

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

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What another fantastic week in school. We started the week off with our assembly all about being thankful. We talked about how we are all grateful for different things and how we can show that



we are grateful, for example by saying thank you or writing a little note. Like last week, I have managed to get into a few classes this week to join in with their learning. It was great to be welcomed into Reception, where the children were trying very hard to learn their sounds and were starting to apply these to their writing. When in Year 2 Willow the children were keen to share their knowledge of blue whales with me. Do you know that a blue whale weighs around the same as thirty elephants? If your child is in Year 2, I am sure they will be sharing their facts with you. On Tuesday, I enjoyed joining in with the Year 6 boogie bounce session; always great fun! When I popped into Year 5 all of the children were fully engaged in their English lesson all about using show not tell to portray emotions. When avoiding the heavy downpours out on the yard at lunchtime, it has been lovely watching all of the children having fun together and listening to the wonderful sound of laughter. The rain didn't stop our avid footballers, who popped on their wellies and still managed to have a kick about! Next week in school it is recycling week; we are looking forward to a visit from the Gateshead Waste and Recycling Education Centre where we are hoping to learn even more about what we can do to support with recycling.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Hopefully the weather will remain nice for us.

Mrs Chard

SAFEGUARDING: PARKING:

It has been brought to our attention that many cars are being parked on the double yellow lines and zig zag lines outside of our school. Cars are also being parked half on the path which is making it extremely difficult for people with buggies or in wheelchairs to get by safely or at all, forcing them into the road. Please be courteous and think carefully about where to park.

ASDA REWARDS:

We now have a massive £277.00 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.

FOOTBALL:

Six of our Year 5/6 children took part in a football tournament last night. They showed excellent team work and determination. Mrs Thompson and I are extremely proud of them and they are looking forward to March when the leagues continues.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

School photos will be on Wednesday 16th October. These will be individual photos and siblings within school. If you would like photos of your children with siblings that do not attend here (pre-school or older than primary) our KS2 hall will be open from 8.15am. Please ensure children wear their **full school uniform**. If your child has PE that day, please bring their PE kit in for them to change into.



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.



VISITS / VISITORS:

Today, our Year 2 children took part in a sports event at Thorp. They were all very enthusiastic and had a great afternoon. Their behaviour was exemplary which is wonderful to see. Unfortunately, our Year 6 heart workshop was unable to go ahead this week. However, it has been rescheduled and the children and adults are looking forward to it taking place. We do appreciate that the cost of visits out of school have increased due to, for example, increasing transport costs. As a school we will try where we can to give plenty of notice for visits where a cost is involved enabling you to pay in instalments should you need to.

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 soon. More details to follow.

Don't forget
parents
evening!

YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY:

Year 5 would love to invite parents to our special Riverside Routes assembly on Thursday 24th October. During the assembly we'll be hearing from Debbie, the drama facilitator and creative producer of the project, about the process she took the children through to find their ideas as well as seeing the results of the children's hard work. There will also be lots of photographs and a chance to celebrate the creativity of our pupils.

CLUBS:

Next half terms clubs will run from the first week back and will finish week beginning 9th December. Please look out next week for the sign-up information.

FunClub



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COATS AND WELLIES

Do you have any unwanted coats or wellies that your children may have grown out of? School would really appreciate any donation's you can give. Please drop these to the main reception.

Many thanks!



HALLOWEEN PARTIES:

Due to the amount of fun the children had at our Halloween parties last year, we've decided to host two more this year just before we break up for half term. The parties will be held on Thursday 24 October for KS1 and KS2. These will be straight after school and will finish at 4:30pm. Collection will be from the normal collection points.

Children are welcome to bring a costume into school to change into. Please can we ask no face paints, fake blood etc as it gets everywhere!!

Tickets are £2 each. This includes juice, crisps and sweets for the children at the party.

Tickets can be purchased via School Hub!

The children will be issued a ticket in school that they'll then hand over at the tuck shop on the night in exchange for their sweet treats

As ever, we are always on the lookout for volunteers to help us decorate the halls prior to the parties and also to help on the night with the tuck shop. Please let us know if you are able to help.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 16 th Oct		Pupil Individual Photos
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 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 14th October 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Animal Faces	Spot the Difference	Around the World Game Night	Dot-to-dot Challenge	Decorating Biscuits

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Trent
Acorns	Jack
Saplings	Jorgie
Beech	Darcey
Elm	Frankie W
Willow	Madison
Cherry	Noah
Spruce	Zoey
Maple	Oscar
Birch	Sam A
Cedar	Lil-Mae
Pine	Savannah

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Thomas D
Key Stage 1	Renee
Key Stage 2	Jayde Frazer



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