Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



This week

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Early Years Autumn craft sessions and Year 1 reading / phonics workshops. I hope you enjoyed spending time in school, seeing your child engaged within the activities and working alongside them to complete various tasks. As is always the case, if you have any queries around phonics and reading, or anything in general relating to your child's learning, please do speak to a member of staff who will be more than happy to help.

On Wednesday, our Year 6s popped out to Nissan for the day. They had an action-packed day and their behaviour was exemplary. We are extremely proud of all of them (more info on page 2).

Yesterday and today we had lots of fun in school completing the domino cereal challenge. We were blown away by how many boxes of cereal were brought in to complete the challenge. Thank you so much for your support. Gateshead Food Bank will be collecting them from school on Monday ready to go to those who are in need. Please look out for our domino videos appearing on facebook.

Next week is our final week of the half term where we will be holding our annual spooky discos and our Year 3 and 4 children will be leading our Harvest Celebration.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Chard



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Oracy October

We have continued to work on Oracy October. This year our theme is all about Listening. Throughout the month, we have been promoting the importance of oracy, helping children develop the skills and confidence they need to listen, speak and communicate effectively.

Each week, children have explored a different aspect of effective listening and have taken part in a related activity in class:

Last week we looked at listening to understand.

This week the focus was around listening to resolve an issue.

Next week we will work on listening to empathise.

The final week will be during half term, listening to provoke thought.

Will share a family listening challenge for half term, so everyone can get involved at home!

Year 3/4 Harvest Service



Our Year 3 and 4 children are in full swing learning their harvest songs ready for going to church; it is always lovely hearing them all singing together. Please see key dates attached to email for date and time.

Year 6 visit to Nissan

Year 6 had a fantastic trip to Nissan this week! We enjoyed working together to design our own LEGO cars before creating a production line, where we worked in teams to assemble and test Nissan vehicles. We also had the exciting opportunity to see some of the machinery in action and took part in a little competition to see who had the fastest reaction times! The children's behaviour was exemplary throughout the visit, and they really did the school proud. This is the feedback we received from the staff at Nissan:

Hi, just wanted to leave some feedback from today's event.

The Year 6 children were an absolute pleasure to have visit Nissan today. Their manners were impeccable, and their behaviour throughout the trip was excellent. They were enthusiastic, polite and such good fun to work with. A credit to their school!

Thank you for such a good day!



Parents evenings

Parents evening will be week commencing Mon 23rd November. You will be able to sign up for your slot on Arbor. More details to follow when available to sign up.

Pedestrian Training

Pedestrian training for Year 3 will begin next week. This is designed to equip children with the knowledge and skills necessary for safe and independent journeys. It includes teaching children how to cross safely using the principles of stop, look, listen, and think, the correct use of pedestrian crossings, and the dangers associated with being late or rushing across the road. A letter with further details has been emailed to parent/carers this week.



Safeguarding - Darker Nights

As the evenings become darker, please help keep children safe when travelling to and from school. We encourage children to wear bright or reflective clothing where possible and to stay alert when walking, cycling or scooting near roads. Please take extra care when crossing roads, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times, and ensure younger children are supervised. Working together, we can help keep everyone safe throughout the autumn and winter months.

TT Rockstars

To add a healthy dose of competition into the last week of the half term, we're going to be having a special Teachers vs Pupils TTRS Battle! Next week, children and staff will go head-to-head to see who can earn the most points and prove their times tables mastery. We can't wait to see the leaderboard fill up with scores, determination and plenty of friendly competition. Good luck, everyone, and remember: every correct answer counts!

Fun Club!









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

SAVE THE DATE

Please also see Key Dates emailed every Friday

Don't forget!

REMINDER

Year 2 - Sign up on Parent pay to attend the reading workshops with your child.

Year 3/4 - Sign up on Parent pay to attend the Christmas crafts with your child.

Year 5/6 - Sign up on Parent pay to attend the Christmas crafts with your child.

Year 6 - Please remember to apply for your childs secondary place by 31st October.

Everyone - School photo day Tuesday 20th October

Everyone - Sign up to attend your childs Christmas performance

School photos – Tues 20th Oct

These will be for individuals and siblings only. If you wish to have family photos taken, these will take place in the KS2 main hall at 8.15am in KS2 hall. Please can all children come to school in their uniform. If your child has P.E could they please bring it with them to get changed into.

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



Term dates

Autumn **Half Term:** Mon 26 Oct-Fri 30 Oct **Last day of term:** Fri 18 Dec

SPRING **Return:** Mon 4 Jan 2027. **Half term:** Mon 15 - Fri 19 Feb. **Last day:** Thurs 25 Mar
School closed: Fri 12 Feb - Training day **and** Fri 26 Mar - Bank holiday

SUMMER **Return:** Mon 12 Apr **Half term:** Mon 31 May - Fri 4 Jun. **Last day:** Fri 16 Jul
School closed Mon 3 May - Bank holiday

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Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Samuel
Acorns	Carter
Saplings	Olivia
Y1 Beech	Summer
Y1/2 Elm	Elo
Y2 Willow	Freya
Y3 Maple	Ebenezer
Y3/4 Cherry	Leon
Y4 Spruce	Riley
Y5 Oak	Logan
Y5 Pine	Raine
Y6 Birch	Alfie
Y6 Cedar	Jayde

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Hallie
Key Stage 1	Sam
Lower Key Stage 2	Koben
Upper Key Stage 2	Cruz

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.