

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

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As always, a lovely week in school this week. We started off on Monday with our Key Stage 2 children taking part in an assembly linked aspirations.

We thought about what we want to achieve and how we can set small step targets in order to achieve our bigger goals. Our Key Stage 1 children enjoyed listening to the story 'The Tortoise and the Hare.' They then discussed resilience and determination.

On Tuesday, our Year 1 children enjoyed a session in the woods with artist Jyl. As well as this, our Y3/4s enjoyed singing with Mrs Parkin. It is always lovely hearing their beautiful voices filling the hall.

On Wednesday, it was lovely to welcome lots of you into school, joining your KS1 child with Easter crafts. It is always great to pop in and get involved with a crafty session. Thanks for coming along, as always, we appreciate your support.

Lots of our classes had fun with Mr Elliott from NUF. They are developing a range of skills with him and he is always commenting on how great our children are. Mr Langford was also in school working with our Year 5 children, helping them to make music on a ukulele. We are so pleased that we have our regular visitors in school, providing our children with a range of experience.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Early Years Easter crafts and our wood event. We can't believe it is our final week before the Easter holidays.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

See you all 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:

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.

EASTER:

The Easter holiday is just around the corner and on the run up we have some exciting things going on in school. Reverend Alison will be visiting us in the last week hosting Easter Assemblies for both Key stage 1 and 2. The children will also have the chance to enter an Easter egg decorating competition. All children will be given a paper egg template along with resources to decorate in school. All entries will be judged in school and the winner of each class will be announced in our final assembly of the term. As well as this, and just for a bit of fun, we would love you to decorate a hard-boiled egg at home and take a photograph of your masterpiece. Please then e-mail your photograph into us and we will share all of your fantastic creations on our newsletters on the lead up to Easter. In the final week of term, all children from Reception to Year 6 will get to spend some time in the woods to complete some exciting activities. We will let you know which day your child will be attending so they can come with the appropriate clothing.



STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS:

Year 6 SATS take place the week beginning 12th May. Please ensure that your child is in school on time every day that week.

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

Year 4 multiplication tables check will be taking place during the first two weeks back after May half term.

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

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL TEAM:

Our year 5/6 football team have been back in action this week to conclude the league fixtures.

They played two games and were fantastic in both. The first game saw us draw 0-0 and the second game saw us secure victory, winning 3-0 with a tremendous penalty save from our goalkeeper!



We finished 5th in the league. We now await the results from the other leagues being completed in Gateshead to see which venue we're heading to after the Easter holidays to compete for a trophy!

Well done to our players for displaying great enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience throughout! A big thank you to those who came to support us too!

KLUBZ:

From Monday 28th April there will be a slight increase to the cost for Klubz sessions. These will be:

- Breakfast session cost £4.00
- After school until 4.30pm cost £4.00
- After school until 5.30pm cost £8.00



The booking system of seven days in advance will also remain.

Many thanks for your support.

LEAVER'S HOODIES:

Look out for further information in next week's newsletter.



BLAYDON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

On Tuesday 15th April, Blaydon Churches Together are holding an Easter celebration at St Joseph's Community Hall, Shibdon Road from 10.00am-2.00pm. There will be Easter crafts and activities, games, treasure hunt, lunch and refreshments. This is free and suitable for primary aged children. An adult must accompany children aged 5 or under. Places must be booked in advance. For more information contact Alison on 07436 425412 or Rev. Diane on 07501 271754

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Work



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SAFEGUARDING:

10 Top Tips for Respect Online: A DIGITAL WORLD FOR EVERYONE

Even before lockdowns inflamed the situation, one in every five 10- to 15-year-olds was experiencing bullying online: abusive messages, having rumours spread about them or being excluded from group chats, for example. Through smartphones and tablets, we're used to being able to communicate from anywhere, at any time – but digital devices became commonplace so quickly that it caused a problem: as a society, we haven't properly adjusted to how different they've made life. Our tips can help you to build positive relationships online and avoid some of the potential issues.

WHAT IS NETIQUETTE?

