

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

As we move closer to the festive period, school has been a hive of activity as preparations for Christmas shows and concerts begin! Further information regarding the performances will be sent by email at the end of this month but please do check the key dates for your children at the end of the newsletter.



Our PTFA are working hard to ensure the Christmas Fayre is another amazing event for the children, families and friends to enjoy – please help where you can with donations and/or volunteering on the evening itself. We are looking forward to working together to ensure the evening is as great a success as last year.

Thank you so much all for your continued support.

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Remembrance Service – Year 6

The Year 6 children worked hard to prepare for the eighth annual Year 6 Remembrance Service at Parkfield.

On Monday, the children led the Remembrance Service in The Secret Garden for their families to attend. During the service, they described the events that led to World War I and read some well-known, war-themed poems. Some children read extracts from letters that they had written as soldiers in the trenches based on our study of the book, 'Dear Jelly'.

Respectfully, we all observed the two-minute silence which ended with 'The Last Post' played on a bugle.

The Secret Garden looked beautiful with our display of clay poppies: each uniquely crafted using a range of clay modelling techniques.

The Year 6 Remembrance Service was recorded and played in all of the classes so children could share the experience and be reminded of all the people that have died in wars.

If you would like to watch the service, this has now been added to the school website and can be found here: <https://parkfield-primary-school.primarysite.media/media/year-6-remembrance-service-2024>



UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

Geology Workshop – Year 3

The Year 3 classes went to Richard Huish College this week for a science trip.

Skylark and Starling class spent the morning looking and organising rocks into a variety of categories. First, they looked at the difference between rocks and minerals. Following this, they then looked at rocks, minerals and fossils. Finally, the children categorised rocks into igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks looking at characteristics of each rock. Furthermore, they explored the rock cycle and saw how each rock type was formed.

After this, the children made a volcano! They saw how extrusive igneous rocks obtain their texture – through bubbles formed as lava. Well done Year 3!

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Mini Mock United Nations – Year 6

Darcey, Harry, Medeea, Barney, Caylub and Kitti from Year 6 recently took part in a Mini UN event at Queens College, representing the nations of Turkey and India. This exciting event challenged participants to engage in debates on pressing global issues, negotiate solutions, and represent their assigned countries with accuracy and diplomacy.



All our students did a fantastic job preparing for the event, showcasing their research skills, teamwork, and ability to think critically under pressure. To add to all this, Caylub received a special award recognising his outstanding performance in diplomacy and debate.

This event was an incredible opportunity for our students to broaden their understanding of international relations and global challenges. Congratulations to all who participated—you've made our school proud!

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

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11th November marked the beginning of National Anti-Bullying week.

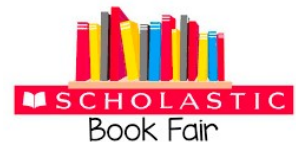
As a school we celebrated everyone's uniqueness by asking the children to wear odd socks to school all week.

During the week, we also completed activities related to anti-bullying and the children participated in drama workshops linked to friendships. The drama workshop taught the children about different types of bullying such as physical, emotional and online – using drama to think about what our body language communicates. The children then created some freeze-frames exploring different scenarios.

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Autumn Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from our Book Fair last week. We're delighted to confirm that following the event, we have been awarded over £550 of FREE books for resources and our school library!



This makes a massive difference and we are really grateful for your support.

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Harvest Festival – Taunton Foodbank

Thank you again to all families that provided food donations during our Harvest Festival assemblies last month.

We were delighted to receive this thank you note from Taunton Foodbank confirming that we donated 242kg of food for local people.



UNCRC Article 27 (adequate standard of living) Food, clothing, a safe home.

HMRC Voucher Payments

Please be aware that in order for us to process HMRC childcare voucher payments, we require a print screen of the transaction showing:

- Payment reference number - this is a unique number ending with the letters TFC
- Date the transaction is reaching school's bank account
- Payment Amount (odd amounts are easier to allocate)

Please note if you have multiple children attending Parkfield, vouchers can be sent in one payment with a note detailing how you would like the balance distributed to the relevant accounts.

We appreciate your cooperation with this, allowing us to process payments more effectively.

School Office Hours

Please be aware that the school office is staffed from 8.30am – 4.30pm each school day.

