



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome to summer term and the lovely, sunny and (hopefully) warm weather! All classes have settled in well after the Easter holidays and have made a wonderful start to their new focuses in learning.

We continue to offer a wide range of after school activities to engage our children in extra-curricular sports and clubs. Thank you for collecting children promptly at the end of these sessions as school staff give their own time to provide these enhancements for our school community.

Teachers continue to regularly post on our Facebook page, please check this out to keep up to date with what your children are learning and the wonderful environment that they are learning in.

Reception class has had a wonderful make-over in the past 6 months with a new art area, flooring, tables, chairs and even a brand new kitchen for role play! Watch this space for our immersive sandpit which should be completed by the end of the next half term.

From next week, children will be able to purchase ice pops on a Tuesday and Thursday. These will be for 50p each. I hope you all enjoy the sun and good weather this weekend, we have waited long enough for it! Best wishes, Mr Glenton

The West Tyne Federation at Chelsea Flower Show

We are thrilled to announce that Charlotte in Year 3, has won a competition from the National Trust to go to the Chelsea Flower Show in London.. what an amazing achievement! As part of their work in school, they designed a beautiful picture of Sycamore Gap and wrote a poem about the feeling the tree has for our community. There will be more details to come (some of which we are not able to share yet!) but look out for our Federation being on and in the news soon!

The National Trust was so impressed with the rest of the poems and beautiful pictures from Rhine Class, that they have awarded them all a free visit to Craggside in July.



Tyne Class

In Tyne class we have enjoyed learning about repeating patterns in Maths and listening to the story *Errol's Garden* in Literacy. We have created a dream garden outside, using different flowers and pots. In RE we have been thinking about different Christian stories, we particularly enjoyed reading about Noah's Ark. We have had lots of fun learning all about Vincent Van Gough and creating a sunflower painting. At home you might want to create your own dream garden, just like Errol's garden.

Thames Class

Thames class have been busy learning about Victorian school life and comparing it with schools today. They even made their own quiz, which they shared with Rhine class. Perhaps they could share some of their questions at home. In English they have written a postcard to Dotty, Whiffy Wilson's friend, about his first day at school. They remembered to include the correct features and were very adventurous with their vocabulary. In Maths they have started to look at position and direction. I am sure they will be able to give you directions to the supermarket using the correct language. In Science they have continued to look at habitats, making comparisons between an Arctic habitat and a Desert habitat. They even used the i-Pads to carry out their own research.

Rhine Class

We have had a really full week this week. It started off with our Tynedale School Games Quad Kids Event at Allendale Primary school where we took part in sporting activities with other local schools. The most challenging event was the 400 metres race. In English, we have been completing our story writing and have also been editing these 'wearing our check specs' which the children have enjoyed. In Art, we have been designing patterns on polystyrene tiles and then using printing ink to show our designs. In science, our children have discovered the legacy which Marie Curie left which has helped in the treatment of cancer. We have also started to carry out investigations linked to states of matter - this week, it was finding out which ketchup 'flowed' the best - was not too thick and slow or too thin and runny. In Maths, Year 4 are really confident and secure when working with money - I could send them shopping! Our Year 3 children have been working on time to 1 minute - which again, has had it's challenging moments. Any support with telling the time and solving problems involving money at home would be appreciated.

Nile Class

This week the children in Nile class have used secondary sources to compare the life in the Mycenaean civilisation to that of the life in the Minoan civilisation. They compare religion, clothes and buildings. What else can the children find out about the warriors of this time period?



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 - Bethany, Angus, Lewis S, Richard, Alex

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Jack Bd, Reece Bd, Ava, Matthew, Billy

Etiquette Award - Reece, Abigail,

Environmental Award - Alex

Kindness Award - Eve

Inclusion Award - Emily T, Margo, Lilly L

Friendship Award - Robert, Ellie

Role model Award - Eva Gm, Charlie, Emily W



Attendance - our target is 96%

Each and every day your child is in school counts. It helps them to remember their prior learning from the day before but also build on this learning the next day. Thank you for your continued support by ensuring your child is in school every day to give them the best education and life chances

Tyne - 95.2%

Thames - 98.1%

Rhine - 94.9%

Nile - 98.2%

Whole School - 96.7%

Hardship fund

We would like to make all our families aware of a hardship fund which is available to all families that live in the Parish of Bardon Mill. If you are struggling financially and would like to apply for this £100 per family, one-off grant, please contact Nigel Collingwood at collingwood@ic24.net You do not need to give any personal details apart from your name and address. The fund has been set up to help our local families and is totally confidential; there are now only a few awards left.

Fundraiser for our church

On Saturday 18th May, All Hallows Church will be putting on a Coffee Morning to raise funds for our local church. There will be stalls and goodies to buy, with all proceeds going to the church to assist with much needed improvements. The fund raiser will be held at The Village Hall from 10am - 12pm, we hope to see you there!

Save the date: Sports Day and Summer Fair!

We are pleased to announce the date of our Federation Sports day this year, which again will take place at The Wentworth Leisure Centre in Hexham. **Monday 15th July** from 1pm to 3pm. Save the date and more information to follow.

Dates for the Diary

Week commencing 13th May - Year 6 SATS week. Breakfast club for Year 6, Monday to Thursday

Tuesday 21st May - Year 2 Synagogue visit, Year 1 visiting Newbrough Primary

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May - Half Term week

Wednesday 5th June - West African wildlife workshops

Thursday 6th June - Year 5/6 Synagogue visit

Friday 7th June - Rearranged Netball Festival for Year 5/6

Tuesday 2nd July - Year 3/4 Temple workshop at school

Wednesday 10th July to Friday 12th July - Lockerbie Residential for Years 5 and 6

Monday 15th July - Federation Sports Day and Summer Fair at the Wentworth Leisure Centre

**** Summer Term 2 - Year 5 and 6 will be swimming for the final half term (commencing 4.6.24) ****

Confirmed Teacher Training Days

We have now confirmed Teacher Training Days for next year (2024/25). These will be on:

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

Monday 6th January

Monday 28th April

School will be closed to families on these days. We have tried to triangulate these with other schools in our area for our local families.

A final thought...

Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine

Mario Fernandez

