

Parkhead Community Primary School

# Weekly News Bulletin



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

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What another busy week at Parkhead. On Monday, we were lucky to have Tommy in school from the Tyne and Wear Fire Service. He delivered an assembly around water safety to both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Please see the link below for information from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service on Water Safety.

<https://www.twfire.gov.uk/by-the-water/>

On Thursday, Martin from the RNLI also popped into school to deliver workshops from Year 1 to Year 6, again looking at how to keep ourselves safe. Please see the link below for further information from the RNLI:

<https://rnli.org/youth-education>

After school on Monday, we welcomed our new Nursery starters to a stay and play session. It was lovely meeting all of the children and families, who will be starting with us in September. We are looking forward to working with all of them.

From Monday - Wednesday, lots of the children from Birch class took part in their bikeability sessions. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life. All of our children showed great determination this week and really impressed the instructors.



As well as the above, we have continued with our Care for the Planet fortnight and we have also had our fieldwork week in school, which have both provided great learning experiences for all of the children.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

See you next week.

*Mrs Chard*

## **SUMMER TERM EVENTS:**

Reception visit  
KS2 SATs  
Leaver hoodies  
Local History week  
Y5 Bikeability  
Y1 Visit  
Y4 Multiplication checks  
Y1 Phonics checks  
Field work week  
Sports week  
Police workshops  
Water safety assembly  
School reports  
Transition day  
Summer Fayre  
Y6 Visit  
Reception graduation  
Leaver's graduation  
Nursery stay and play for new starters  
Reception stay and play for new starters

## **School closed:**

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May Half term

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Further info will be sent next week with a list of dates and details of the above.**

### **STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS:**

All of our Year 4 children have now completed their Year 4 multiplication tables check. We were very impressed at how all of the children have taken the check in their stride. Well done to everyone.

This week, it was over to year 1 to complete their phonics screen. Again, we are extremely proud of the effort they all put in.

If you have any queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

### **TRANSITION DATE AND MEET THE TEACHER SESSION:**

I can't believe that it is already that time of year. This year, our children will visit their new teacher and classroom on the morning of Wednesday 2nd July. We will send out more information before this date. Parents / carers will also have the opportunity to meet their child's class teacher at the very start of the new term in September. This will provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions you have about the year ahead and for the class teacher to share all of the lovely learning experiences the children will have throughout the year.

Mr Boutflower, who joins us in September will also be in school for our transition morning which will be extremely useful for the children who he will be teaching next year.

Very soon, you will find out which class your child will be going into and who their teacher/s will be.

If your child is currently in Nursery, our welcome to Reception meeting will be taking place next week. Please speak to your child's teacher if you need any further information on this.

### **SUMMER FAYRE:**

The Summer fayre is fast approaching. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the start of every sports day and also on the fayre itself. There are some amazing prizes to be won, including 9" tablet, tattoo voucher, family day passes, amazon voucher, hampers and many more. Our fayre will have a variety of stalls; if you have been clearing out over half term and have jigsaws, games, or toys and would like to donate them to the fayre, you can send them into school. As always, we appreciate your support. Thank you.



### **RESTART THE HEART:**

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, our Year 5 children will be taking part in a first aid session with NUF named restart the heart. This is an important session for them as it raises awareness and equips them with the skills required should they ever need to use them in the future.

### **TRIPS:**

We have our final trips of the year taking place over the next few weeks. All of Year 3/4 will be out on their trip next week. Year 1 and 2 have an exciting trip to Alnwick Gardens planned. Year 5 will be off to the zoo and Year 6 will be popping to Nissan and also taking part in their final end of year celebratory trip.

We appreciate that the cost of transport is rising and is therefore impacting on the cost of our trips. However, we know it is really important to offer these experiences as they are extremely beneficial to the children's learning. Each trip will be added to the school hub for payments. To help with paying, we have increased the period of time you can pay by leaving the payment open until the end of the year. We have also changed school hub so that you can now pay in instalments over the year instead of one single payment. Thank you for all of your support with our trips.

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## **SPORTS DAYS:**

We will be holding our annual sports days next week. This year, we will be selling refreshments for our spectators so make sure you bring along some loose change. You should all have been made aware of the dates and times for the different sessions. If you are unsure as to when your child's event will be taking place, please contact the office for further assistance. Please note, dogs will not be permitted on site for sports day.

## **RESIDENTIAL:**

During the Autumn term our Year 6 children will be going on their residential. A meeting has been arranged with Mrs Leach for Year 5 parents/carers to discuss this in more detail. It will give you a chance to have any questions answered and also provide you with information on what the children will need to bring with them for their stay. Please see Operoo for further information regarding the date and time of the meeting.

## **FIELDWORK WEEK:**

This week has been fieldwork week in school. All of the children across school have had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the great outdoors, observing the ever-changing weather patterns that surround us and comparing these to the actual weather forecasts. They have taken measurements of temperature, rainfall and wind speed, applying their classroom knowledge to real-world situations. Additionally, some children have conducted interviews to collect data, recording their findings in a variety of ways. Back in the classroom, they have presented their findings by weaving together their observations and the data they collected.



## **ARTS WEEK:**

In the week commencing Monday 16th June, the children will be taking part in Sky Arts' Access All Arts Week dedicated to promoting and celebrating the arts. This year Access All Arts Week will feature daily Live Lessons led by well-known artists, including dancer Darcey Bussell and Marvel artist Will Sliney. From rap to photography, poetry to drawing, all the activities are designed to spark creativity and inspire imaginations. We can't wait!



## **CARE FOR THE PLANET FORTNIGHT:**

During the last two weeks, we have taken part in our Care for our Planet Fortnight, Alex, from Northern Gas Networks, will be in school to deliver interactive and engaging workshops, linking to Net Zero, climate change, sustainability, and industry to all classes across school (Reception – Year 6).

The Eco Ambassadors will take part in another litter pick and the whole school will take part in a 'Switch Off' afternoon, where all classes will turn off lights and appliances for the entire afternoon in order to raise awareness and to remind children of the importance of saving electricity.



We will also have Lydia from Groundworks in school to deliver assemblies to KS1 and KS2 on how recycling effectively can also save energy.

Remember to recycle your batteries correctly! If you have any batteries that require recycling, please place them in our battery bin located at the main entrance.




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**SAFEGUARDING:**


See below important message from the RNLI.


# LEARN TO FLOAT


If you get in trouble in the water, don't panic – follow these steps:


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1 Keep calm. Don't swim hard. Hold onto anything that floats.
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2 Lean back to keep your mouth and nose out of the water.
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3 Push your belly up and stretch out your arms and legs into a star shape.
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4 Gently move your hands and feet to help you float.
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5 Do this until you feel more relaxed.
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6 When you're calm, raise your arm and shout for help. Swim to safety if you can.

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## FunClub



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**KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tension	Ipad Night	Free Night	Floor Art	Recycle Fun

# Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Johnny
Acorns	Louie
Saplings	Blake
Beech	Evie
Elm	Sienna
Willow	Adeeb
Cherry	Leon
Spruce	Raven
Maple	Skye
Birch	Cole
Cedar	Ethan
Pine	Riley

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Koby
Key Stage 1	Lennox
Key Stage 2	Oscar G-C Salma

