Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



This week

Another wonderful week at Parkhead. As Sam from Groundworks had so much fun last week in school, he came back with his colleague, Lydia, this week, to work with our Year 5 children focussing on sustainable waste management. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and as a result of their hard work, they all managed to make a sock puppet and put on performances for the other children. Well done to all involved.

This week, I have spent some time outdoors with the children at both play time and lunchtime. It has been great to see them making full use of our wonderful outdoor area, playing together and having lots of fun. I do enjoy my little chats with them; always nice to hear about what they have been up to outside of school.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan cake sale. Our school council members were blown away with how much they managed to raise. A big thank you to all of them for putting their organisational skills to the test and managing to lead a very successful event.

Next week, Poppy from Gateshead Foodbank is coming into school. She will be launching the cereal challenge. We took part in this last year and our children absolutely loved it. Look out for further information regarding our cereal collection coming your way next week.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Chard

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Macmillan and School Council

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us for our after school bake sale. The Schooil Council smashed their target of £250. Your huge generosity helped us raise over £300. Thank you very much!



Visits/Visitors

As you will have seen, we have already had a number of visitors in school leading assemblies and workshops. As part of our wider experiences, we also strive to take our children on trips outside of school and, like last year, we have a number of visits already booked in our diary. We have already had our Year 6 children on their residential to Robinwood which they all enjoyed. To make these trips as accessible as possible, the school heavily subsidises the cost of each one, covering a significant portion from our limited budget. We also look at, for example, additional funding to keep costs lower due the rising charges in transport prices. However we still rely on parental contributions. This year we will return to payments per trip which can be made on Parentpay, along with consent for your child to attend the trip.

National Poetry Day

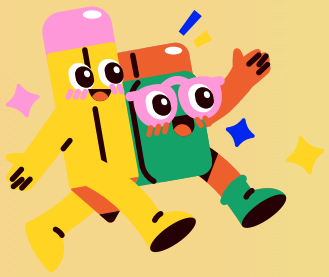


To celebrate National Poetry Day on Thursday 1 October, all classes will be enjoying a special focus on poetry. Throughout the day, children will explore a range of poems, have fun playing with words and language, and create poems of their own.

Children will also have opportunities to perform their poetry to one another, helping them to develop their confidence, expression and important oracy skills. We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration of creativity, language and the joy of poetry across school!

School Buddies

Our Reception and Year 6 children are getting ready to meet their new buddies! The teachers have been busy pairing the children up, and next week they will get the chance to meet each other for the first time.



Throughout the year, our Year 6 children will spend time with their Reception buddies, getting to know them, helping them around school and taking part in different activities together. We hope this will create some lovely friendships and give our youngest children a friendly, familiar face to look out for around school.

We can't wait to see our buddy friendships grow throughout the year!

Halloween Parties

Tickets for our KS1 and KS2 Halloween parties are available to buy on Parentpay at £2.00 for entrance, crisps, sweets and a drink. The deadline to buy is 14th October. Please see key dates email with this newsletter for the party dates and times.

TT Rockstars

Next week will be our first TTRS tournament of the year and we'd love all of the children to get involved. TTRS is a great way to get the children practising their multiplication facts and hopefully build up a bit of speed and confidence at the same time.

At Parkhead, we love a bit of friendly competition and we can't wait to announce the winners next week. There'll be lots more tournaments throughout the year, so now is a good time for the children to start practising their multiplication facts.

Sock Puppet Workshop





The children of Year 5 have been participating in a sock puppet workshop across three afternoons this week. They have designed and created their own sock puppet characters to perform to their peers a story about waste and recycling. This is to make sure we all know how to reduce, re-use and recycle our waste.

School lunches

Ms Christensen has been very lucky this week to spend some time in our dinner hall, sitting with our children whilst having their lunches. She managed to sample a few lunches herself, reporting back on the excellent quality of the school meals. Please have a look at the photographs of the meals she sampled.













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.

These lines mean you cannot park here. Cars are also being parked half on the path which is making it extremely difficult for people with push chairs 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, especially outside of our neighbours drives.

Please can we ask that you do not drive into the staff car parks when collecting children before and after school for pedestrian safety.

Fun Club!









Important Date or Events

Key dates will be attached to every weeks newsletter email.
Please pop them in your diary so you dont miss out!



Key Assessment dates

Year 1 Phonics screening checks – Mon 14th - Fri 18th June 2027

Year 4 Multiplication Checks – Mon 7th – Fri 18th June 2027

KS2 SATs Year 6 – Mon 10th – Thurs 13th May 2027

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

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Harry
Acorns	Tommy
Saplings	Lola
Y1 Beech	Layla
Y1/2 Elm	Mya
Y2 Willow	Louis
Y3 Maple	Alfie
Y3/4 Cherry	Olivia
Y4 Spruce	Daisy
Y5 Oak	George
Y5 Pine	Alisha
Y6 Birch	Skye
Y6 Cedar	Adem

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Ibrahim
Key Stage 1	Inaaya
Lower Key Stage 2	John
Upper Key Stage 2	Lacie

Achievements at home

Remember if your child is awarded any certificates or medals/trophies at home for a sport or an interest/hobby please do encourage them to bring them into school on a Friday to show the rest of the children.



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