reception to Year 6 will be working with our Co-Chair of Governors and resident professional photographer, Sarah Smith, to create their own pieces of art using photography. With props, lenses, manipulation software and a keen eye, all children will produce their own photograph with the expertise of Sarah.

On Wednesday 19th February at the end of the school day, we are welcoming all families into our front entrance and hall to view these photos and purchase them, as part of our first photography art gallery. All profits from this workshop will go towards enrichment opportunities for the children in our school. We hope to see you there!



There has been lots of learning taking place in Tyne Class over the last few weeks. We have focused our learning on the texts 'The Great Race' and 'How to Catch a Star'. We have also enjoyed taking part in lots of hands-on activities relating to measurement and capacity. In RE we have been learning about the importance of looking after our environment, we have tied this into our Forest School sessions where we have been continuing our learning about birds. We have explored light and dark and compared our days to those of other countries. We were really interested in learning about why people in some countries might be asleep when we are still awake! We have also taken part in lots of activities around the Lunar New Year. We were able to reflect upon our own experiences of celebrations and compare them to the celebrations that take place over Lunar New Year.

Thames Class have been busy in English looking at how to plan a narrative based on the story Be brave little penguin. We have looked at different sentence types and descriptive phrases. In Maths we have continued to represent addition and subtraction sentences using concrete and pictorial representations. In Science we have compared the structure of animals. In DT we have made our own animal shelters and then built a shelter out of different materials in the outdoor area.

In Rhine Class this week, we have been working on writing a newspaper article about the fastest human on Earth - Usain Bolt. We were particularly impressed by his determination and resilience to reach his goals. Our newspaper articles will include facts about his life to hanging up his running shoes in 2017. In maths, we have been finding out about lengths in kilometres, metres, centimetres and millimetres. It would be good if you could highlight what a kilometre is on your next journey so that they get a feel for how far this is. In PSHE, we have continued our work on feelings and emotions. This week, we learnt about the downstairs and upstairs brain and their functions. In Geography, we have learnt about the mountain ranges of the UK, and used maps and compasses to learn about direction. We also had a workshop on 'Green skills' and built our own wind turbine finding out which team could produce the most volts. Our curriculum has been so rich and varied and we have made good use of our wonderful learning environment.

This term the children in Nile Class have been exploring how to move around the large and small gymnastics apparatus. The children had looked at how to create starting and finishing poses to enhance their routines, their routines have been full of jumps, twist rolls and balances. They have worked in small groups to create routines, this in turn has developed their listening skills, allowing the children to support and learn from each other.



Our School Promise

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

Learning Award - Charlotte C, Bethany, Rhys, Arty, Rosie T, Eva

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Aiden, Miah, Charlie B, Tabitha, Fearne, Fenn

Etiquette Award - Emily W, Lilly H

Environmental Award - Ollie C, Jack B

Kindness Award - Lewis S, Jacob

Inclusion Award - Aria, Harry

Friendship Award - Arty, Archie

Role model Award - Freya, James, Jack B, Rhys, all Nile Class, Isla P, Macy, Darcy



Attendance:

Tyne - 96.25%

Thames - 95.51%

Rhine - 96.13%

Nile - 93.12%

Whole School - 95.3%

Thank you for continuing to support our attendance policy and ensuring your children are in school. Currently, our whole school attendance is slightly ahead of our Trust's average; even after the winter bugs that have been going around - Well done everyone!

Dates for the diary

Friday 7th February - Fly tying workshop, Year 5.6

Wednesday 12th February - Photography workshop, whole school

Tuesday 18th February - I'm a scientist, online webinar with The Life Centre, Year 5.6

Wednesday 19th February - 3:20pm, photograph art gallery - families welcome

Friday 21st February - Last day of half term

Half Term - Monday 24th February to Friday 28th February

Monday 3rd March - Hexham Library Theatre Show/Workshop, Year 3.4

Thursday 27th March - Reception visit to Hexham; One Cheeky Octopus. Year 1.2 visit to Hexham, Come What May - Hexham book festival letters will be out next week.