

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



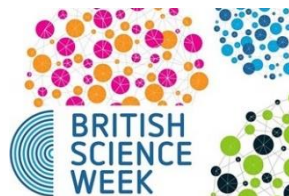
Be kind. Be ambitious. Be the best you can be!

Issue Number 16: Friday 10th January 2025

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday. This week has been a busy week in school. We started off our week looking at what we may try to achieve within the next term both at home and at school. I have been able to pop around to see all of the children across school. It has been lovely to talk to them about what they have been up to during the holiday with family and friends. From Nursery through to Year 6, it has been great seeing our children engaged with their learning, showing motivation and enthusiasm.

Throughout this term, we have some excellent events planned for the children. During Spring 1, parents/carers with children in Early Years or Key Stage 1 will have the opportunity to come into school to take part in activities alongside their child. During Spring 2, parents/carers with children in Key Stage 2 will be invited into school to again work with their child. Please see our dates section for further information. Our children will also be marking specific national events within school such as children's mental health week and science week. During these weeks, teachers will be planning lots of activities for the children to complete, which we know the children will enjoy.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.



Mrs Chard

SPRING TERM CLUBS:

Our Spring term clubs commence next week and run through to week commencing the 17th February. This half term we have a range of clubs on offer. As always, our clubs are extremely popular. If your child has not been allocated a place this term, they will be on the reserve list in case a place becomes available.



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.

FAMILY FIRST:

Family First is a free quarterly magazine designed to help families build a happier, healthier lifestyle. It includes advice and resources for all the family to help improve well-being including engaging in physical activity and adopting healthier eating habits. Please click on the link below for Issue 1 2025.

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue1-25>

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



GYM EQUIPMENT:

During the Christmas holiday we were able to have our new outdoor gym equipment installed (luckily for us the snowy weather held off). As a small group, our OPaL ambassadors were able to test out the new equipment and Mrs Leach has spoken with all of the children regarding how we will use them within school. All of our children know that the equipment is only to be used during the school day and not before or after school. We are just waiting for the fence to be put in place before it can be in full use. We all can't wait to try them out.



BATTLE OF THE BANDS:

This term, we are excited to start our Battle of the Bands across Key Stage Two! Children will compete against each other and the class with the highest average number of correct answers will be the winner. Every correct answer completed on TTRS will earn points for their class. Each week, there will be two battles across school – one in lower Key Stage Two and one in upper Key Stage Two. Children may have opportunities to play in school but the majority of points will come from practise at home! Every week, we will reveal in assembly the classes that have won as well as the top three players. The first battle will begin on Friday 17th January. Let the battle commence!



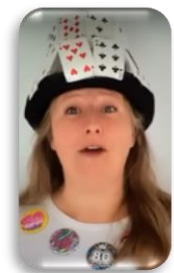
NUMBER DAY:

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. From next week, please start sending in any loose change that you have lying around the house (only 10p coins and below please). The class who collects the **most** coins (value is not important!) by the 7th February will be crowned the winners!



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UNIFORM:

A school uniform is a significant part of life at school because it can play an important role in promoting a sense of pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging. Studies have shown that school uniforms can lead to improved academic performance. Although the majority of our children do come to school wearing the correct uniform, we have noticed that recently a few children are not always wearing the correct clothing / footwear, for example, wearing bright coloured leggings for PE, earrings or wearing PE hoodies when it is not a PE day. As a school, we are focussing on ensuring all of our children wear the correct uniform. Please see below for guidance as to what your child should be wearing.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

- Grey or black skirt, trousers or pinafore (no leggings)
- Red school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Red polo shirt
- Red and white checked summer dress
- Flat black shoes with closed toes and straps (no trainers)



Daily uniform for children in Early Years is as follows. This is also the PE kit for children in years 1 to 6:

- Plain black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts.
- Red school t-shirt
- Red school hoodie (specifically only for PE) **or** school jumper
- Trainers

Trampoline socks for boogie bounce sessions for KS1 and KS2 (this will not be every term). Hair should always be tied back once it approaches shoulder length and no jewellery should be worn.

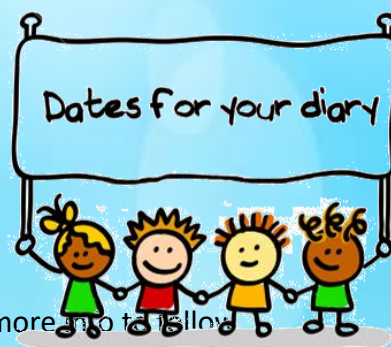
As children get older, they outgrow their school uniforms. Uniforms that are in good condition can be thrown away because they no longer fit. However, this is wasteful and harmful to the environment as the majority of school uniforms are still in wearable condition for other students. Recycling them is an excellent way to reduce waste, help the community, save money and help the environment. As a school we encourage you to bring into school any uniform which can be used by other children. Next week, our community corner will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00 - 9.15am and 3.00 - 3.20pm. Please feel free to pop by to see what we have in stock. As always, thank you for your support.

FunClub



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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 5 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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SAFEGUARDING:

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.





KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 13th January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Friendship bracelets	Mr and Mrs Potato heads	Play Dough Fun	Colour by Numbers	Decorating biscuits

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Sam
Acorns	Franky
Saplings	Lyla
Beech	Bodhi
Elm	Olivia B
Willow	Nancy
Cherry	Ruby
Spruce	Milo
Maple	Stephen
Birch	Imogen
Cedar	Alexia
Pine	Ava

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Alfie A
Key Stage 1	Myla W
Key Stage 2	Jake S Hallie M

