Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



Wow, what a busy final week of the half term. On Monday, we welcomed Gateshead Foodbank into our school to collect all of the boxes of cereal we used to complete our domino rallies. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate boxes of cereal to support.

Key Stage 2 also had an exciting assembly at the beginning of the week led by Rocksteady Music. This was a fantastic and very engaging session.

On Wednesday, Years 3 and 4 popped up to St Paul's church to lead a Harvest celebration. Unfortunately, Reverend Alison was unable to join us. Thanks to her team for making everyone feel welcome and thanks to all of the children who sang their hearts out and spoke so clearly and confidently. We are all very proud of you as we know how difficult it can be to stand up in front of a large number of people. Thanks to those of you who managed to join us on the day. As always, we appreciate your support.

On Wednesday and Thursday, we held our discos. Everyone had a lot of spooky fun; dancing and playing games and of course enjoying their snack. Thanks to everyone for making them a huge success.

At the end of a half term, I always like to reflect back over the weeks. It has certainly been a busy half term with lots going on across the whole school. I must say, as always, the children have done us proud; they have coped brilliantly with all transitions, settling in very well to the new routines within their year groups. They are absolute stars!

May I take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you for your continued support this half term in working together to ensure that your child can be the best they can be. As always, if you have any questions about anything at all, please do catch me when I am out and about on a morning or after school.

Please remember that school closes today for half term and will reopen on Monday 2nd November. I hope you all have a fantastic half term holiday. See you all in November.

Mrs Chard

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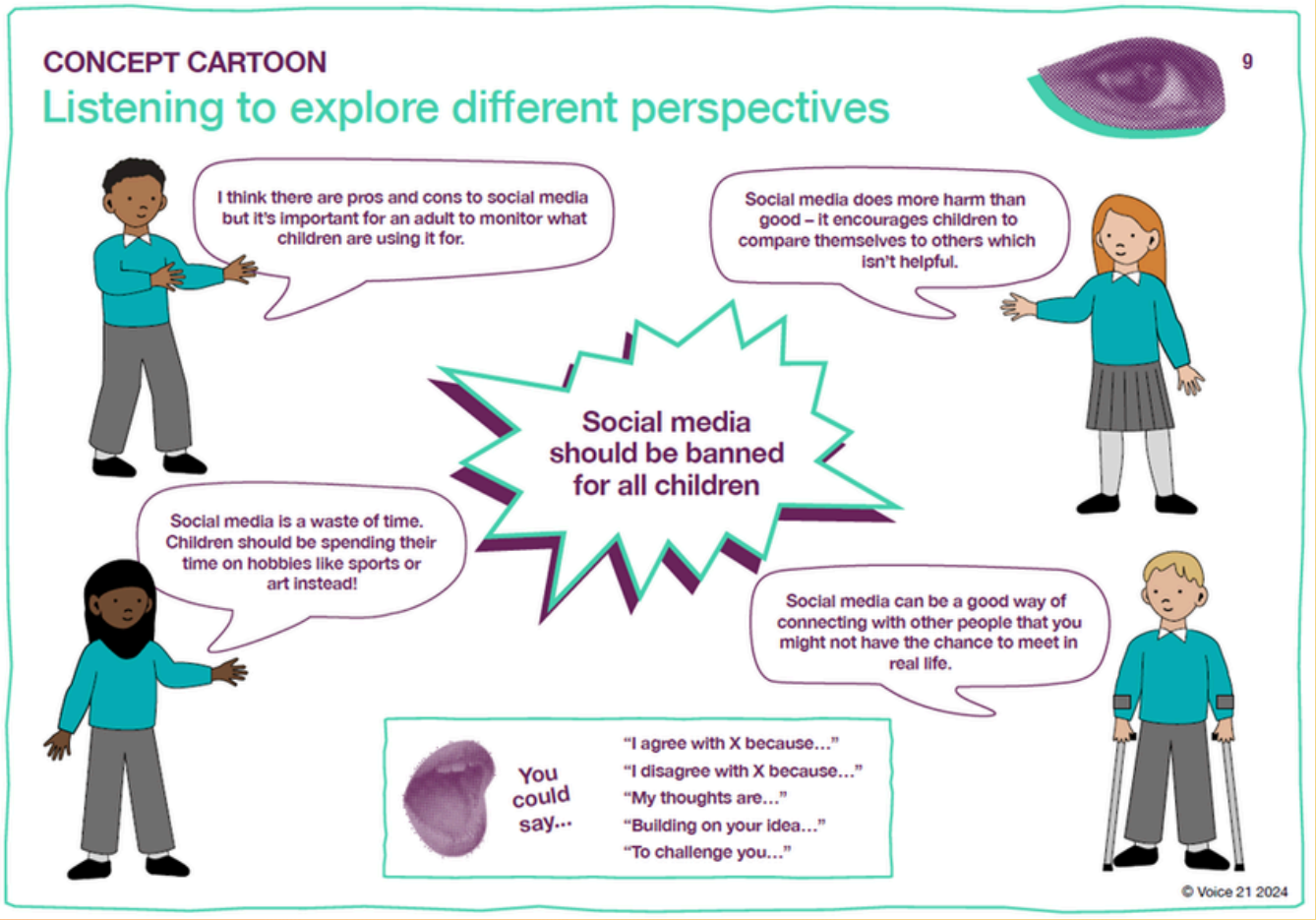
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Oracy October

