

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

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Another busy week in Parkhead. It was great to welcome many of our Year 3 and Year 4 parents into school this week to take part in our maths workshops. I hope that you found them informative and useful. As always, we value your feedback, so please let us know what other types of workshops and events you would like to attend in the future. Next week, we are looking forward to working with parents/carers with children in Years 5 and 6 and Nursery and Reception. We hope you can make it.

On Monday, to kick start our Children's Mental Health Week, we used the assembly resources from Place2Be. All of the children enjoyed playing the guess the feelings; inside out. This year, the theme for the week was Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. The aim for the week was to encourage children and young people across the UK to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop. Throughout the week, all classes took part in activities relating to the theme. The highlight of the week was definitely taking part in our very own escape room activity, leading to watching the film 'Inside Out 2.'

Today, we have also celebrated Number Day. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the class coin collecting competition. All of the children had great day, completing lots of fun number activities and of course coming to school creatively wearing a number! As we have had a huge response to the coin challenge, Mrs Leach is still sitting in her counting house. We will announce the winning classes on Monday. Thank you again for all the coins the children have brought in.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Chard



REMINDER:

Please remember school is closed to all children on Friday 21st February.

PARENTS EVENING:

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

Sign up forms will soon be on Operoo. We will email parents/carers to advise when you can sign up.



KLUBZ:

Each night there is something different to do in Klubz. This week, children have made bird feeders to hang on the trees outside.



READING CHALLENGE:

Our reading challenge is well underway this half term. Key Stage 2, please remember that the more books you read and the more quizzes you take, the more points you will earn towards your target. If your child is not on Accelerated Reader, remember to sign your child's reward chart every time they read at home. The expectation is that the children will read at least 4 times per week. As we want children to develop the habit of reading each day, we are wanting a maximum of one signature each day. All of the children who achieve will have a reward at the end of the half term.



TT ROCKSTARS:

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

The most valuable players in upper key stage 2 were Dlovan, Kacie and Ryan

Well done to everyone who is managing to go onto TT Rockstars at home. Fantastic effort from everyone. Remember, in a few weeks time we will also be setting up a Key Stage 2 children versus staff battle. From Friday the 14th to Thursday 20th February our staff versus children battle will be running.

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 of the different languages our children speak. Some of the activities may be listening to music in different languages, researching mother 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.



WATER BOTTLES:

We kindly ask that you provide only water for your children to drink in school, not juice. This is to promote good dental health. For more information on the benefits of water for children, please visit:



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/water-drinks-nutrition/>

WORKSHOPS:

We are inviting parents/carers from Early Years and Key Stage 2 into school this half term to take part in at least one session with your child. This is a great opportunity for you to see what happens in school and gives you the opportunity to speak to the adults who work with your child. The following workshops will be happening this half term:

Nursery – I love you crafts – 13.2.25

Year 5 – Computing Workshop – 11.2.25

Reception – I love you café – 14.2.25

Year 6 – Computing Workshop – 11.2.25



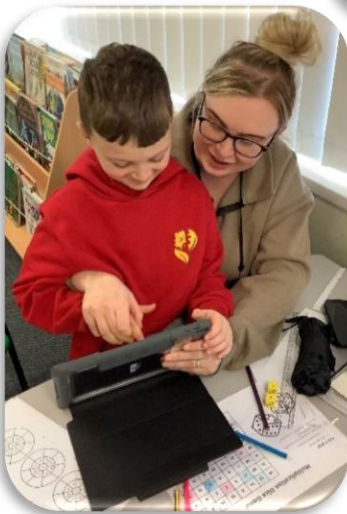
Great to have the opportunity to come into class and hear about the different learning methods utilised

Would love to see more workshops based on different

Brilliant engaging activities!

Keep doing what you're doing. Thank you!

Brilliant to see what children are working on and helps for future years



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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/WELLBEING:

Growing Healthy 0-19 New APP

The NHS 0-19 Growing Healthy team have launched an app to support children, young people and their families across the borough. The app is available to everyone and includes information on local services available to you.

Users can learn through interactive features and directly give feedback about services. There is a live chat function offering direct access to a school nurse and a health visitor Monday-Friday 9-5pm.

Download for free via the App store or Google Play



EARLY YEARS OUTDOOR LEARNING / PLEA FOR RESOURCES:

Both Reception and Nursery are continuing to learn both indoors and outdoors whatever the weather so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for all activities. We are busy further developing our outdoor provision and it has been great to see how much the children are enjoying using our new balance bikes, the mud kitchen and the 'loose parts patio' - an area where children can access old and unwanted items and incorporate them into their play to support creativity and problem solving!

Due to the nature of their use, these items will become damaged over time and therefore we constantly need donations. If you have anything on the following list that you no longer want, please send it into school:

- *Foam pipe covers and pool noodles
- Keyboards
- Metal pots, pans, trays, utensils etc.
- Old briefcases, suitcases and handbags
- Tarpaulin
- Gardening equipment (watering cans, hosepipes etc)
- Small shovels
- Landline phones
- Dress up/ role play items
- Old CDs for playing music outdoors
- Small durable toys (dinosaurs, fairies etc.)



These items will be a real benefit and help keep our outdoor area exciting!

As always, thank you for your support.



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Tues 11th Feb 2.15 Y5/6 Computing Workshop Parents invited

Thurs 13th Feb 10.45 & 2.30 Nursery - 'I love you' Crafts -Parents only need attend one session

Fri 14th Feb 2.45 Reception 'I love you cafe' drop in for parents to receive a treat from their child.

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

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

Thurs 6th Mar World Book Day – more info to follow

Mon 10th - 14th Mar Science week – More info to follow

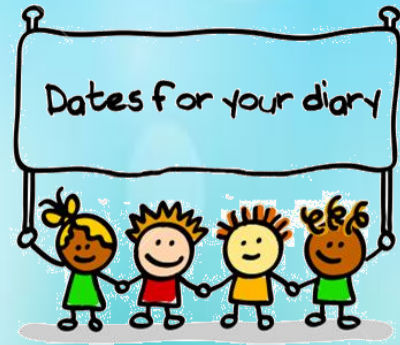
Fri 21st Mar Red Nose Day

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

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

Fri 11 April 2025 last day of term

Mon 14th – 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 10th February 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
More drawing with Rob	Ipad night	Floor Art	Valentine Cards	Decorating Love Buns

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Summer
Acorns	Zach
Saplings	Louis
Beech	Eden
Elm	Logan
Willow	Archie
Cherry	Connie
Spruce	Olivia
Maple	Jensen
Birch	Lottie
Cedar	Molly-Mae
Pine	Keiran

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Jacob S
Key Stage 1	Hayden
Key Stage 2	Delila F Jayden H

