

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

Issue Number 8 : Friday 25th October 2024

We have ended the half term with another busy week at Parkhead. On Tuesday, we welcomed lots of you into Early Years to take part in Autumn crafts. It was lovely to see so many of you; I hope you all had a good time. The children thoroughly enjoyed having you in school, completing a range of fun activities. On Wednesday, I popped into Mr Langford's ukulele sessions with Year 4 and Year 6 to see how the children have progressed from week 1 to now. I was very impressed with their skills. On Thursday morning, our Year 5 children were keen to have parents/carers pop in to showcase their work from the Riverside Routes project. It is always lovely to share with you some of the great experiences the children have within school. By the afternoon, all of Key Stage 2 walked up to the local church to take part in a Harvest service. Thanks to everyone who came along to the church to be part of it and thanks to Reverend Alison for supporting us with our service. Today, some of our school council members helped us to take our donations to the Food Bank. The half term has drawn to a close with Year 6 being out of school today, taking part in a workshop at the Nissan factory. I look forward to hearing all about their visit.

At the end of a half term, I always like to reflect back over the weeks. It has certainly been a busy half term with lots of visits out of school and experiences in school such as NUF. Our children have moved up to new year groups, requiring some of them to get to know a new teacher or even moving buildings. I must say, as always, the children have done us proud; they have coped brilliantly with all transitions, settling in very well to the new routines within their year groups. They are absolute stars!

May I take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you for your continued support this half term in working together to ensure that your child can be the best they can be. As always, if you have any questions about anything at all, please do catch me when I am out and about on a morning or after school or drop me an email.

Please remember that school closes today for half term and will reopen on Monday 4th November. I hope you all have a fantastic half term. See you all in November. *Mrs Chard*

RECEPTION AND SECONDARY APPLICATIONS:

Applications are still open for reception and secondary places for September 2025. The deadline for the reception place application is 15th January 2025 and for **secondary places it is 31st October 2024**

<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2780/School-admissions>

ASDA REWARDS:

We now have a massive £344.00 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.

POETRY CHAMP!

Congratulations to one of our pupils who won a spooky poem competition organised by Klubz.

Well done!

Enjoy your prize!



PARENTS EVENINGS:

Parent night consultations will take place during the week beginning 11th November. It is always lovely to welcome you into school to look at your child's books and give you the opportunity to discuss the progress your child has made since September. It is also a great way for you to ask any questions you have. Please sign up for a slot on Operoo if you haven't already done so.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024:

Anti-bullying week will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November. The theme for this year is Choose Respect. We will be doing lots of activities throughout school to mark this important week. Odd socks day will take place on Tuesday 12th November; this is an opportunity for everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

CHILDREN IN NEED:

This year, we will be supporting Children In Need in school. On Friday 15th November, your child can wear something spotty, Pudsey clothing / accessories or come to school in non-uniform. Any donations can be paid online direct to the charity on the following link.



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

HALLOWEEN PARTIES:

I am sure you will agree, the children who attended the Halloween discos certainly had a spooktacular time; mind it was very difficult recognising all of them in their spooky costumes! There was plenty of dancing and games throughout the disco, topped off with snacks which went down well.

WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK:

From 11th – 15th November, Early Years will be celebrating world nursery rhyme week. For more information about this event please click on the link: <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>

Keep an eye on our school facebook page throughout this week as Early Years will be using it to share lots with you.

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

This year's Remembrance Sunday will be marked on 10th November, with Armistice Day on Monday 11th November 2024. Within school, classes will be learning about this appropriate to their age. All classes will complete art work related to poppies, with the History ambassadors taking some over to Winton Court to share with the residents. Mrs Myers, Mrs Gott and our History ambassadors will also lead a Remembrance day assembly within school, where we will take part in the two minute silence.

HARVEST DONATIONS:

Thank you for your generosity with all of your donations. School council have packed this up ready to be delivered to Feeding Families.



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HAVING A CLEAR OUT OVER HALF TERM?

Getting ready for Christmas and sorting out old toys etc? We would love any donations for our OPAL provision to make our playtimes even better. Such items as below would be great:

- dolls and play items
- items for the sand pit – particularly spades, but also buckets, sieves etc.
- dressing up clothes and items – fancy dress costumes, high vis tops, hats, bags.
- Cars, trains and vehicles of any size or shape.
- Old play equipment e.g. slides, go carts.
- Water proof materials like tarps etc for den building.
- Imaginative play items like dinosaurs, action figures etc.

We would also love to develop our sensory area in school. Resources such as below will be great for this:

Touch and feel books Light up toys Sorting or stacking toys Pop up toys

As always if you can help us source any of the following larger items we would really appreciate you getting in contact with us. The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtime (see below for some examples):

- Suitcases of any size and type
- Anything on wheels/castors
- Briefcases, especially hard cased ones
- Road signs and cones
- Tools like spades, trowels and brooms
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials
- Buckets
- Nets and ropes
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric)
- Foam sheets / body boards
- Wooden pallets
- Metal frames
- Cable drums
- Guttering

FunClub



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SAFEGUARDING: BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN.

As it is getting darker earlier, it's more important than ever to make sure children can be seen. Please see the poster below for five top tips on how to be bright and be seen.

5 top tips on how to BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

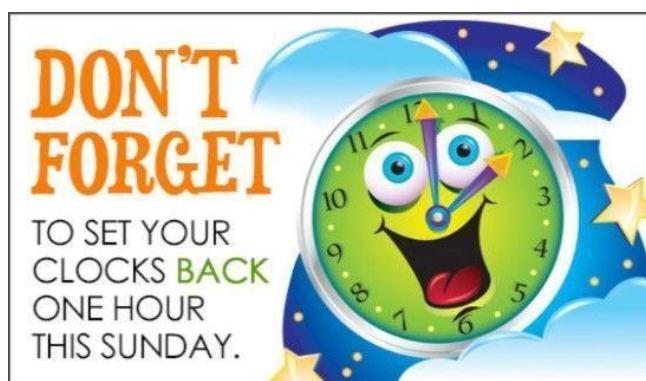
For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

Be Bright,
Be Seen

THINK

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Fri 25th Oct		Last day of term		
Mon 4th Nov		Back to school		
Mon 11 th Nov		Remembrance Day		
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th		Antibullying week		
Tues 12 th Nov		Wear odd socks day - antibullying		
		Parents evenings		
Thurs 14 th Nov		Parents evenings		
Fri 15 th Nov		Children in Need		
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



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KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 4th November 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sparkling Fireworks	Leaf Printing	Recycle Creation's	Remembrance Day Crafts	Autumn Modelling Clay

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Brooklyn
Acorns	Cora
Saplings	Blake
Beech	Evie
Elm	Ezzy
Willow	Charlie H
Cherry	Olivia
Spruce	Cruz
Maple	Lacey M
Birch	Katie
Cedar	James
Pine	Lillia

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Aryan V
Key Stage 1	Georgie B
Key Stage 2	Oscar L Elicia



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