

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



Be kind. Be ambitious. Be the best you can be!

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We have had a rather action-packed week again this week. On Monday, during our key stage assemblies we took part in an internet safety quiz. All of the children were very knowledgeable in terms of how to stay safe and avoid being scammed, which is the theme for this year (protecting yourself and others from scams online). Although we look at online safety throughout the year as part of our curriculum, as it was safer internet day on Tuesday, we have spent lots of our time this week focussing on what we can do to keep safe online. On Tuesday, it was great welcoming many of you into school to join your child in our quiz of the year. Well done to everyone who took part. On Thursday, Nursery thoroughly enjoyed having you in school to work with them on Valentines crafts and on Friday we ended our week with our Reception 'I love you café.' What a perfect way to end our busy week. Thank you once again to everyone who joined us this week. I hope you all had as much fun as the children did.

This week, I have had the pleasure of popping in and out of classes, observing the wonderful learning across school. I must point out that within lessons the children have been extremely engaged, motivated and enthusiastic, which is wonderful to see.

I can't believe that next week is our final week of the half term. Please remember that school is closed to all children on Friday 21st February.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend. See you all next week.

Mrs Chard

NUMBER DAY:

As you are all aware, it took Mrs Leach and everyone in the office a very long time to count up all of our coins; we had over 22,000. Thank you to everyone who supported with this. We are amazed that we raised over £500. Massive well done to everyone.



REMINDER:

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PARENTS EVENING:

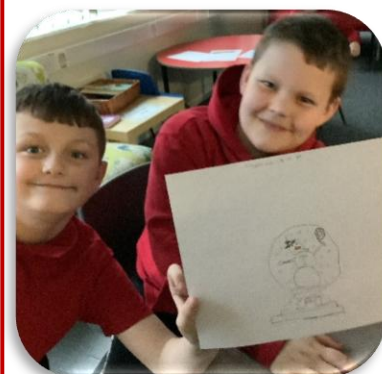
This term, parents evening will take place during the week commencing 10th March.

Sign up forms will be available on Operoo from 4pm today



KLUBZ:

Each night there is something different to do in Klubz. This week, children had fun completing Draw with Rob



READING CHALLENGE:

With only one week left of our reading challenge, we are hoping lots of our children will achieve this. We can't wait to take part in our reward.



TT ROCKSTARS:

Our battles have continued this week. We are pleased to announce that our winning classes are Pine and Cherry The most valuable players in lower key stage 2 were Jensen, Amy and Annalise

The most valuable players in upper key stage 2 were Sam G, Kacie and Caleb.

Well done to everyone who is managing to go onto TT Rockstars at home. Fantastic effort from everyone.

Our teachers versus children battle commenced yesterday. So far, the teachers are in the lead. I am sure the children will now be spending some of their weekend trying to catch up!

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGES DAY

Friday 21st February is 'International Mother Languages Day'. In school, we will be celebrating this on Thursday 20th due to the Training Day being on Friday. In classes, we will be doing various activities in celebration the different languages our children speak. Some of the activities may be listening to music in different languages, researching mothers languages spoken at home by some of our children, researching endangered languages and hopefully learning some words and phrases in our children's mother languages!



Additionally, the North East Festival of Languages has been happening in our region from 8th January and will finish on 31st March this year. There is a 'Love Your Language Day – Celebrate your Mother Language' happening at Newcastle City Library on 24th February (Monday during half-term) between 1-3pm, which is a free drop-in event, open to everyone. There is the chance to get involved with arts and craft activities that celebrate language, as well as games, stories, music and a collection of world language books for both children and adults to browse and borrow.

BOOK FAIR:

Thank you to everyone who has come to the book fair so far and supported the school. The fair will still be here on Monday and Tuesday if you haven't had the chance to visit yet.

PEDESTRIAN TRAINING:

Year 3 will be taking part in the 'Schools Go Smarter' Child Pedestrian Training Programme. The programme aims to teach children important road safety skills, which they can use to keep themselves safe as pedestrians. Please complete and submit the online consent form on Operoo, so your child can take part in this invaluable training.

WORLD BOOK DAY:

The reading ambassadors have World Book Day plans in place for the 6th March. Please see the attached info with this newsletter.

WORKSHOPS:

It has been lovely seeing so many parents/carers taking part in our Spring workshops. Once again, thank you for your support; it does mean a lot to our children when they get to show you the wonderful things they get up to in school. Key Stage 1 and Early Years have their craft sessions coming up just before we finish for the Easter holiday.



We had lots of fun at the Valentines crafts. Well organised and a good range of activities

The staff do a great job. Thank you



Great to see what my child does in school



Lovely friendly staff, cant wait for the next one

Would be great to have more sessions to come to



We had a lovely morning, lots of activities to keep the children busy and involved.

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FunClub

WELL DONE to our fabulous Do Jo winners. They have earned their place in fun club by following the school rules and being absolute super stars!



