



Henshaw CE Primary School Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

A very warm welcome to all our children and families as we begin another academic year, full of learning, memorable experiences, fun and achievements. The staff have been into school over summer to refresh the classrooms and get ready for the start of the term. If you need to have a quick chat with a member of staff, please do this at the end of the day so teachers can get children into school promptly at 8:40am. Alternatively, please email staff using the class email addresses.

Thank you for providing children with comfy slippers to wear in school. Please can I remind parents that jewellery, including earrings are not permitted in schools. If ears have recently been pierced, please remove these after 8 weeks and replace them with plastic spacers for during school time. Within the 8 weeks, please ensure that earrings are taped over before school begins.

Our Academy Council have started the process of recruiting your new head teacher and an advert is now live to attract the best possible educator to lead our schools on the next step of our journey. I am thrilled that I will continue to work with both our wonderful schools in January (even though this will be from afar) as part of the Durham and Newcastle Joint Education Diocese Team. Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Attendance – A new school year, a new beginning...

With your help, we were able to finish last school year just above national average for whole-school attendance. Please continue to support your child and us by ensuring your child is in school every day to get the most out of their learning journey.

Nile class have made a great start to the new term, well done everyone. Yesterday, the class had their first Commando Joe lesson. They worked as a team to build a space suit after talking about how an astronaut would need to be mentally and physically fit to go into outer space. Tim Peake was the British astronaut the class was introduced too. What other facts can the children find out about him?

Rhine class have settled brilliantly into the new school year. We have started to find out about the Anglo-Saxons in history and are looking forward to finding out about the Vikings too. In English we have been looking at the poet Valerie Bloom and writing some Haiku poems based on these. In Maths we have been looking at place value of numbers within and up to 10,000. In RE we are looking at people of God and have enjoyed retelling the story of Noah. Perhaps your child may be able to explain the significance of a rainbow in Christianity.

Over the last few weeks, Thames Class have we have been learning about the seasons, and we went on an autumn walk to look for signs of autumn. We found many colourful leaves and could identify lots of other signs of autumn too! In RE and in PSHE we have been learning about what makes a good friend and about being kind to others. The weather has been lovely for PE lessons, and we have been focusing on our ball control skills, lots of budding footballers in Thames Class! In music and assemblies, we have been practising our singing and seeing if we can clap out a rhythm and keep to the beat. A busy start to the term for Thames Class.

In Tyne Class, we have been learning all about our emotions through the story of the colour monsters, which we have been covering in Drawing Club. In maths, we have been learning how to make repeating patterns using farm animals, fingerprints and cubes. We have also been singing number songs - five little ducks, five little speckled frogs and five little monkeys. In art, we have been using different materials including wax crayons, felt tip pens and chalks. In P.E., we have been making shelters in pairs. In R.E. we have worked on the Creation Story. The children have settled really well into all our routines.



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 - Ed, Fearne, Margo, Grace S, Charlotte P, Freddie G, Archie H, Charlie T, Fox

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Charlie C, Libby, Bella-Ann, Robbie

Etiquette Award - Lilly, Ivy, Grace M, Zach

Environmental Award - Eve, Archie D

Kindness Award - Grace M, Billy, Rosie T

Inclusion Award - Emily T, Aaron

Friendship Award - Riley

Role model Award - Charlotte Cy, Rosie J, Daryl, Charlotte Cw, Charlotte P, Arlo, Angus, James



Weekly Attendance:

Tyne - 94.41%

Thames - 97.16%

Rhine - 98.76%

Nile - 96.65%

Whole School - 97.24%

Director Position

Henshaw Nursery currently have a voluntary vacancy for a director role. Unfortunately, due to other work commitments our 'Treasurer' is going to be resigning once we can find a suitable person to take over.

If you have some spare time and are amazing with numbers, please come and have a chat regarding the role.

Thank you, Mrs Bowes, Nursery Manager.

Dress as your future-self day

We are happy to announce that, two weeks today, on Friday 2nd October, we will be holding our first 'Dress as your future self' Day. On this day, children are welcome to come to school dressed as what they would like to be when they are older. This might be a job in the fire or police service, a doctor or even a palaeontologist. During the day, we will be discussing with children the many jobs that they will be able to do, once they are all grown up! This links well to their homework about careers, the letter of which has gone home today. We can't wait to see what the children's future aspirations are.

Workshop Wednesday

Workshop Wednesday will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 14th October, where families are welcome to come into school from 9am to enjoy learning in Art with their children. We hope to see you all there.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 22nd September - Father Steve Collective Worship Assembly

Friday 2nd October - Dress as your Future Self Day (See above)

Wednesday 14th October - Art Day/Workshop Wednesday 9am

Thursday 22nd October - PTA Autumn Disco 3:30 - 4:30pm (information from PTA to follow)

Friday 23rd October - Harvest Festival at All Hallows Church 2pm. All families welcome to attend from Reception to Year 6.

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October - Half term

A Final Thought...

If you give people a chance, they shine

Billy Connolly