

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

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This week has been another busy one in Parkhead. On Monday, our History ambassadors led our Remembrance day assembly. Following the assembly, they popped over to Winton Court to meet the residents and pass on our art work relating to Remembrance day.

We have marked anti-bullying week this week in school by completing a range of activities on different days. The theme for this year was choose respect. On Tuesday, lots of us chose to come to school wearing odd socks in order to celebrate what makes us all unique. Key Stage 2 also watched a live lesson linked to this year's theme.

On Wednesday, World Kindness Day, Miss Glenton led an assembly for Key Stage 2. Following this, all classes across the school decorated a heart, writing a kind message, drawing a representation of kindness or simply writing a quote. These will all be used to make a kindness tree display. Our Anti-Bullying ambassadors also hid rocks with messages of kindness on them for children to find throughout the day.



On Friday, as well as coming to school in non-uniform for Children in Need, our school council also ran a Talent show. It was lovely to see the Parkhead talent, ranging from gymnastics and dancing to football skills, jokes and singing. A big well done to all of those who took part.

Thanks for all of your support this week. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Chard

STAFFING:

After working at Parkhead for over twenty years, at the end of the Autumn term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Latimer. She will be a massive miss around school. We wish her luck on her new adventure.

**GOOD
LUCK!**

ASDA REWARDS:

We now have a massive £468.00 in our Asda Rewards Cashpot. Don't forget to link our school to your Asda rewards, with school receiving 0.5% of your total spend every time you shop. Asda will also add £1 to our school Cashpot for every Reward Member who chooses to support our school. Hopefully we will raise lots before the end date which is 30th November. Thanks to everyone so far for adding us.

CHRISTMAS:

Please see dates in the newsletter and save them in your diary. If you are unsure of which dates apply for your child, please contact the school office who will be more than happy to help you out.

We are currently looking for donations of tinsel and plastic tree decorations. If you have any spare, that you no longer need, please send them into the main school office as this will help us out with various Christmas activities.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Our Christmas lunch day at school will be Wednesday 11th December and can be ordered on School hub up to three weeks prior.

**Christmas
Dinner**

PARENTS EVENINGS:

Thank you to everyone who attended parent's night this week. It has been great to see so many of you in school this week. It is always nice for you to be able to look at your child's work, see the progress that they are making and meet with the class teacher to discuss how they have settled in to their new year group.

RECEPTION OPEN EVENING:

For those of you with little ones preparing to start their educational journey, or if you know of families in this position, on **Wednesday 27th November, from 3:45-4:30pm**, we're hosting our school open evening. This event is perfect for parents considering our reception class for 2025. It's a fantastic opportunity to explore our provision and meet key staff. Please do spread the word to anyone who might be interested in attending.

SWITCH OFF FORTNIGHT:

Switch off fortnight is well underway. Miss Brown and our ambassadors have been going around school on a play time and lunch time switching off lights and interactive whiteboards when not in use in order to save energy. Our ambassadors spoke to their classes about what they can all do to help save energy and the planet. To end switch off fortnight, on Thursday 21st (afternoon), we are going to turn off all electricity (no lights, boards iPads etc) for the afternoon.



WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK:

This week, Early Years have celebrated world nursery rhyme week. They have all been saying / singing nursery rhymes every day. If you have been watching their videos, I am sure you will agree that Nursery sang '1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive' beautifully and Reception were very tuneful when they sang 'I'm a little teapot.' For more information about this event please click on the link: <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com>



CHILDREN IN NEED:

This year, we have supported Children In Need in school. It was lovely to see all of the children coming into school in either non-uniform, Pudsey clothing or spotty clothes. Any donations can be paid online direct to the charity on the following link.

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

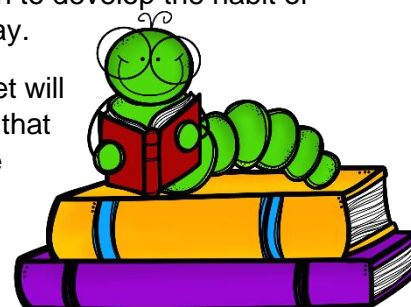


READING CHALLENGE:

The Reading Ambassadors have decided to run a reading challenge for this half term to encourage children to read at home.

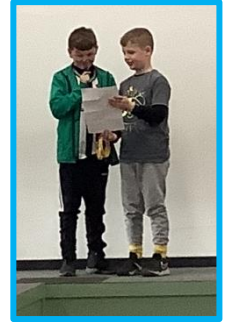
In KS2, the children on Accelerated Reader have a points target set. They will get points towards their target every time they complete a book quiz. For the children not on Accelerated Reader, we are sending a reward chart home. We are asking parents to sign it each time that they read with the aim that 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.