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SAFEGUARDING:

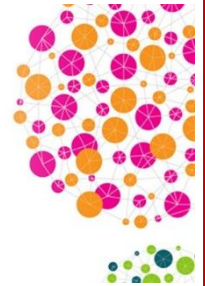
Please follow this link for tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

SCIENCE WEEK:

British Science Week will take place from the 10th of March until the 14th of March, running with the theme of 'Change and Adapt'. Each class will be carrying out different activities linked to this theme so please look on our Facebook page to see what they have been getting up to. All children will also be taking part in a poster competition and our Science and Eco Ambassadors will submit some of their favourite designs.

British Science Week



CAREERS WEEK:

National Careers Week is running from the 3rd to the 8th of March this year. In school, the children will be introduced to different careers throughout the week, which will hopefully encourage children to talk more about the many different jobs out there and raise the children's aspirations.

We are always trying to look for opportunities to develop the 'Be Ambitious' part of our motto so if any parents or family members would like to talk to our children about their jobs and careers then please contact us.

SAFER INTERNET DAY:

Years 5 and 6 had a fabulous time on Tuesday afternoon when pupils and adults teamed up for a Parkhead Pub Quiz to mark Safer Internet Day 2025. The stakes were high as we battled it out for extra breaktime and it was amazing to see how clued up our students are about staying safe online. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us and made it such a fun afternoon.



What will my child do?

Your child will have fun drawing, painting, and creating colourful artwork to share ideas on how to make dental visits more comfortable.

Their artwork will help us make a special flipbook resource to share with dentists and families!

Who are we?

Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) Gateshead is a partnership between Gateshead Council and Newcastle University. We work to improve health for all communities in Gateshead.

Scan the QR code to register your child for a session



GET INVOLVED IN RESEARCH:

HDRC Gateshead is hosting fun, free art-based sessions for autistic children (including children currently referred) at Gateshead Family Hubs, where children can share their brilliant ideas for happier dental experiences at the dentist and at home.

Places are limited and you must meet the below criteria:

- diagnosed autistic or awaiting assessment (e.g. school referral)
- aged 6-9 years and live in Gateshead
- attending a dental practice (excluding community dentist).
- interested in artwork

Each child will receive a £25 gift card as a thank you for taking part!

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DATES & LOCATIONS places are limited (15 per date)

Monday 24 Feb	9:30am - 12pm	Birtley Harras Bank Family Hub
Tuesday 25 Feb	9:30am - 12pm	Blaydon Family Hub
Wednesday 26 Feb	9:30am - 12pm	Deckham Family Hub
Thursday 27 Feb	9:30am - 12pm	Chowdene Family Hub

Questions or more information?

Please contact Dr Michael Johansen at michaeljohansen@gateshead.gov.uk



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Fri 21 Feb **School closed for training day**

Mon 24 Feb - Fri 28 Feb **HALF TERM**

Thurs 6 Mar World Book Day – more info to follow

Mon 10 - 14th Mar Science week

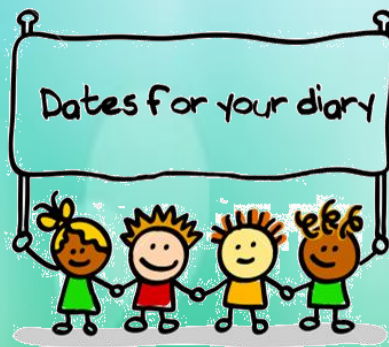
Fri 21 Mar Red Nose Day

Wed 2nd April 2.15 KS1 – Easter crafts – parents invited

Thurs 10 April 9.00 & 2.15 EYFS - 'Easter/Spring Crafts' - Parents only need attend one session

Fri 11 April 2025 last day of term

Mon 14 – Fri 25 April **EASTER HOLIDAYS**



Important dates to note for Summer term:

KS2 SATs dates: Mon 12th May – Thurs 15th May 2025

Year 4 Multiplication tables check: Mon 2 June – Fri 13th June 2025

Year 1 Phonics screening check: Mon 9th June – Fri 13th June 2025

Start of Summer Term	Half term	Last day of term
Mon 28 April 2025	Mon 26 May - Fri 30 May 2025	Fri 18 July 2025

SCHOOL CLOSED: Bank holiday Mon 5 May 2025 and Occasional day Mon 2 June 2025

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KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 17th February 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Play Doh Fun	Recycle Night	Magnetic Models	Free Night	CLOSED

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Carson
Acorns	Rex
Saplings	Freya
Beech	Isla
Elm	Frankie
Willow	George
Cherry	Raine
Spruce	Jack
Maple	Mila
Birch	Roxanna
Cedar	Lewnaka
Pine	Frazer

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Franky B
Key Stage 1	Olivia B
Key Stage 2	Annalise S Savannah W

