



Parkhead PS - Christmas Newsletter

Primary 7a

News from inside the classroom

We have been learning:

Maths: We have been learning to Multiply by 1, 2 or even 3 digits. As with all maths, this has been easy for some but difficult for others. (Ayla) We've explored different methods, like the lattice method as well as formal algorithms. We investigated square numbers and prime numbers to help us with our multiplication. (Lucas) We also learned about decimals in the place value system and how to carry out calculations which include these. (Holly) For Data Handling, we combined Anti-Bullying Week with Maths. We created online surveys for staff and pupils, collected, displayed and analysed information about bullying in Parkhead. (Denis) We found out that all the way through the school, there needs to be more clarity about what Bullying actually is.

Literacy: We've been looking at how to structure Information Reports. We discovered 5 different paragraph structures to help us organise and present our information. We learned about topic sentences – their purpose and how to write them. (Mia)

Health & Well-being: This month we have been learning strategies for Keeping Myself Safe. We watched some scenarios to help us understand how to deal with some scary situations that we could find ourselves in. (Eilidh and Orla) We reminded ourselves about the different strategies that we could apply.

Social Studies: We really enjoyed learning all about WW2. We had so many questions – most of which we've been able to answer. We used this as the basis for our Assembly. (Harrison)

Expressive Arts: In December we did our School Show auditions for Wonderland, a musical adaptation of Alice in Wonderland. We are all very excited to take part in the show. (Sarah) In **Art**, we used water colours to paint poppies (Chloe S) – they are beautiful! (Mrs Purdie)



Looking back at 2024- Our highlights

At the start of P7, we could apply to become a Prefect. Those of us who were successful with our applications are very busy now! We monitor the doors at break and lunch times and help out in the lunch hall. (Sarah) I was very proud to be voted as House Captain for Harris. Allan

At the end of P6, we were all partnered up with a Buddy from Nursery. We now have Buddy time every week in P1 with a different challenge to work on. We have designed assault courses, created our perfect timetable, practised shape and numbers and done some reading together. WE all really enjoy doing this and look forward to it every week. Our Class Assembly was on WW2. It was based on TV shows that we enjoy watching and we wrote the script ourselves. (Sarah) It was so much fun and we got some fantastic feedback from everyone.

We enjoyed celebrating Victory in Europe with our VE Day Party. We had dances, games and food and drink from that time. It was fun! (Hayden)

We had the opportunity to audition for the school show this term. We could choose between acting, singing or both. It was fantastic to see so many pupils challenge themselves and be keen to be on the stage in some way – we have so many very talented pupils at Parkhead! It was really hard for the teachers to allocate parts, but scripts have been given out and we are practising our lines already!

Last year, in P6, we began training for Peer Mediation. Now, we are putting it into practice and helping to solve conflict in the playground. (Holly)

Some of us have really enjoyed participating in the school choir. We are going to a Day Centre to perform for an audience. (Mia)

We have successfully taken part in netball, basketball and two football tournaments so far this year. We were successful in all of these. (Kaziah) There was also a swimming gala at the High School.

Harrison, Ayla and Sarah all took part in Band Camp this year. We played our instruments a lot but we did have some free time too!



Looking forward to 2025- Our hopes and wishes

I am looking forward to meeting lots of new people when I move to High School. (Lucas)

I'm looking forward to catching up with my friends from Parkhead last year when I go to High School. (Khylla)

I'm looking forward to learning new things at High School, forming bonds with pupils and staff. It will be a really great experience! (Holly)

I'm excited for High School because you get to do more interesting things in Science, Maths and PE. (Harrison)

I'm excited to be in the same school as my big sister and I'm excited about School Camp because she told me that it is a really good experience. (Mia)

I'm excited about sharing the dorms with my friends at P7 camp. (Harrison)

I'm looking forward to the Leavers' Assembly because it will be fun to do. It will also be a bit sad because we will be leaving and it will be one of the last things we do at Parkhead. (Ayla)

I'm looking forward to the Leavers' party as it will be a really good memory! (Eilidh)