

Parkhead Community Primary School

# Weekly News Bulletin



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

**Issue Number 24: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Another fantastic week at Parkhead. It has been lovely seeing so many of you at parents evening this week. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's books and seeing the progress they have made from the beginning of the school year to now.

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a workshop, 'Moneysense' delivered by a couple of staff from Natwest. They thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, where they were introduced to the concepts of enterprise, buying, selling and budgeting in a series of group activities involving setting up a smoothie shop.

This week we have also celebrated Science Week, with the theme being 'change and adapt'. Throughout the week, classes participated in lots of science sessions and activities. All of our children took part in a poster competition, where they were required to design a poster around the theme, for example showing how plants and animals adapt to changing seasons or surroundings. The Science ambassadors had a hard job selecting the five entries for the national competition.



Thanks for your continued support.

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

*Mrs Chard*

## **PLAY AND GYM EQUIPMENT IN SCHOOL:**

Please can we ask parent/carers not to allow their children to climb on our adventure trail, gym equipment or KS1 climbing frame or use any of our play equipment when dropping off or collecting children.

The equipment we have is only to be used by children in our school, during the school day and only when supervised by a member of school staff. This is for your child's own safety. Thank you.

## **KS1 DROPPING OFF:**

When dropping children off in the mornings that are in KS1, please can we ask parents/carers to ensure they take their child to the door as opposed to watching them enter from a distance.

Thank you.

## **CONTACT DETAILS:**

Have you changed your contact details? Have you informed school? If you change your email address, phone number or move home, please update us on Operoo or email the school office.



**Update Your  
Contact  
Information**

**MONEYWISE WORKSHOPS:**

We are very lucky that we have linked up with Natwest in order to take part in a variety of workshops.

Year 1 and 2 completed theirs last week. This week, Years 3 and 4 took part in 'Super Smoothie Shop' which introduced them to the concepts of enterprise, buying, selling and budgeting in a series of group activities involving setting up a smoothie shop. At the end of March, Years 5 and 6 will take part in 'Fraud Scene Investigators' where they will help to solve a fraud which has been committed against their friend. They will then create and present a report warning others of the dangers of identity theft and fraud.



**MUSIC WORKSHOP:**

As part of the MOBO Fringe Festival 2025, school children and young people from across Newcastle and Gateshead are taking part in a special programme aimed at inspiring the next generation of musicians and artists. We were very lucky to secure a place next week for our Key Stage 2 children. They will take part in the MOBO Legacy Workshops consisting of an assembly style performance and a talk from Kay Grayson, followed by a workshop for Year 6 using lyric writing. We are looking forward to welcoming Kay and her team into school.

**RELAX KIDS:**

Next week, Reception and Key stage 1 will take part in a 'Relax Kids' session. Relax Kids is a programme for children of all ages which follows seven steps to help children move from a high energetic state through to deep relaxation. The steps are move, play, stretch, feel (massage), breathe, believe and relax. It can particularly benefit those children with anxiety, difficulty controlling their emotions or those lacking in confidence. We are looking forward to our sessions.



**RED NOSE DAY:**

This year, RND takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> March, its 40<sup>th</sup> year! Together, let's go big, give big and feel good to help Comic Relief help people get the support they need across the world, including here in the UK. Children can come into school wearing red (or non-uniform – no football strips please) with whacky hair or hats. Some ideas for you are below.



Please click on the following link if you would like to make a donation  
[Red Nose Day | Comic Relief](#)



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## ADVICE AT THE SCHOOL GATES:

On Wednesday, it was lovely to welcome Kelly from the Citizens Advice into school to meet many of our families. She handed out leaflets explaining what the Citizen Advice can offer in terms of support to parents. A member of the team will be in regular contact with school, providing support to anyone who needs it. Further information will follow.

# 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](mailto: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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### SAFEGUARDING - PARKING

It has been brought to our attention that many cars are being parked on the double yellow lines and zig zag lines outside of our school. These lines mean you cannot park here. Cars are also being parked half on the path which is making it extremely difficult for people with push chairs or in wheelchairs to get by safely or at all, forcing them into the road. Please be courteous and think carefully about where to park. Please can we ask that you do not drive into the staff car parks when collecting children before and after school for pedestrian safety.

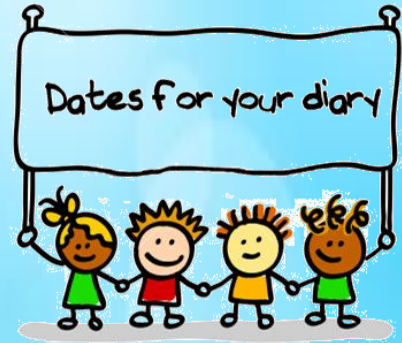


# FunClub



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# 2025



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| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March                        | Red Nose Day  |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Dance Festival  |
| Fri 28 March                                      | Y5/6 Moneysense workshop                                  |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April                         | KS1 – Easter crafts – sign up details on Operoo           |
| Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> April                      | EYFS - 'Easter/Spring Crafts' - sign up details on Operoo |
| Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                   | Last day of term  |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April | <b>Easter holidays</b>                                    |
| Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April                        | Back to school  |
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May                           | <b>Bank holiday – school closed</b>                       |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May | KS2 SATs **   |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> May   | <b>Half term</b>  |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                          | <b>Occasional day – school closed</b>                     |
| Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> June  | Y4 Multiplication tables check **                         |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> June   | Y1 Phonics screening check **                             |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July                         | Last day of term  |
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept                          | School closed to children – Training day                  |
| Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept                         | Children back to school                                   |

\*\* Important dates



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**KLUBZ After School Focussed Activity Timetable – Week Commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

| Monday                 | Tuesday       | Wednesday    | Thursday   | Friday            |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| Special Person's cards | Stick Puppets | Tension Game | Ipad night | Paper mâché masks |

# Star of the week

| Class     | Star    |
|-----------|---------|
| Seedlings | Alivia  |
| Acorns    | Reuben  |
| Saplings  | Sky     |
| Beech     | Lexi    |
| Elm       | Hunter  |
| Willow    | Frankie |
| Cherry    | Freddie |
| Spruce    | Bertie  |
| Maple     | Oscar   |
| Birch     | Ellie   |
| Cedar     | Imogen  |
| Pine      | Khatira |

| Mrs Chard's Stars of the week |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Early Years                   | Reuben H           |
| Key Stage 1                   | Dylan R            |
| Key Stage 2                   | Brodie C<br>Noah M |

