

Parkhead Community Primary School

# Weekly News Bulletin



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

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What a fantastic week we have had in school this week. I have managed to pop into many lessons this week to see the wonderful learning. Within Year 6 the children were evaluating explanation texts, Year 5 were writing a diary entry, Years 3, 3/4 and 4 were working on show not tell and punctuating speech and Nursery were so enthusiastic within their Tales Toolkit session. During my time in classes, it was great to see the excellent behaviours for learning; all of the children were engaged, enthusiastic and listening very well. Next week, I am looking forward to popping into the rest of the classes across school to join their lessons.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. See you all next week.

*Mrs Chard*

## **STAFFING:**

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Watson, who has worked as a lunchtime supervisor for a number of years. She has helped many of our families during her time at Parkhead and she will be a huge miss over lunchtimes. I know you will join me with wishing her a happy retirement.



We welcomed Mrs Wake into our team this week as lunchtime supervisor. She has had a lot of fun this week, joining in with the many activities on offer over lunchtime. Mrs Wake has been very impressed with all of the children's behaviour.

## **SAFEGUARDING:**

Please see attached – What Parents and educators need to know about in-game chat.

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON:**

Thanks to everyone who donated cakes and came along to join us for our coffee afternoon. It was lovely to see all of you. We have raised over £300 which is wonderful. The raffle has now been drawn and if you won a prize, you will have been contacted in order for you to pop by to collect it.



## **ASDA REWARDS:**

We now have a massive £233.00 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.

## **YEAR 5:**

This week, Year 5 enjoyed working with Debbie Beeks, drama facilitator and creative producer, as part of Gateshead's Riverside Routes project. They completed exciting writing workshops; when I popped into one of the sessions, Debbie had found a bag full of objects which she had brought to school. The children carefully looked at the objects in order to work out who the bag belonged to. Lots of the items were small which led many of us to think it belonged to a fairy. We can't wait to share our final pieces with you on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October in our assembly. Doors will open 9.15am for parents/carers of Year 5.

## **VISITS / VISITORS:**

This week, Scott from NUF enjoyed teaching Nursery, Year 2, Year 3, 3/4 and 4. All of the children had a great time within the sessions. Mrs Parkin worked with lower key stage 2 on their singing which was lovely to hear along the corridor. Year 5 continued with their work with the Riverside Routes project. Next week, we have Year 2 going out on a sporting competition, Year 5/6 football team taking part in a football competition and Year 6 have Science Buddies coming in to lead a science workshop. It is always great to get visitors into school and get our children out of school. 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.

## **DOJO FRIDAY FUN CLUB:**

Our club has been running for the last few weeks. It is one of my favourite times of the week, seeing how proud the children are of themselves that they have earned a place in the club. It is always a pleasure to spend time with them playing games, drawing, colouring in and chatting about a whole range of things.

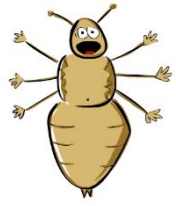
## **TAPESTRY:**

Parents of children in nursery and reception - don't forget to log in to Tapestry as we post regular photo updates of all the lovely things your children are doing throughout the week. Please like and comment on the photos so we know you have seen them! You can also add photos of any lovely things you are doing at home and we will share these with your children in school. If you have any problems logging in, please contact the school office and they will help you with your login details.



**HEADLICE:**

We have had a report of head lice in school this week. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary to help avoid any spread. Thank you.



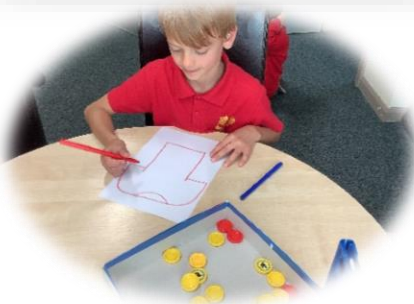
**JEWELLERY:**

A gentle reminder that jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school. Please see below from our school uniform guidance.

*Hair, Jewellery and Accessories*

- Excessively short/shaved hair as well as any patterned cut / patterned beaded hairstyle or hair colouring is not appropriate/acceptable for school.
- Hair should always be tied back once it approaches shoulder length.
- Pupils should use discrete, plain bobbles and hairbands in school uniform colours.
- For reasons of health and safety, the wearing of jewellery including earrings is not allowed.
- Nail extensions are not appropriate/acceptable for school.

# FunClub



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### WORLD SMILE DAY:

Today is world smile day. This is the first Friday in October each year and is dedicated to smiling and random acts of kindness. Today, both children and staff have had great fun searching for all the smiles Mrs Chard had hidden around school. We all tried to make each other smile and Nursery were very kind in making Mrs Chard her own Happy necklace.



### 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.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Y6 Science heart workshop
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Pupil Individual Photos
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	9.15	EYFS Harvest crafts with parents (only need to attend one)
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Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.15	Y5 Riverside routes celebration assembly for parents
	PM	KS2 Harvest festival – parents invited, more info to follow
		After school – Halloween parties
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>		<b>Last day of term</b>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Remembrance Day
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>		Antibullying week
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Wear odd socks day - antibullying
		Parents evenings
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Parents evenings
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Children in Need
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	2.15	Y3/4 Christmas crafts with parents
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.15	Y5/6 Christmas crafts with parents
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Cosy Christmas day – trees up
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15	Y3/4 Christmas singing concert
	2.00	Reception Christmas Nativity
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Christmas dinner day and festive wear
	11.00	Nursery Christmas sing a long
	2.30	Nursery Christmas sing a long
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00	KS1 Christmas performance (only need to attend one)
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30	KS1 Christmas performance (only need to attend one)
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15	KS2 Carol Service
	2.00	Y3/4 Christmas party (come in uniform and change)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00	Nur/Rec Christmas party (come in uniform and change)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00	KS1 and Y5/6 Christmas party (come in uniform and change)
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>		<b>Last day of term</b>
		<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> <b>Back to school</b>



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**KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Floor Art	Colour by Numbers	Crown Making	Games Night	Lego Creations

# Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Leon
Acorns	Spencer
Saplings	Skye
Beech	Harrison
Elm	Amelia
Willow	James C
Cherry	Leon
Spruce	Sahand
Maple	Lacie C
Birch	Cain
Cedar	Logan
Pine	Silver

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Harry N
Key Stage 1	Rosie O
Key Stage 2	Frances Sam H

