



# Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School

## Newsletter

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### A Message from the Head Teacher

It has been a short half term (only four weeks and three days!) but what a lot the children have achieved and taken part in. It was lovely to see so many of you today at the Easter celebration and then returning to school to see the wonderful Easter egg entries - they were all fabulous!

We are all looking forward to the warmer weather and returning to our school woodland area for playtimes. Thank you for continuing to ensure children bring coats in as the northern British weather (as we know) can be rather changeable.

We are hoping that the seasonal bugs and illnesses are finally over but can we please remind parents that if their child is absent from school, they inform the school office by email (to the [greenhead@westtynefederation.uk](mailto:greenhead@westtynefederation.uk) address) or by telephone by 9am. This allows us to meet our duty of care for all children in our care.

We have some new and exciting after-school clubs coming up next term as well as the return of some whole-class sporting events and our annual sports day; the date for this should be confirmed in the first few weeks of next term.

Finally, a BIG thank you to the Greenhead PTA who have very kindly gifted all children in our school an Easter egg; this was incredibly generous and well-received! We hope you all have a lovely, restful Easter holiday  
Best wishes, Mr Glenton

### Homework

Can I take this opportunity to say a big thank you for your continued support for our homework projects and supporting your children in completing it to allow them to present it to their peers. We feel that the project-based approach to homework is really beneficial to our pupils; helping them to know more and remember more than a weekly worksheet would. The stories that the children have created and presented have been truly amazing and it has been wonderful to see their pride presenting these to their friends!





## Class News

### Early Years

In Eden class we have been exploring number bonds to 5 and to 10. The children can subitise to five and can combine two groups to find the total. In RE we have been learning about the Easter story. The children made their own palm leaves and crosses, they were so proud of their creations. For snack we shared hot cross buns together and discussed how the symbol of the cross reminds Christians that Jesus died on the cross. Why not ask your child if they can re-tell the Easter story.

### Clyde Class

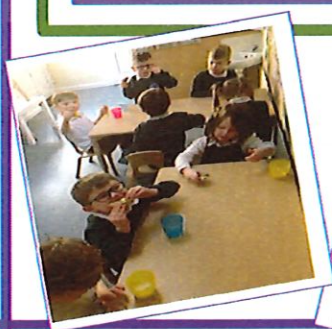
Clyde class have enjoyed taking part in different science experiments linked to materials. We investigated which material would be best to use for our cutlery and why. During English we have been creating story maps about one of our favourite class reader books, *The Smartest Giant in Town*. We have used our maps to rewrite the story in our own words. In Maths Year 1 have been exploring numbers within 50 using resources to represent them. In Year 2 we have been looking at identifying a half of a shape or quantity. At home continue to support your child with their reading over the Easter Break and practising counting from any given number in 1s, 2s, 5s or 10s.

### Danube Class

We have really enjoyed practising for the dance festival over the past few weeks. The children have worked really hard to work together to create a poi inspired dance. In Maths the children have enjoyed starting to learn about length and capacity. In art they have created some very detailed, well designed mosaic. They also showed patience and resilience when constructing their fantastic designs. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break. Thank you for your continued support with the children's, reading, spellings and times tables at home.

### Mississippi Class

Mississippi class are very much looking forward to the Easter break! We have worked super hard this term to become more secure in fractions and decimals in maths and to write our own persuasive leaflets in English. In Science, we investigated which materials dissolve and what this means and in Geography we learned all about time zones and how they are different in different parts of the world. We have enjoyed our dance P.E sessions with Mr Hill and have also enjoyed reading our Guided Reading text 'Omar's Farm'. Children will be set spellings for the first week of the holidays, please continue to support your child to complete these. Have a lovely Easter.





### 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 - George F**

**Resilience & Teamwork Award - Charlie**

**Etiquette Award - Daniel**

**Environmental Award - Gracie**

**Kindness Award - Theon**

**Inclusion Award - Esther**

**Friendship Award - Evie B**

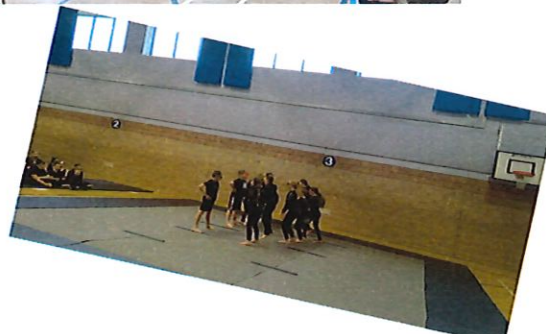
**Role model Award - Jessica B**



### Dance Festival

Our second Dance Festival took place today at Haltwhistle Leisure Centre and what an event it was! The children performed with such enthusiasm and it was great to see them collaborate so well with their peers to create their dance routines.

Our Dance Festival is one of our Federated events with our sister school, Henshaw Primary and, to ensure children do not feel too overwhelmed, we keep this as a closed event between the children and staff at the Federation. However, we will upload these dance routines to our Facebook pages so please take a look and enjoy sharing them with your children, they really deserve all the praise you can give them for such fantastic moves!





### Easter Service and Egg competition winners

Our first Easter Celebration was held at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday and the children sang beautifully and presented the story of Easter well to our audience of parents and family members.

When we arrived back at school, it was lovely to hear all the positive comments from our community about the work the children had done to produce their Easter egg designs. Thank you for supporting our local charity, St Oswalds, by making a donation for an entry fee; all proceeds will go towards this vital charity and we are happy to say we raised an amazing £72! Well done to all who entered and the winners pictured below. All children who entered were awarded a chocolate egg.



### Dates for the Diary

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Last day of school before Easter holidays

**Easter holidays: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March until Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 3 and 4 will attend swimming lessons each Tuesday after the Easter holidays, starting on  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** - First day of summer term

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** - parent's evenings

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - Mini Netball tournament

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April** - Quad Kids event for Year 3 and 4

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday - **School Closed**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** - Class photos

**Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 SATS week

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Year 2 Synagogue visit

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** - Half Term week

**A final thought...**

**The great gift of Easter is hope**

**Basil Hume**