

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

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What an amazing week we have all had in school this week. We started off the week by exploring what it means to be a school councillor. Lots of the children were very keen to put their names forward to be considered. Classes are voting and our school councillors will be announced next week. Their first job in the role will be to attend a meeting with Miss Glenton, putting forward both theirs and the rest of their classes ideas on how we can make Parkhead Community Primary School an even better place to be.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been focussing on our rules in school. All of the children know exactly what they need in order to be ready, respectful and safe. Mrs Leach had the pleasure of running do-jo Friday club this week. She thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the winners; a great way to end a Friday.

Thank you for your support during the last couple of weeks with settling the children back into school. I am sure you will agree that they have all returned to school with excellent attitudes towards learning, giving 100% effort to all that they do.

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

Mrs Chard

NEW SENDCO

Here is a message from our new SENDCO, Mrs Cooper.

Hello everyone, my name is Mrs Cooper and I am the new SENDCO here at Parkhead. I've spent the last couple of weeks teaching my lovely Y5 class and also visiting the other classes around school getting to know your wonderful children. I feel very proud to be the SENDCO here and I can't wait to work with you all. If you have any questions to want to get in touch, feel free to contact me by emailing sendco@parkheadprimary.org.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

We understand how busy everyone is and how quickly diaries fill up so our leadership team have set most dates for this term. We are waiting for confirmation of some dates; as soon as we have all of the dates, we will get them out to you as soon as possible. For now, here are some important dates for the next few weeks.

Tues 17th Sept – Reception Vision Screening

Tues 17th Sept – Y4 home fore safety assembly

Tues 24th Sept – Y5 trip

Fri 27th Sept – Macmillan coffee afternoon

Tues 1st Oct – Flu immunisation Rec – Y6

Wed 2nd Oct - Reception parents Reading Meeting – more info to follow

Mon 14th Oct – KS2 assembly waste and recycling

Wed 16th Oct – Pupil individual photos

Fri 18th Oct – Y6 Safety works

Thurs 24th Oct – Halloween parties – more info to follow

Fri 25th Oct – last day of term

Mon 4th Nov – back to school



NEWCASTLE UNITED FOUNDATION:

We were excited to welcome Mr Elliot into our school this week. He will be working with us for the full year, with classes taking it in turns to work with him each half term. This half term we have Nursery, Y2, Y3, Y3/4 and Y4. It was great to see all of the children working well with him, showing lots of enthusiasm and having fun. Mr Elliot was very impressed with everyone's behaviour and attitude.

WHOLE CLASS INSTRUMENT TUITION AND SINGING:

Mr Langford was in school this week. He is delivering ukulele to classes in Key Stage 2. This term he is working with Year 4 Maple and Year 6. The classes will change every half term, with all classes in Key Stage 2 having two half terms of tuition. Great to hear our fabulous musicians.

We also welcomed Mrs Parkin back into our school this week. It is always lovely to hear our Year 3 and 4 children singing. They raised the roof this Tuesday with their beautiful singing voices. Like last year, we will make sure that you all get the opportunity to come into school to hear them for yourselves.



WOODS:

It has been great getting year 5 down to the woods this week. They will continue to attend woods for this rest of this half term. Throughout the course of the year, every year group will get to go to the woods for a half term to compete various activities. It is fantastic to see the children being outdoors, helping each other and having great fun.

ROBINWOOD:

A lot of our Year 6 children took part in the residential this week. It was great to see them having lots of fun. They certainly looked very tired when they arrived back in school on Wednesday.



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RIVERSIDE ROUTES PROJECT – YEAR 5

This half term, Miss Stott, our Art Lead, has arranged for Year 5 to take part in an exciting creative writing project with playwright, drama facilitator and creative producer Debbie Beeks as part of Gateshead's Riverside Routes project. This will begin next week, with a drama workshop with Debbie in school to help the children understand the ways of thinking and behaving like an artist. The children will then explore their own creative interests and voice, going out on a visit, exploring the area by the Derwent near the Land of Oak and Iron. We are very excited that Debbie will then join us in school to share her creative writing processes during a series of writing workshops with the children. We can't wait to share our final pieces with you and would love for you to join us in school on the morning of Thursday 24th October to celebrate our participation in the project. More information to follow.

LUNCHES:

If your child stays for a school meal, please remember to order their lunch with them prior to them coming to school. Lunches can be ordered up to three weeks in advance. If your child has moved from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2, they will no longer automatically get a universal free school meal. If you think your child is eligible for means tested free school meals, please click on this link and complete the form. [Gateshead Council - Apply for free school meals](#)

If you need any help with this or have any queries, Mrs Hawthorn is always around to speak to. Just pop to the school office.

Due to allergies across school, please remember that we are a nut free school.



WEATHER:

As the weather seems to be very unpredictable at the minute, with sun, rain and wind all featuring within the same day, please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day, as we play outside in all weathers.



MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS:

Thank you to everyone who came along to the meet the teacher sessions. I hope you found them informative and were able to have any questions answered. Due to the residential this week, the Year 6 session will take place next week.

MACMILLAN CAKE SALE:

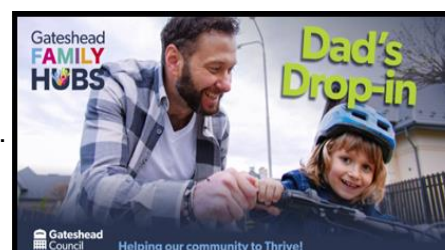
Following our successful Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last year, we will, once again be inviting you into school for cake and a cuppa to raise money for this worthwhile cause. The date for your diary is 27th September. Parents/carers are invited from 2.30pm to come and join us for a cuppa. Make the most of the peace before collecting your children at normal time. You can then bring them back to buy a cake for them. We would love to take donations shop-bought cakes for us to sell, this would be gratefully received. Unfortunately, we can't accept homemade due to allergies within school. If you can't make this date, we will also be selling our 'take-away afternoon tea boxes' More details to follow.



DAD'S DROP-IN SESSION:

Every Wednesday after school there will be a Dad's Drop-in session held at Blaydon Winlaton Family Hub (old SureStart building) where Dad's and male carers can take their child for indoor or outdoor play. Babies, toddlers and children of all ages are welcome. This is completely free with no need to book.

For more information please call 0191 433 5579.



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KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 16th September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Friendship Bracelets	Snakes and Ladders Creations	Floor Art	What Am I?	Leaf Print Art

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Hunter
Acorns	Zach
Saplings	Freya
Beech	Rosie
Elm	Olivia
Willow	Beau
Cherry	Max
Spruce	Jack S
Maple	Skye
Birch	Harrison
Cedar	Savannah
Pine	Caleb

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Frankie M
Key Stage 1	Hunter M
Key Stage 2	Olivia P Georgia