Our final challenge to complete Oracy October is to understand other people's perspectives. This is important because we want our children to understand that not everyone has to share the same opinions and to learn to disagree kindly.

Over the holidays why not have a chat with your child about a question that links to them. E.g. Should children have to wear school uniform? Should all families have a pet?

Here is a concept cartoon about a current topic to prompt discussion if you want to use it.



Rock Steady Assembly

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Chris from Rocksteady to deliver a fantastic assembly for our KS2 children. Chris introduced us to a range of musical instruments and played lots of familiar songs. We loved singing along and discovering something new!

Three of our teachers, Miss Coates, Mrs Taylor and Miss White, joined Chris on stage to form their very own teacher band. The whole assembly joined in with an enthusiastic singalong of We Will Rock You while our teachers rocked out on stage. What a fantastic way to bring music to life!

Remembrance Day



This year's Remembrance Sunday will be marked on 8th November, with Armistice Day on Wednesday 11th November 2026. Within school, classes will be learning about this appropriate to their age. All classes will complete art work related to poppies, with the History ambassadors taking some over to Winton Court to share with the residents. Mr Boutflower and our History ambassadors will also lead a Remembrance day assembly within school, where we will take part in the two minute silence.

After half term, school will have poppies and merchandise available, for a dontation to the charity.

Anti-bullying week 2026



Anti-bullying week will take place from Monday 9th - Friday 13th November. The theme for this year is Break The Silence. We will be doing lots of activities throughout school to mark this important week. Odd socks day will take place on Monday 9th November; this is an opportunity for everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

Children in Need



This year, we will be supporting Children In Need in school. On Friday 13th November, your child can wear something spotty, Pudsey clothing / accessories or come to school in non-uniform. Any donations can be paid online direct to the charity on the following link.

https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

World Nursery Rhyme Week



From 9th – 13th November, Early Years will be celebrating world nursery rhyme week. For more information about this event please click on the link: www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com

Keep an eye on our school facebook page throughout this week as Early Years will be using it to share lots with you.

TT Rockstars

Congratulations to our pupils for winning this week's Pupils vs Teachers TTRS tournament! The children answered an outstanding 27,657 questions correctly across the week just slightly edging out the staff total of 422. Well done to Imogen, Blake and Jensen, who claimed the top three spots on the leaderboard. A special congratulations also goes to Mr Boutflower, who battled bravely to secure 34th place!

School Photos

School Photograph orders have been sent home today with your child. You can place an order online using the details on the form, or return the form with the correct money to school. Please note this goes direct to the supplier, therefore we can not give change.

Deadline for orders to be recieved, to ensure free delivery to shcool, is Thursday 5th November. Any orders after this, you will incur a delivery fee.

Wellies

When we return after half term, please send wellies into school with your child so they can access outdoors in all weathers.



