

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

Issue Number 18: Friday 24th January 2025

It has been another action-packed week again this week. On Monday, our Key Stage 2 assembly focussed on World Religion Day. We found out when it is celebrated (third Sunday in January) and what



**WORLD
RELIGION
DAY**

happens on this day. As a Key Stage, we looked at several religions, sharing facts about them and looking at any similarities between the religions. Within Key Stage 1, the children listened to the story 'The Selfish Crocodile' and thought about how we can be good friends to others. I have managed to visit lots of classes this week. It was great popping down to Early Years to play alongside our youngest children. We have had a few new starters this week in nursery and they have settled in very well to the daily routines. On Monday, I popped into Spruce class when they were taking part in their RE lesson; it was great to see them all actively engaged within their learning. I had the pleasure of accompanying some of our Year 4 children on their swimming lesson. It was lovely to see how confident they are becoming within the water. I have also popped into Key Stage 1 this week, helping the children with their phonics. As always, it is wonderful to see all of our children being the best that they can be.



I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Chard

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.



CONTACT DETAILS:

If you change your email address, phone number or move home, please update us on Operoo or email the school office.

KLUBZ BOOKINGS:

Due to the increased numbers of children attending our wrap-around care, after the half term, we will require at least one week's notice for all Klubz bookings. The booking system will change to reflect this so that any booking for Klubz cannot be made in the 7-day period after the date you log in. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to accept last minute bookings after half term.

WELLIES FOR OPaL:

In order that all children are able to access the full range of OPAL activities all year round and forest school lessons, we ask that they also have a pair of wellies in school as part of the uniform. Please could these be in a bag that they can leave on their peg.

If you have any children's or adults wellies, that you no longer use we would appreciate any donations for our Community Corner.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Gentle reminder that our school office opening hours are:

Monday – Thursday 8.15am – 4.30pm

Fridays 8.15am – 4.00pm.

The Klubz phone line is open Monday to Fridays 7.45am – 8.40am and then 3.30pm – 5.30pm



DOGS TRUST:

Next week, all classes will be taking part in a workshop delivered by Rachel from Dogs Trust. The aim of these workshops is to empower children with the knowledge and skills to interact safely with dogs both at home and in other social settings.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 3rd-9th February. 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.



BATTLE OF THE BANDS:

It has been an exciting week in terms of battles. All of the children have worked very hard, and have encouraged each other to keep playing in order to get first place for their class. It was lovely handing out the certificates to the top players today. Well done to all. The battles will continue. The children are also looking forward to a staff versus children battle.



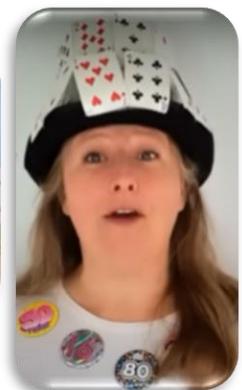
NUMBER DAY:

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!



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.



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



YEAR 1 PROJECT:

Year 1 are very excited to be taking part in the year-long 'Schools Linking Programme'. The Linking Schools Network helps schools and communities to develop a positive, cohesive ethos by helping children and adults to explore identity, celebrate diversity, promote community and champion equality. We have connected with a fellow year 1 class in Northumberland and it was lovely to meet them via Zoom this week and get to know them through playing games together. We are looking forward to developing this link further through sharing examples of learning and a face-to-face meeting in later in the year.



DENTIST VISIT:

Y5 had a visit this week from the student dental team at Newcastle University. They learnt all about the importance of looking after their teeth, how to brush them and how long for and what can happen to them if we don't take care of them. Some of the children dressed up as dentists and decided they would love to be one when they grow up!



WEATHER:



Thank you for working with us today to ensure a safe drop off and collection of children. As always, we appreciate your support.

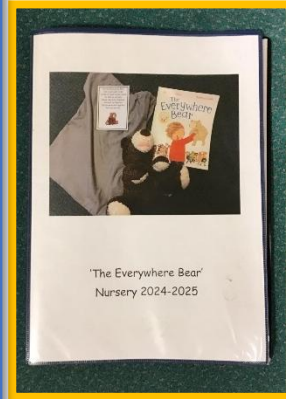
Hopefully the wind will die down for the weekend. Stay safe!

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NURSERY:

Every week in nursery we choose a child to take home our 'Everywhere Bear.' He goes home in a sack with the story to match. The Everywhere Bear spends the whole weekend with that child and then at the end of the weekend their grown-up uploads photos to Tapestry of what their child and the bear have been up to over the course of the weekend.

Back in nursery we share those photos with the rest of the class and then print them out to put in a book which lives in the reading area. The children love sitting together and looking at the pages while chatting about what they can see. We only have two pages so far but will keep adding to it each week!



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.

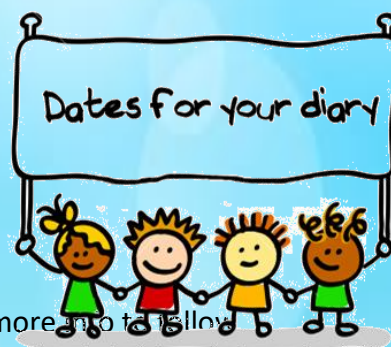


SAFEGUARDING:



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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 27th January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Who am I?	Chinese Dragons	Mosaic Photo Frames	Lego Fun	Bingo Night

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Zeke
Acorns	Parker
Saplings	Gracie
Beech	Mila
Elm	Stas
Willow	Rosie
Cherry	Amy
Spruce	Nathan
Maple	Sophia T
Birch	Charlie
Cedar	Kyran
Pine	Emmie

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Kayla-Rae
Key Stage 1	Laura C
Key Stage 2	Jasmine C Kayden M