Etiquette is a set of rules to help us interact with others: like a code of respect. People follow this code every day (mostly without even thinking about it) and it can help us decide how to act in certain situations. 'Netiquette' (etiquette on the net – we see what they did there!) is the same, except it's designed to help us interact with others online, which is sometimes a whole different ball game.

1 SEE THE OTHER SIDE

Usually when we're online, we can't see the other person's body language or tone of voice to give us clues about what we can say to them, or how to say it. Try to think what the situation might be like for them, how they're feeling and whether we'd say the same thing if they were actually there with us.

2 HIT THE PAUSE BUTTON

Without a person physically there in front of us, it's easy to send something quickly – before we've really thought about whether it's helpful or kind. Just because we can do things quickly doesn't mean we should; it's better to pause for a second and think it through, instead of simply reacting.

3 MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

People have invented loads of different ways to communicate online (emojis, abbreviations like LOL, TBH and so on). Some of these can be triggering to other people (such as USING CAPS SO IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE SHOUTING!), so it's important to stay aware of the style of language you're using.

4 BE SURE BEFORE YOU POST

On social networks like Instagram or Facebook, vast numbers of people might see what you've posted. So if that's something negative about a person, it can feel hugely painful for them. If you're ever tempted to post something like that, ask yourself "do I really need to go public with this?"

5 PROTECT YOURSELF

Always think very carefully before sharing any personal information with someone else or in a group. Once something's been put online, the sender loses any control over where it goes and who might see it. If you've got any uncertainty at all, it's a good idea to talk to a trusted adult about this first.

6 KINDNESS IS CATCHING

Negative communication can spread rapidly online, but so can being kind and helpful (this happened quite a lot during lockdowns, for instance). A friendly, positive message can make a big difference to someone as well as helping us feel good about ourselves – so share the love!

7 WAITING CAN BE HARD

When we've sent a message or posted something online, waiting for a reply or for someone to respond can make us anxious. It could be helpful to think whether you really have to message or post right now – or if you could wait until a better time when it will cause you less anxiety.

8 THE NET LOVES ATTENTION

Most apps, games and sites use sophisticated technology that's designed to keep us coming back for more. It's important to keep this in mind when you feel the need to reach for your phone, tablet or console – once we understand this fact, it becomes easier to control how we use our digital devices.

9 REPLY WISELY

Sometimes it's tempting to fire back an instant response to a post or message we don't like. How we respond is important, however – whether we reply privately to the person or on a platform where lots of people will see it, for example, makes a big difference to how whoever is receiving the message will deal with it.

10 FORGIVE AND FORGET

Even though we try to avoid them, mistakes can – and do – happen online. They can sometimes feel like a bigger deal than they actually are. It's important to remember that we're all only human, and sometimes we mess up. Learn to forgive others and – just as importantly – to forgive yourself.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Carole Francis-Smith is an experienced counselling psychologist who, through her research, specialises in promoting safe and ethical online communications. She consults with businesses and organisations to support positive and effective communication online, often by considering some of the more hidden aspects of the mediums.



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ADVICE AT THE SCHOOL GATES:

On a Wednesday, a member of the Citizens Advice will be available in school to offer support to parents. Further information on what they can provide is below.

Advice at the School Gates



You can get free, confidential, impartial and independent advice on a range of topics:



You can call us on **0191 300 4679** Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

or email us at schoolgates@citizensadvicegateshead.org.uk

You can ask about making a dedicated appointment with an adviser when you call or email us!

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KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 7th April 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bubble Painting	Easter activities	Cotton Bud Art	Spot the difference	Free night – you choose!

Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Albie
Acorns	Jack
Saplings	Brody
Beech	Ella
Elm	Daisy
Willow	Madison
Cherry	Ronnie
Spruce	Raven
Maple	Lacey M
Birch	Summer
Cedar	Savannah
Pine	Kacie

Mrs Chard's Stars of the week	
Early Years	Aryan
Key Stage 1	Riley
Key Stage 2	George Lily-Mae