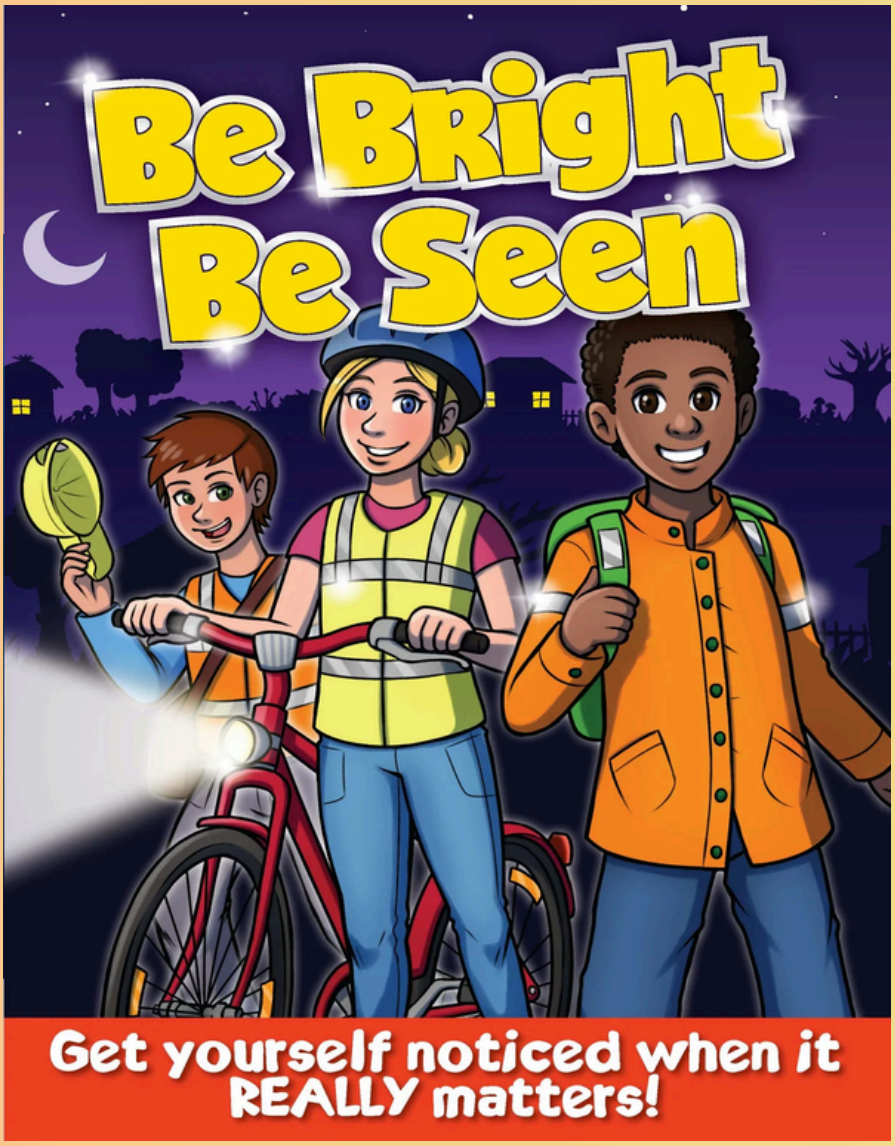
Safeguarding

If you have an urgent safeguarding concerns regarding any children whilst school is closed next week, please contact 999. For non-urgent concerns please contact Gateshead children's social care on 0191 433 2653 during office hours (Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm, Friday 9am-4.30pm) or 0191 477 0844 out of hours.

Safeguarding - Darker Nights

BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN. As the clocks go back this weekend, it's more important than ever to make sure children can be seen. Wearing bright fluorescent colours and reflective clothes/bands is a great way to help with this. Check out the link for Be Bright Be Seen game to help children.
https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/





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 and 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:

- Sign up to attend your childs Christmas performance
- Book parents evenings
- Thurs 5th Nov - deadline for photo order
- Mon 9th November - odd sock day
- Fri 11th Nov - spotty/non uniform for children in need

Parents evenings

Parents evenings are week commencing Mon 23rd November. From **4pm tonight** parent evening slots will available on your Arbor app for you to book to see your childs teacher.

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	Gracie V
Acorns	Roman
Saplings	Belle
Y1 Beech	Alivia
Y1/2 Elm	Spencer
Y2 Willow	Gracie
Y3 Maple	Charley
Y3/4 Cherry	Alisha
Y4 Spruce	Olivia
Y5 Oak	Olivia
Y5 Pine	Blake
Y6 Birch	Tyler
Y6 Cedar	Dylan

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Billy B
Key Stage 1	Jacob S
Lower Key Stage 2	Rosie M James C
Upper Key Stage 2	Evie-Rose

Fun Club!















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