



Henshaw CE Primary School

Newsletter

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A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers

We find ourselves already racing towards Easter holidays but before then, we have many exciting things happening. The children are getting ready for our annual 'dance off' between classes for our Federation Dance Festival, homework will be due in next week and we are looking forward to giving the children the opportunity to present which famous scientist they have chosen to research, we have our Easter morning planned with Father Steve, where each class takes their turn to retell the Easter story and we have a whole Federation visit to The Forum Cinema to watch Flow; an animated film all about our effect on nature and overcoming adversity.

We will also be revealing our themes for our annual 'design an egg' competition next week - what a busy end to the term but we are making the most out of our last 2 weeks! We are looking forward to welcoming you into school next week for Parents' Consultation, where you can look at the wonderful work your children have completed.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

Breaktime Snacks Policy from the School Council

The School Council have been meeting regularly with our School Council Leader, Mrs Alberts to continue to have a voice for our children within the school but also to work with the adults on making our school an even better place to learn and play.

In their last meeting, they decided they wanted to focus on making our school healthier so have made their own healthy Snack Policy for breaktimes, after consulting with all classes. Please support our wonderful school council by adhering to these guidelines for healthy snacks, a copy has been attached to this newsletter.



Tyne Class have enjoyed lots of fun and creativity over the last few weeks! We have been learning about how to keep our bodies healthy in PSHCE, making fruit kebabs and looking at how making healthy choices can make us feel good. In Maths, we have been learning about length, height and time. We have taken part in lots of practical activities to help us visualise these concepts. We timed ourselves using sand timers to see how long it would take to carry out simple tasks, we were very excited by this! In English, we have continued to read stories focused on our Dinosaur topic. Some of our stories have been very funny and we have had some fabulous pieces of work stem from our stories. We designed our very own dinosaurs and gave them their own special powers; we were all very keen to take part in this activity! In Forest School, we have enjoyed looking for signs of Spring, den building & we've also had fun completing some communication building games.

Thames class have been very busy practising multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10. They have become very confident to recognise patterns and the relationship between multiplication and division. In English they have been planning and beginning to write a letter to persuade their friends to visit the Island of Struay to see the new pier. They had a fantastic time at the skipping festival. Who knew you could skip in so many different ways? In science they have started to identify plants and look at the differences between bulbs and seeds. Perhaps they could explain to you. In RE they have been researching the religion Islam and have started to listen to some Muslim stories such as the crying camel. They have started to develop their sketching skills by doing a self-portrait. Having first looked at a range of portraits by different artists.

In Rhine Class this week, we have been finding out more about the Egyptians. The children are very enthused about the theme and wanting to know/find out more. Some are also researching at home and sharing this with the class, which is fantastic. In English, we have been using this information to begin drafting our non-chronological texts about the Egyptians. In P.E., we continue to work on our dance 'The Twist' in readiness for the dance festival. We have been really impressed with the children choreographing their own section. In maths, we are getting to grips with grams, kilograms, litres and millilitres. Maybe some cookery outside of school would help to reinforce with the practical application of these. In music, we used the chime bars and learnt how to play London's burning on them following simple notation. Our children have been accessing the 'Sumdog' maths programme at school - this can also be accessed at home.

The children are now having the opportunity to explore a new Maths program called, SumDog. The log in for each child has been placed inside their reading records. The idea of the program is to allow children to build up confidence and fluency in their Maths skills. This program can be accessed at home and in school. So far, the children have completed several tasks set by teachers successfully. The program holds over fifty games which can be assessed every time they complete an answer correctly.



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 - Ella, Eva, Rosie T

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Jack Btn, Eddie, Ed & Niall

Etiquette Award - Tobin

Environmental Award - Robert

Kindness Award - Tabitha, Freddy N, Lilly L, Aria

Inclusion Award - Sophie

Friendship Award - Aidan

Role model Award - Jack Btn, Billy



Attendance:

Tyne - 97.9%

Thames - 93.3%

Rhine - 94.4%

Nile - 93.9%

Whole School - 94.4%

The school is getting an increased number of Leave of Absence requests for family holidays. Please be aware that, due to changes from the DfE, Headteachers can no longer authorise family holidays during term time. As per our partnership agreement with our 12 other local schools, an unauthorised absence of 5 days or longer will result in a fixed penalty notice.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April - Parent Consultations

Friday 4th April - Non-Uniform Day; chocolate donations welcome

Wednesday 9th April - Easter morning carousel with Father Steve

Thursday 10th April - Federation Dance Festival

Friday 11th April - Whole Federation cinema visit

Friday 11th April - Last day of term

Easter holidays - Monday 14th April to Friday 25th April

Monday 28th April is a Teacher Training Day - We are looking forward to welcoming our families back to school on Tuesday 29th April