



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

Although it has been a short half term, there has been lots going on at school; an Art afternoon for our school's entries for The County Show, Parents Evenings, educational visits and SATS week. May I take this opportunity to say a huge Well done to our Year 6 children during this week. We are all so proud of the determination, resilience and maturity they have shown - they are a true credit to our community.

Next half term, we will begin selling Ice lollies on a **Wednesday and a Friday**, with all profits going towards School Fund. These will be priced at 50p each.

Please remember it is Workshop Wednesday at 9am on Wednesday; all parents and family members are welcome to attend for an hour of History learning with their children.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Sports Day and Beach Visit!

We are pleased to announce that our annual Federation Sports Day will be on **Monday 6th July from 1pm at The Wentworth Leisure Centre in Hexham**. Thank you to our wonderful PE lead, Mrs Makepeace, for leading this again this year. All family members are welcome and there will be our Summer Fair held in the grounds afterwards.

As well as this, we will be holding our **Beach visit on Thursday 16th July**, a letter will follow regarding this and we are thrilled to give the children this opportunity, every other year.

Over the last few weeks, Tyne Class have focused on the stories 'Monkey Puzzle' and 'What the Ladybird Heard'. In English, we have learned about the life cycle of a butterfly and created Wanted posters to catch try and catch the criminals from 'What the Ladybird Heard'! We have explored onomatopoeia and the children have been challenged to tell their grown ups at home what it means. I wonder if you have heard? In the environment, we have enjoyed exploring loose parts, making arrangements, patterns and bringing our own ideas with lots of maths happening in the process. We have also enjoyed a teddy bears picnic this week in Reception. The children made their own list of items they would like to eat and they prepared their own jam and marmalade sandwiches. Some children said that they had never tried marmalade before, but everyone was willing to give them a try.

It has been a very busy week in Thames Class this week. Our caterpillars are starting to metamorphosise into their next stage - the pupas. Our hen's eggs have not hatched still, and we will be torching them to see if there are any signs of life. If not, we are not giving up. Mrs Bell will be supplying another batch so we can try again. This all links nicely to our science outcomes on habitats. In maths, we have been doing fractions focusing on half, quarter, third and whole. In English, we are becoming storytellers and have been working on a story about 'Whiffy Wilson' getting in a mess and moving on to 'Tiddler getting lost'. If you could encourage your child to come up with imaginary scenarios that Tiddler could do, that would be much appreciated. All this plus our geography - finding out about London landmarks using VR headsets, guided reading, R.E., computing, P.H.S.E and P.E. We also celebrated David Attenborough's 100th birthday and found out more about his work.

Rhine class have been enjoying their topic about the Romans and are looking forward to their visit to Housesteads. They have also been writing diary entries from the perspective of a Roman Gladiator. They even had the opportunity to use the VR headsets to experience being a gladiator in the Colosseum. In maths they have been converting fractions to decimals. In science they have looked at changing states of solids, liquids and gases. I am sure they will enjoy explaining reversible and irreversible changes. In PE they have enjoyed working with a coach to practise hand ball skills.

We have really been enjoying our Greeks topic in History and have already found out lots of information about this ancient civilisation. After attending SATs club for the past term, the children have celebrated in style with a Pizza party. All of Year six have worked really hard in the run up to SATs and they should all be very proud of what they have accomplished. Please ask the children the question, if Miss Munro ate $\frac{2}{5}$ of the pizza, what would that be as a percentage?



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 - Riley, Georgia, Sophie, Fearne, Belle, Aaron, Ellie, Billy, Lincoln, Fox, Arthur

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Robbie, Parker, Year 6, Georgia, Tommie

Etiquette Award - Christopher, Rosie T, Lilly H, Eva,

Environmental Award - Scarlett, Ellie, Tyne Class, Ruby

Kindness Award - Lincoln, Darcy, Poppy, James, Isla, Charlotte Cw

Inclusion Award - Dougie, Margo, Scarlett, Ed

Friendship Award - Tom, Lilah, Rohan, Dougie, Aaron

Role model Award - Abigail, Eva, Sophie, Emily T, Scarlett, Jack Bn, Charlotte Cw, Lilah, Angus, Rosie J, James



Weekly Attendance:

Tyne - 91.6%

Thames - 90.6%

Rhine - 92.0%

Nile - 92.3%

Whole School - 91.5%

Our attendance target is 96%, please help your child's class reach this target by ensuring your child attends school regularly.

The Northumberland County Show

We are thrilled to tell you that both Henshaw and Greenhead Primary Schools have been asked to produce artwork and enter the Northumberland County Show's children's competition this year.

The County Show will be held on Saturday 23rd May and celebrates the agriculture, farming, food and culture of our local area. As we are taking part in the competition, every child in our Federation have received a **free child entry to the event** via the wristbands given out today.



Workshop Wednesday and Topic Homework

Just a quick reminder that our next Workshop Wednesday will be next week on Wednesday 20th May at 9am. Parents/families are welcome to attend to join in the learning with their children.

If possible, please can homework be in by this date too, as we would really like to display these in the hall for all our community to see.

Teacher Training Days confirmed for 2026-2027

Teacher Training days have now been confirmed with our Trust and Northumberland County Council. These will be:

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 4th January

Friday 28th May

Wednesday 21st July

Tuesday 19th May - Year 3 and 4 Roman Housesteads visit

Wednesday 20th May - Workshop Wednesday 9am

Friday 22nd May - Trust Training Day, School closed

Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Tuesday 9th June - Whole Class photos (& family photos)

Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd July - Year 5 and 6; Lockerbie Residential

Monday 6th July - West Tyne Federation Sports Day - Wentworth

Thursday 9th July - Year 3.4 Garrigill, Alston Moor Visit

Thursday 16th July - Federation Beach visit - whole school

A Final Thought...

Rest is not the absence of activity but the presence of peace

Jo Saxton