

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

This half term is flying by!

We would like to remind you that bookings for Parent's Evening Consultations closes just before midnight on Monday 10th February – please follow the link previously sent by email to make your appointment.



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Next week is Safety Week in school and we look forward to welcoming representatives from the RNLI, Fire and Rescue Service and our local PCSO into school to deliver important messages and lessons to our students. We will also be looking at safety around the home and the local environment, and having discussions about on-line safety and what 'safe relationships' means. We look forward to sharing the children's safety week learning with you in the next newsletter.

UNCRC Article 24 (Right to stay safe)

International Mother Language Day – Monday 24th February 2025

We will be celebrating International Mother Language Day (IMLD) in school on **Monday 24th February 2025**. We celebrate IMLD to raise awareness of language (including endangered languages), cultural diversity and multilingualism in our school and around the world.

On Monday 24th February, we would like to invite all children to come to school in non-school uniform in a colour theme to match the flag linked to their language(s) or to wear traditional dress linked to their language(s). Alternatively, children can choose to come to school in non-uniform, matching the colours of any flag in the world. For example, if your child chooses Romania, then they can dress in blue, yellow and red colours. We must stress that nobody is expected to buy anything in order to participate in 2025 IMLD.

UNCRC Article 30 (Right to learn and use the language of their family)

Darwin Workshop – Year 6

Last week, our Year 6 students were visited by the tremendous Clive Pig, the storyteller. Clive took on the role of a Victorian gentlemen and shared some interesting stories of Charles Darwin and his voyages around the Galapagos.

Additionally, the children had a drama workshop practising their oracy skills.

UNCRC Article 31 (Right to take part in artistic activities)

Music Assembly – Bob Marley

This week the children spent their music lessons learning all about Bob Marley and the history of Reggae music, whilst rehearsing a specially arranged medley featuring a selection of Bob Marley's greatest hits including "One Love," "Jammin'," "Three Little Birds," "Redemption Song", "Get up, Stand Up" and "Could you be loved".



Voices around the world united remotely to sing the "Marley Magic" medley. It was led by an 8,000-strong choir live from Co-op Live in Manchester at 3pm on Thursday 6th February, on what would have been Bob Marley's 80th birthday. This moment celebrated Marley's legacy of love, unity, and peace. Parkfield School were part of the world's largest children's choir as we live-streamed this incredible event from our hall, with over 300,000 other children from across the globe including Jamaica, USA, Spain, Zimbabwe, Italy and Saudi Arabia!

UNCRC Article 31 (Right to take part in artistic activities)

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Sports Games Festival – Year 4

The children in Year 4 travelled to Bridgwater and Taunton College last week to take part in a sports festival in place of their PE lesson. The session was run by the college students and the children got to play a variety of games and sports throughout the morning. The festival gave the children the opportunity to learn new skills and improve on those they have previously learnt in PE.

As always it was lovely to see the children experiencing sports in a different environment and they were a credit to the school. Well done Year 4!

UNCRC Article 29 (Right for education to develop a child's talent)

Rugby Mega Fest – Year 3 / Year 4

Sixteen children from Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a rugby festival at Taunton Rugby Club yesterday. The festival was run by SASP with students from King's College delivering the sessions.

The festival started with 4 mini training sessions followed by some matches. All of the children worked hard in the sessions and played some great rugby at the end. It was great to see the children challenging themselves to learn new skills and working with children from other schools.

It was great to see children that are new to rugby getting stuck into a new sport. A huge well done to them all!

UNCRC Article 29 (Right for education to develop a child's talent)



Eco Committee

The Eco Committee have been busy building bird feeders and telling the school about the Big Bird Watch, which happened on Friday 24th January.

We then got together to discuss our FairActive Campaign and have written a letter to Mr Jones, asking him to swap the tea, coffee and sugar in the staffroom to Fairtrade.

Mrs Bowkett & The Eco Committee

UNCRC Article 24 (Right to a clean environment)



School Council

The School Council met and continued to talk about our Outright Campaign. We looked at how the UK is protecting children's rights - from providing education to healthcare. We then looked at the Pupil Leadership Team video raising awareness for Children's Mental Health Week (please see the QR code link to this further on in the newsletter).

After that, we talked about how we can continue to raise awareness of children's mental health and wellbeing linked to the UNCRC Article 15 '*you have the right to set up or join a group*' and to meet together, provided this doesn't stop others enjoying their rights. Going forward, we will be doing well-being activities linked to creating a healthy community and we have discussed what we would like to do which varied from flower arranging, art to yoga sessions. It's all very exciting!

On Monday we plan to do flower arranging to brighten up the classrooms!

Mrs Bowkett & The School Council

UNCRC Article 12 (Right to have a say in all matters that affect them)

Pupil Leadership Team – Mental Health Week

Please follow this link to see the amazing video, made by our Pupil Leadership Team, raising awareness for children's mental health week.

https://parkfield-primary-school.primarysite.media/media/plt_mental-health-week

UNCRC Article 12 (Right to have a say in all matters that affect them)

School Gates

We would like to remind you that parents / carers must leave the school site by 9am each morning.

We are experiencing an increase in the number of adults who are not leaving promptly after dropping off their children to class. Our school gates must be closed and locked at 9am, as this is the time that children begin to move around the school site and we must follow our safeguarding policies to ensure the children are safe.

If you are running late and cannot get to your child's class and then exit the school site by 9am, please sign your child in through the school office.

Please also be reminded that bikes / scooters should be pushed and not ridden when past the school gates.

After School Clubs

Please could we politely request that the school office is informed if your child will not be attending a club that they have been booked into.