If you need to contact the school outside of these hours, please either send an email to office@parkfieldschool.co.uk or choose the option to leave a message on the phone line.

The exception to this is for parents / carers with children in Swallows from 4.30pm – 5.30pm who need to contact the school urgently. Please contact the school via the phone line and we will endeavor to answer your call as quickly as possible.

Online Safety Focus

This week's website recommendation from the Online Safety Champions is ...

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/896323/UKCIS_Education_for_a_Connected_World_.pdf

Our school Online Safety curriculum follows the progression from the government's programme, Education for a Connected World which covers ages 4 to 18 and contains strands on all sorts of topics from self-image and identity to managing information online to copyright and ownership. If you're interested, have a look to see.

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

Out of School Achievements – Dance

Year 6 students Charlotte, Medeea and Charlie competed at the nationwide medallist of the year for freestyle and Rock n Roll dance competition in Blackpool last weekend.

Their team 'Next Generation' came 3rd in the country in their age category. Charlie also achieved 5th in Rock n Roll and 3rd in freestyle pairs in his age category. It was a great weekend and an amazing achievement for all three children.

Congratulations!

UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)



Out of School Achievements – Tennis

During half term, Darcey E (Year 3) competed in her first Under 8's Red Dragon County Tennis Tour event at Highbridge, arranged by the Somerset LTA. Darcey played over five matches finishing in second place and winning a medal to go alongside her certification of participation.

Congratulations Darcey!



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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.

Well done Venus – our current leaders!

MARS 856	MERCURY 883	PLUTO 973	VENUS 1075
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The most rewarded school value was – **RESPECT**

Key Dates

November 2024	
Mon 18 th	Road Safety Workshop
Wed 20 th	Year 4 – Trip to Mosque – NEW
Thurs 21 st	Year 1 – Trip to Vivary Park – NEW
Fri 22 nd	Non-Uniform Day for PTFA Christmas Fayre donations (Bottles & chocolates)
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th	Faith Week
Tues 26 th	Kilve Residential Meeting for Year 3 Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Fri 29 th	Year 5 – Trip to Queen's College
Fri 29 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre (6pm – 8pm)
December 2024	
Mon 2 nd	Flu Vaccinations
Tues 3 rd	Year 5 – Sports Games Festival (Bridgwater & Taunton College)
Tues 3 rd	Year 3 – Trip to Taunton Museum – NEW
Tues 10 th	Year 2 – Nativity (10am)
Wed 11 th	Year 1 – Christmas Concert (10am)
Thurs 12 th	Year 2 – Trip to Taunton Brewhouse
Fri 13 th	Reception – Nativity (10am)
Tues 17 th	Christmas Dinner
Wed 18 th	KS2 (Y3 / 4 / 5 / 6) Christmas Carol Concert (6pm – 7pm)
Thurs 19 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 20 th	INSET Day / End of Autumn Term 2024

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.

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Thank you for continued help and support.



Gareth Jones
Headteacher



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- Healthy lifestyles
- School transitioning
- Emotional health



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Taunton Coffee Mornings

A casual coffee morning for parents and carers of autistic children (any age / no diagnosis required).

People come to our coffee mornings for all kinds of reasons:

- * To ask for advice and support.
- * To meet other parents and carers
- * To feel seen and heard.

No need to book just drop in on the day

Friday 18th October 10.30 - 11.30
Friday 13th December 10.30 - 11.30

Boston Tea Party
25a Fore Street,
Taunton, TA1 1JW

www.autismcentral.org.uk/southwest

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great to meet
other parents
who
understand'*



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**Saturday 7th
December
10.30am - 12.30pm**

**FESTIVE
FAMILY WILLOW
WEAVING WORKSHOP**

A festive willow weaving session for the whole family at Longrun Meadow, Taunton.

**WOODLAND
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MEADOW

Families are invited to join **Stefan Jennings** for a Willow Workshop this festive session in Longrun Meadow. Whilst the adults weave and create, your children can create nature inspired festive decorations to take home with them with the **Woodland Play Centre**. Something for the entire family! Booking essential due to limited spaces.

Family ticket: £20
Start: 10.30am
Finish: 12.30pm
Location: Willow Cathedral at Longrun Meadow, Taunton
Book Online:
www.woodlandplaycentre.co.uk

**Saturday
7th December**

Willow Cathedral
What3Words location:
makes.theme.tube

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