

Parkhead Community Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin



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

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What another quick week this one has been. Again, we have had lots happening in school. As it was World Water Day on Saturday 22nd March, we started the week off with our assemblies focussing on this. We looked at what we can do in order to save water, for example turning the tap off whilst brushing our teeth. Key stage 1 enjoyed listening to a song all about water, while KS2 took part in a quiz to test their knowledge. Do you know that only 1% of the earth's water is safe for human consumption? We all learnt lots of interesting facts about water.

It is always great to promote creativity within school. This week we have had the opportunity to take part in many musical events and performances.

On Tuesday, our wonderful choir went along to the Glasshouse in Gateshead to take part in the Spring Sing. They have worked incredibly hard learning the two songs they performed exceptionally well on the big stage. They chose 'Believe' and 'Something Inside'. The whole event was hosted by Kema Kay – a rapper, singer and actor from Gateshead which they were lucky enough to hear perform! We couldn't have been prouder of our children - the confidence and happiness they eluded that night was phenomenal! Thanks for your support with this event. A huge well done to our choir!



On Wednesday afternoon our dancers took to the stage at The Glasshouse as part of the Gateshead School Dance Festival.

Over the last few weeks they have shown great commitment during their time in dance club where they have worked



together to build their dance performance around the theme of 'Respect'. They were absolutely amazing. Well done to our dancers and thanks to everyone who managed to come along to watch them perform. We were very proud of you all and you were a credit to Parkhead Community Primary School.

On Thursday Y3-5 took part in another amazing music workshop. The players, a mix of woodwind, strings and brass introduced their instruments, talked about the different families in the orchestra and played several pieces. Check out our facebook to see you can recognise one. It was great for our children to be part of this, further developing their knowledge of music.

Finally, on Friday we had our last Moneysense workshop. Our Y5/6 children took part in a workshop, titled 'Fraud Scene Investigators'. They helped to solve a fraud which had been committed against their friend and then created and presented a report warning others of the dangers of identity theft and fraud.

Next week we have our Key Stage 1 Easter crafts. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to join your child.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend. *Mrs Chard*

EY / KS1 CRAFTS

This term our Early Years and KS1 are inviting parents/carers to an Easter Crafts sessions. It will be a chance for the children to get creative and make some wonderful Easter crafts with the help of their grown-ups. There will be colouring, crafting and something for everyone to enjoy! We hope to see as many of you as possible.

KS1 will be holding theirs on Wednesday 2nd April at 2.15pm in the KS1 hall.

Early Years will be holding theirs at 9.00am on Thursday 10th April in the KS1 hall.

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL TEAM:

The football fixtures have restarted for our year 5/6 football team this week. We will be playing 4 matches over the next two weeks against other schools to determine where we will finish in the league. Last night we played two of these at West Lane and played amazing as a team. We unfortunately lost 1-0 on both games but their attitude was fantastic and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to all who came to support us.



We have another two matches to play next week. We are currently in 4th position. Our league position will then determine which venue we head to after the Easter holidays to compete for a trophy! We wish them the very best of luck!

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.

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.



SPRING FORWARD
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR

REMINDER:

The clocks go forward this Sunday 30th March.

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

Currently children in Reception and KS1 receive universal free school meals. But did you know you could also be eligible for means tested free school meals. It's worth checking if your child is in Year 2 as you will have to pay for meals when they go into Year 3. School will also benefit as we receive extra funding. If you think your child is eligible to means tested free school meals, please click on this link and complete the form. [Gateshead Council - Apply for free school meals](#)

If you need any help with this or have any queries, Mrs Hawthorn is always around to speak to. Just pop to the school office.

FAMILY FIRST:

Family First is a free quarterly magazine designed to help families build a happier, healthier lifestyle. It includes advice and resources for all the family to help improve well-being including engaging in physical activity and adopting healthier eating habits. Please click on the link below for Issue 2 2025.

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue2-25>

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

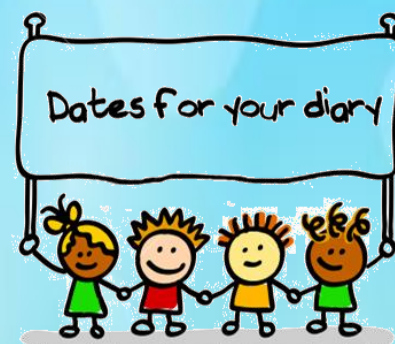
FunClub



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| Wed 2 nd April | KS1 – Easter crafts – sign up details on Operoo |
| Thurs 10 th April | EYFS - 'Easter/Spring Crafts' - sign up details on Operoo |
| Fri 11 th April 2025 | Last day of term |
| Mon 14 th – Fri 25 th April | Easter holidays |
| Mon 28 th April | Back to school |
| Mon 5 th May | Bank holiday – school closed |
| Mon 12 th – Thurs 15 th May | KS2 SATs ** |
| Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th May | Half term |
| Mon 2 nd June | Occasional day – school closed |
| Tues 3 rd - Fri 13 th June | Y4 Multiplication tables check ** |
| Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th June | Y1 Phonics screening check ** |
| Fri 18 th July | Last day of term |
| Mon 1 st Sept | School closed to children – Training day |
| Tues 2 nd Sept | Children back to school |



** Important dates



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KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 31st March 2025

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Outdoor Art | Ipad Night | Loom bands | Cat in the Hat Fun | Tension |

Star of the week

| Class | Star |
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| Seedlings | Reuben |
| Acorns | Spencer |
| Saplings | Inaaya |
| Beech | George |
| Elm | Deniz |
| Willow | Leon |
| Cherry | Fateh |
| Spruce | Lottie |
| Maple | Jensen |
| Birch | Olivia |
| Cedar | Olly |
| Pine | Sophia |

| Mrs Chard's Stars of the week | |
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| Early Years | Matilda T |
| Key Stage 1 | Hunter B |
| Key Stage 2 | Imogen W Khatira S |