The ambassadors have decided that all the children who met their target will have a reward time on the final day for term, with a mixture of activities that the children can take part in. We hope that all children will complete the challenge and be able to take part.



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PARKHEAD'S GOT TALENT



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SAFEGUARDING:

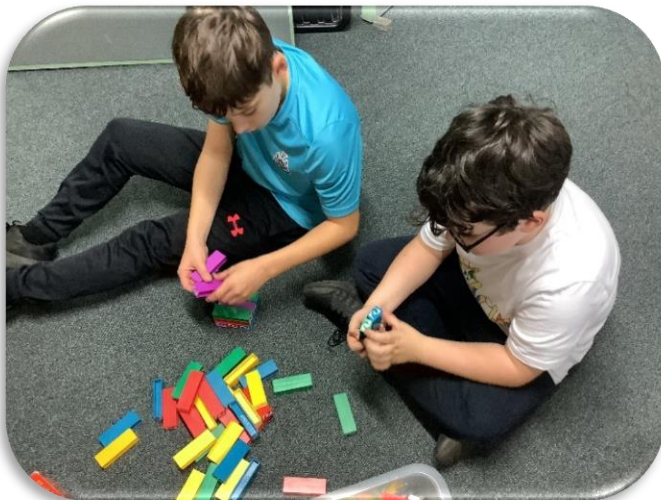
ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Road Safety Week is Brake's biggest road safety campaign. Every year, thousands of schools, organisations and communities get involved to share important road safety messages. This year it runs from 17th – 23rd November. In school, we will be looking at how to stay safe around, on and near roads.

At school drop off and pick up, please can I remind everyone to be courteous and think carefully about where to park, as recently we have witnessed cars being parked half on the path which is making it extremely difficult for people with buggies or in wheelchairs to get by safely, often forcing them to go on the road.

On Thursday 21st, Chloe, from Network Rail, will be delivering assemblies to KS1 and KS2 on some of the key dangers around the railway and look at what we can do to stay safe.

FunClub



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon 18 th – Thurs 14 th Nov		RWI workshops for Reception – please see separate email for details
Wed 27 th Nov	15:45	Reception Open Evening for prospective parents of children entering reception in Sept 2025
Thurs 28 th Nov		Y3/4 trip
Tues 3 rd Dec	2.15	Y3/4 Christmas crafts with parents
Thurs 5 th Dec	2.15	Y5/6 Christmas crafts with parents
Fri 6 th Dec		Cosy Christmas day – trees up
Tues 10 th Dec	9.15	Y3/4 Christmas singing concert
	2.00	Reception Christmas Nativity
Wed 11 th Dec		Christmas dinner day and festive wear
	11.00	Nursery Christmas sing a long
	2.30	Nursery Christmas sing a long
Thurs 12 th Dec	2.00	KS1 Christmas performance (only need to attend one)
Fri 13 th Dec	9.30	KS1 Christmas performance (only need to attend one)
Tues 17 th Dec	9.15	KS2 Carol Service
	2.00	Y3/4 Christmas party (come in uniform and change)
Wed 18 th Dec	2.00	Nur/Rec Christmas party (come in uniform and change)
Thurs 19 th Dec	2.00	KS1 and Y5/6 Christmas party (come in uniform and change)
Fri 20th Dec		Last day of term
		Mon 6th Jan
		Back to school

Term dates:

Spring Term		
Start of Term	Half term	Last day of term
Mon 6 January 2025	Mon 24 February - Fri 28 February 2025	Fri 11 April 2025
SCHOOL CLOSED: training day Friday 21 February 2025		
Summer Term		
Start of 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		

Important dates to note for next year:

KS2 SATs dates:	Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May 2025
Year 4 Multiplication tables check:	Mon 2 June – Fri 13 th June 2025
Year 1 Phonics screening check:	Mon 9 th June – Fri 13 th June 2025

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KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 18th November 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Stick Puppets	Magnetic Creations	Autumn Wreaths	Pictionary	Jelly Fish Fun

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Josie-Rae
Acorns	Louie O
Saplings	Koby
Beech	Brooklyn
Elm	Sienna
Willow	Leah
Cherry	Veronica
Spruce	Logan
Maple	Harry
Birch	Summer
Cedar	Riley A
Pine	Ryan

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Zach F
Key Stage 1	Charley
Key Stage 2	Jack S Lacey M Imogen P



Parkhead Community Primary School is a safeguarding school and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.