

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

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We have had another exciting week in school this week. Many visitors have been in school this week, working with various classes. On Monday and Tuesday, Rachel from Dogs Trust came in to lead assemblies and workshops across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The sessions were extremely informative and enjoyed by all. Year 3 and Year 4 have worked with Mrs Parkin, developing their singing skills; it is always lovely to hear the piano playing and the children's beautiful voices. Spruce and Maple have also worked with Mr Langford, showing great enthusiasm towards learning how to play the ukulele. Mr Elliot from NUF was in school on Wednesday working with nursery, Years 3, 4 and 6, supporting the children with developing a range of skills. Within classes we have looked at Chinese New Year which is the year of the snake. We ended the week with our Year 1 children taking part in their project work with Jyl, completing various bird related crafts, including making bird feeders. It is always lovely welcoming visitors into school, especially listening to their positive feedback in terms of how well behaved and motivated our children are.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 3 and 4 parent/carers into school to take part in maths workshops. Please remember to sign up for your child's workshop.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend. *Mrs Chard*

SAFEGUARDING:

Please click on the link below for lots of resources from Place2Be.



<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

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/>



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. This year, the theme for the week is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. The aim for the week is 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 will be taking part in activities relating to the theme.



READING CHALLENGE:

After the success of last terms reading challenge, we are running a reading challenge for this half term to encourage children to read at home. In KS2, the children on Accelerated Reader have a points target set. They will get points towards their target every time they complete a book quiz. For the children not on Accelerated Reader, we are sending a reward chart home. We are asking parents to sign it each time that they read with the aim 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.



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.



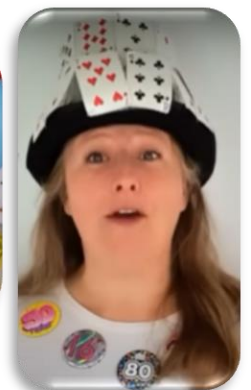
NUMBER DAY:

On Friday 7th February, we will be taking part in Number Day to raise money for the NSPCC. We would like all children to make a donation to 'Dress up for Digits' and wear an item of clothing or accessory with a number on it (**please no football strips**). The more creative, the better! Some ideas you could use are below. The children will also enjoy taking part in maths activities to celebrate this special day! If you would like to donate, you can do this direct to NSPCC through the following link.



[Donate to Charity Online](#) | [Give to NSPCC today](#) | [NSPCC](#)

In the run-up to the day, we also have a number competition we would love everyone to get involved in. The challenge is to fill your class jug with as many coins as possible. If you have any loose change lying around the house, please send this in (only 10p coins and below please). The class who collects the **most** coins (value is not important!) by the 7th February will be the crowned the winners!



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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

Year 3 – Maths workshop – 4.2.25

Year 4 – Times table workshop – 6.2.25



EARLY YEARS:

Our Early Years children have had such a super start to our Spring term. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm.

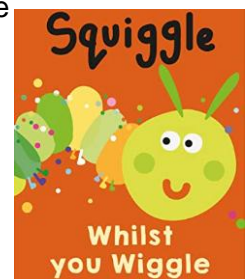
Reception

Lots of this enthusiasm has been shown in the children's super reading. Just a reminder that in Reception, the children will bring home a reading folder on a Friday which then needs to be returned the following Wednesday. We also put weekly activities onto Tapestry – these are fun 'Read, Write, Inc' sessions that the children can access at home. We really can see a difference in the children's reading skills when they access these regularly so thank you for using them. Please give a thumbs up on the activity to show that you have used it.



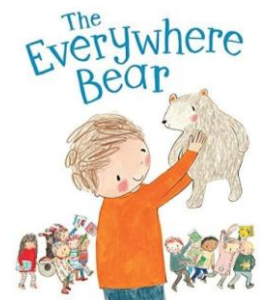
Nursery

Nursery have loved welcoming their new friends and they have all settled in well. We are super busy every day with welcome/planning time, dough disco, Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle and Tizzy time and have begun learning the picture names for the sound cards. On top of that we are enjoying our weekly Tales Toolkit lessons and sessions with NUF - Coach Mr Elliot has said how much progress we have made with our listening and concentration skills since the Autumn term!



Just a couple of reminders:

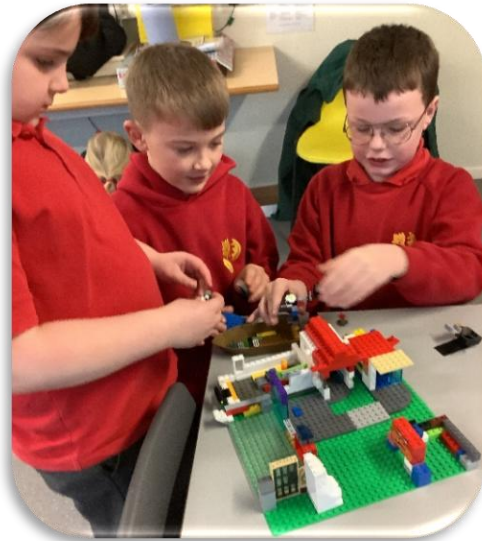
- We add regular posts to Tapestry (and Facebook) about what your children have been up to so please log in every week even if you haven't had a notification as there may be posts you have missed! Give our posts a thumbs up so we know you have seen and read them.
- Don't forget we do weekly library on a Monday and Tuesday of each week so please make sure your child has returned their book by then. If you can't remember which book they have, please ask a member of staff.
- We are continuing to send our Everywhere Bear home each week. If your child brings it home, please take lots of pictures of what they get up to together and add them to Tapestry so we can share them in class and also print them out for our class book.



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KLUBZ:

Each night there is something different to do in Klubz. This week, children have made mosaic photo frames and had Lego fun.



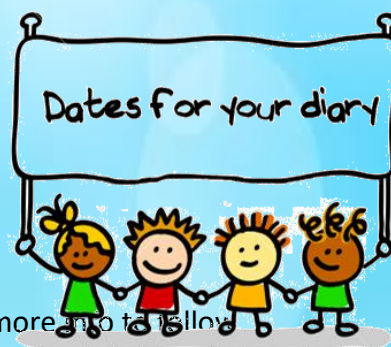
FunClub

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! Due to the weather, our KS1 do-jo winners will join in next week.



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- Mon 3rd – 9th Feb Children’s Mental Health Week
- Tues 4th Feb 2.15 Y3 Maths workshop – parents invited
- Thurs 6th Feb 2.15 Y4 Maths workshop – parents invited
- Fri 7th Feb Number Day – see page 2
- Tues 11th Feb 2.15 Y5/6 Computing Workshop Parents invited – more info to follow
- 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 3rd February 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Draw with Rob	Film Night with popcorn	Bird Feeders	Go Noodle	Anything Goes

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Harlow
Acorns	Marnie
Saplings	Alfie
Beech	Tommy
Elm	Lenny
Willow	Leon
Cherry	Amelia
Spruce	Indi-Grace
Maple	Will
Birch	Kayden
Cedar	Alyssa
Pine	Haydn

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Archie A
Key Stage 1	Leah G
Key Stage 2	Veronica Freya A

