

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

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What a lovely first week back we have had. It has been great to see all of the children returning to school with lots of energy, enthusiasm and motivation. This half term is the one where we start to get the children ready for their upcoming transitions, when they will either be moving to their next class or to their new school. Across school we are already starting to build in time to discuss this in order to fully support the children. Teachers are in the process of finalising classes for next year and this will be shared with you as soon as we can. In school, we have our transition morning in July for those who will be staying with us and our Year 6s also have their transition days to their new secondary school where they get a flavour of what it will be like in September.

This week, lots of the children from Cedar 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.

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

Mrs Chard

STAFFING NEWS:

Miss Blakeburn joined our team this week. As she was already a student within school, she already knows our school well and needless to say has settled in brilliantly. She is very impressed with all of the children who she supports.

Mrs Kyle, who has worked at Parkhead for a number of years, will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She has had the pleasure of working with many of you and your children during her time at Parkhead, encouraging and supporting all of the children to be the best that they can be. We wish her lots of luck on her new adventures.

A FRIDAY JOKE:

What is a cats favourite colour? Purrrrple.



Thanks Amy

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:**
 - 26th – 30th May Half term
 - Mon 2nd June

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

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS:

Year 1 phonics screening will be taking place week beginning 9th June.

Year 4 multiplication tables check have taken place this week. We are very impressed at how all of the children have taken the check in their stride. Well done to everyone.

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 experience 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.

INVEST IN FUN – Did you know you can support our OPAL with donations of items we can use in our outdoor learning? Any donation is fantastic and really makes a difference to our children helping them play, learn and grow. We are currently developing some the OPAL areas, to give our children the best experience. **This week we are looking for den building equipment such as clothes horses and sheets. Also items for our mud kitchens such as pots, pans, wooden spoons, kitchen trays etc** If you have anything like this that you no longer use, we'd love to take them. Please pop them to the office at any time.



SUMMER FAYRE:

The Summer fayre is fast approaching. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon with some amazing prizes to be won. More details to Follow. Thank you to everyone who brought in a bottle for our tombola stalls. 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 start to send them into school. As always, we appreciate your support. Thank you.



RESTART THE HEART:

Our 6 children had a great opportunity on Wednesday by taking part in a first aid session with NUF named restart the heart. This has been an important session for them by raising awareness and equipping them with the skills required should they ever need to use them in the future.

SAFEGUARDING:

Next week we have the pleasure of Tommy coming into school from the Tyne and Wear First Service. He will deliver an assembly around water safety to both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 on water safety.

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/>

We will also have a visit from Martin from the RNLI to deliver further sessions to our KS1 and 2 children on water safety.

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SPORTS DAYS:

We will be holding our annual sports days very soon. Mrs Bewley is working hard on organising these events. This year, we will be selling refreshments for our spectators so make sure you bring along some loose change. For further information on dates and times, please see our key dates info.

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:

The week commencing 9th June promises to be an exciting time as we embark on an enriching fieldwork week! Children across school will have 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 will take measurements of temperature, rainfall and wind speed, applying their classroom knowledge to real-world situations. Additionally, some children will conduct interviews to collect data and record their findings in a variety of ways. Back in the classroom, they will be presenting 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 this week and next, as part of 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).



Over the two weeks, 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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BIKEABILITY:



FunClub



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KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 9th June 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mosaic Pictures	Chalk Night	Cloud Dough	Bunch of Love	Ipad night

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Olivia
Acorns	Cora
Saplings	Lyla
Beech	Lexi
Elm	Darcy-Leigh
Willow	Hunter T
Cherry	Raine
Spruce	Alfie
Maple	Jayde
Birch	Roxanna
Cedar	James
Pine	Spencer

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Belle
Key Stage 1	Ayaan
Key Stage 2	Amy Ollly