Whilst we appreciate that circumstances change and sometimes children will need to be collected at 3.30pm rather than attending their booked club, when a child is not present for the club register our safeguarding protocol is triggered. We are currently having to spend additional time each afternoon speaking with various members of staff to ensure that children have been safely collected.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Swallows – Booking Reminder

We would like to remind you that booking for Swallows closes at 6pm on a Friday evening for the following week. Please ensure you book your required sessions by this time, so that we are able to plan staffing and activities effectively.

Please also be aware that the final serving for breakfast in AM Swallows is 8.15am. If your child is arriving at school for AM Swallows after this time, please ensure they have already eaten at home.

Online Safety Focus

Over the last few weeks, the Online Safety Champions have been meeting to learn more about privacy and security.

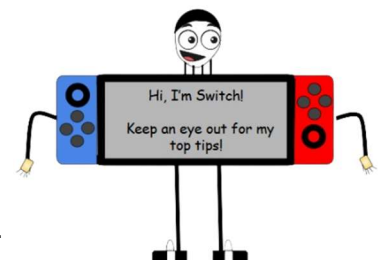
Switch's Top Tip:

Children don't always understand the difference between private and public information. Help them learn about privacy, passwords and more to stay safe.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/discovering-digital-at-primary-school/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-is-cybersecurity/>

UNCRC Article 17 (Right to access information from the media)



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Fundraising in our community

St Margaret's Hospice;

Mrs Knight (Year 5 parent) is currently raising funds for St Margaret's Hospice, a charity dedicated to helping patients, families and carers across Somerset facing a life-limiting illness and who have in recent years, supported families within the Parkfield community.

Mrs Knight will be taking on the Icelanic Lava Trek in August 2025 – more information and a link to Mrs Knight's fundraising page can be found here:

<https://www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/handlers/download.ashx?d=7698>

<https://icelandtrek25.enthuse.com/pf/kate-knight>

NSPCC;

Please see a note below from Mrs Cozens, our PFSA.

I am running the London Landmark Half Marathon to raise money for the NSPCC. This charity aligns with me in many ways as keeping children safe and happy is something that I am passionate about. As someone who doesn't enjoy running, I am looking forward to pushing myself to complete this challenge and prove to myself that I can do hard things, all whilst raising money for an amazing charity.

Any donations and words of encouragement to support me along this journey of training would be greatly appreciated.

Here's a link to my JustGiving page, if you'd like to donate.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LondonLandmarksHalfMarathon2025-LeahCozens?utm_term=WqVXqW75v&utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA

Out of School Achievements – Gymnastics / Trampolining

Harmony J (Year 2) has recently competed in her first Gymnastics and Trampoline competitions for Accelerate Club.

Harmony did amazingly well in both competitions achieving a Gold individual medal in Gymnastics for her age group and a Team Bronze medal for Trampolining.

Well done Harmony!



UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)

House Points

House points are given out to reinforce and reflect the school values that the children are demonstrating at the time. Every two weeks the house points are collected and there is a running total of each houses total score. The winning house each term will receive a prize!

Well done Pluto – our current leaders!

MARS 487	MERCURY 495	PLUTO 502	VENUS 462
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The most rewarded school value for the Autumn term was – **RESPECT**

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Key Dates

February 2025	
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th	Safety Week
Tues 11 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Wed 12 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Thurs 13 th	RNLI Water Safety Workshop
Thurs 13 th	Year 4 – Net / Wall Festival
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	HALF TERM
Mon 24 th	Back to school
Mon 24 th	International Mother Language Day (Non School Uniform) - NEW
Tues 25 th	Year 2 – Trip to SS Great Britain
March 2025	
Mon 3 rd	Year 5 – Playmaker (Bridgwater & Taunton College) - NEW
Tues 4 th – Wed 5 th	Story Explorer Workshops
Tues 4 th – Thurs 6 th	Book Fair
Thurs 6 th	World Book Day
Thurs 13 th	Tempest Photographs – Vista for Reception & Year 6
Fri 14 th	KS1 – PTFA Cake Sale
Fri 28 th	KS2 – PTFA Cake Sale
Mon 31 st – Fri 4 th	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week
April 2025	
Fri 4 th	Easter Basket & Bonnet
Fri 4 th	End of Spring Term 2025

We will endeavour to stick to the proposed dates and times. However, there could be times when events/dates will need to be changed. If this does happen, we will give you as much notice as possible.

Thank you for continued help and support.



Gareth Jones
Headteacher



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Street Band Workshop

Saturday 8th February, 9am-11am
Guildhall Young Artists Taunton,
Richard Huish College, Taunton

Explore the exciting and inspiring world of street band music with The Sound of The Streets in this free workshop for young players of brass, wind and drums.

One of the musical wonders of the world, Street bands make strong and rhythmic music, full of life and energy. They are the sound of celebration from New Orleans to South Africa, Delhi to the Balkans.

This music is great for developing musical skills, ensemble playing, rhythmic sense, improvisation, and confidence, learning to play by ear and exploring your instrument. The workshop will use a mixture of playing by ear and from music and can adapt to whatever people are most comfortable with. The workshop is led by 3 leading music educators and street band musicians.

The workshop is for young musicians under 19 years of age, of Grade 3 equivalent or above, i.e. comfortable with their instrument. The Sound of the Streets runs The Sound Invaders, a youth street band, at Castle School, meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm that is always open to new players.

Free admission but advance booking is essential. To book a place please email:

gyataunton@gsmc.ac.uk

tim@thesoundofthestreets.org

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FEBRUARY HALF-TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

The Geoff Hewitt Pavillion, Taunton, Trull,
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School Years 2 - 6

17 - 21 Feb 25

£15 a Day

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When - 26th Feb, 5th March, 12th March, 19th March, 26th March, 2nd April

Time - 17:15 - 18:00

For more information or to book a space contact
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