

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

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Within school this week we have supported 'Recycle Week' which runs from 14th – 20th October. The theme this year is 'Rescue Me' which is all aimed at rescuing one thing from your waste bin which could go in your recycling bin. As part of this, we welcomed Laura, from Gateshead Council into school to lead our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assemblies. During the assemblies, Laura talked to us about the importance of recycling and what we can do to support with recycling. She also encouraged the children to design posters to promote recycling. We have displayed the posters around school so do keep an eye out for them. For further information on recycle week please click the link:

<https://www.recyclenow.com/>

We ended our week with Year 6 going out on their visit to Safety Works. This is an interactive safety centre that allowed the children to participate safely in realistic situations illustrating everyday hazards and how to prevent them. This ranged from dangers in the home, like fire safety to those in the community, like roads and railways. Have a look on Facebook and see what they have been up to. Next week, Early Years are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers into school to take part in Autumn crafts, Year 5 are excited to invite you in to showcase their work from their project with Riverside Routes and all of Key Stage 2 are keen to take part in our Harvest service.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. *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>

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

Tempest Photography were in school this week. Your child should have brought their photograph home. If you wish to purchase your child's photograph, please do so online using the code provided on the photo. The deadline to order for free delivery to school is 30th October. You can still order after this date but you will be charged for delivery to your home address

ASDA REWARDS:

We now have a massive £312.00 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.

HARVEST:

Key Stage 2 have started to learn their harvest songs. Like last year, they will be attending church to lead a harvest service. If you are able to join us, please do. During the last week of the half term, Early Years will be hosting harvest craft sessions for both the children and parents/carers. Please look out on Operoo for the sign-up form. Again, it would be great to see as many of you as possible at these sessions.

Would you like to donate to our harvest? Any donation, big or small will make a big difference. We will be collecting donations for the North East charity, Feeding Families. Items they would be grateful for are tinned meat, tinned, vegetables, tinned fruit, cooking sauce, tea/coffee, cereal, pasta, rice, soup packets/tins, biscuits, soap, shampoo and shower gel.



Please send any donations into school by Monday morning.

PARENTS EVENINGS:

As we hurtle toward half term, please note that 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.



Sign up forms will be available on Operoo from 4pm today.

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/>

POVERTY PROOFING AUDIT:

This year, our poverty proofers from Children North East have been back to school to complete their audit, supporting us with making further improvements. They were extremely impressed by everything that is currently in place within school, and like last year, were able to give us a few further ideas. During their time with us, they commented on how well behaved and polite all of the children were during the groups sessions they led.

SCIENCE AND ECO AMBASSADORS:

This week, our Science and Eco Ambassadors had a special visit from Alex at Northern Gas Networks. They had an engaging session discussing the crucial topic of global warming, exploring how it's impacting our planet and reflecting on what we can do right here at Parkhead to be kinder to our Earth. Our Ambassadors came up with some fantastic ideas on making our school more eco-friendly and shared things they already do every day to help our environment. Alex was very impressed! To top it all off, we ended Recycling Week with a fun and productive litter pick around the school grounds with our new litter pickers. They tidied up the area, doing their part to keep the community clean and green. It's so inspiring to see our young learners determined to make a positive difference!



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:

Tues 22 nd Oct	9.15	EYFS Harvest crafts with parents (only need to attend one)
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Thurs 24 th Oct	9.15	Y5 Riverside routes celebration assembly for parents
	PM	KS2 Harvest festival – parents invited, more info to follow
		After school – Halloween parties
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





KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 21st October 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Scarecrow Puppets	Autumn Word Search Fun	Cone Creatures	Paper Pumpkins	Halloween Characters

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Benny
Acorns	Rex
Saplings	Inaaya
Beech	Laura
Elm	Darcy-Leigh
Willow	Harley
Cherry	Layla-Ann
Spruce	Gabriel
Maple	Nelin
Birch	Ruby
Cedar	India
Pine	Sam

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Hunter B
Key Stage 1	Daisy N
Key Stage 2	Arlo S Lottie C



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