

## Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

**Thank You!** I cannot believe how quickly another year has gone. I am very proud of the whole school community who have worked tirelessly to ensure the children receive the education and experiences they deserve. The support and hard work from the children and all the staff at Parkfield to help to continue to move the school forward has once again been truly outstanding.



**PARKFIELD SCHOOL**  
*felicitas per ardua*

I must also say a big thank you to all parents and carers who have supported the school and me again this year; it is truly appreciated.

To all of our learning community, have a wonderful and safe summer break and we will look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.

Mr G Jones  
Headteacher

## Leavers Assembly – Year 6

The Year 6 children have enjoyed a truly epic last few weeks of achievements and celebrations as they bring their primary school years to a huge conclusion.

This year, it was amazing to see so many parents join us for our Leavers Assembly – it was a lovely event where some terrific poems and songs were shared by our wonderful Year 6 cohort.

It is always sad when we say goodbye to those moving on but we hope these few weeks will prove an unforgettable highlight of a terrific seven years. We wish all the Year 6 children the best of luck in the future and for the secondary school journey which lies ahead. We will miss you!



## Wizard of Oz – Year 6

Our Year 6 children pulled out all the stops this year in their performance of "The Wizard of Oz".

With three performances to give on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - to the school, for the recording and to parents in the evening - there was a lot to co-ordinate but the children performed brilliantly.



From the props and backgrounds to the dancing and acting, everyone pitched in and was a vital part of the performance. Congratulations to everyone involved!



To watch the production again, please check it out on the school's website: <https://parkfield-primary-school.primarysite.media/playlist/year-6-production-2024>

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

## Pembrokeshire Residential – Year 6

This year's trip to Pembrokeshire certainly was eventful!

When a traffic issue stopped us from getting to Big Pit on Monday, we detoured to explore a rainy St Fagan's Museum of Wales, experiencing a village across hundreds of years as we went from house to house and shop to shop.



The weather from then on was gorgeous and we had an extended boat trip around Caldey Island getting incredibly close to the sunbathing seals, explored Tenby thoroughly, discovered new passions in surfing, conducted a field trip investigation into the rock pools, took a dramatic clifftop walk and explored the wonderful Picton Castle and Garden including discovering a lot about trees through the fairy pathways and even climbing on a few.

Alongside this, there was time for splashing in the sea, enjoying the great food and the children were complimented by hostel staff on their politeness. On Friday there were a lot of tired but happy children ready to make their way home!

If you would like to look at the pictures, videos and daily reports, please visit:

<https://www.parkfieldschool.co.uk/year-6-pembrokeshire-residential-2024/>

**UNCRC Article 28** (Right to an education)

## Civic Award – Year 5

This half term the Year 5 children held their annual Civic Award Fundraiser.

This year we chose to raise money to support The Chris Aked Foundation, a charity that helps and supports families who are affected by cancer.



We raised a grand total of **£1754.77**, which is an absolutely huge sum of money and will be put to very good use.

The children in Year 5 worked tirelessly towards this event: cooking desserts, making items to sell and setting up the hall; we are so proud of them. In addition to this, we have some incredibly generous families – Thank you all for making this happen! It was a truly wonderful evening for the children and their families. We can't wait until the next one in 2025!



## Mayan Week – Year 5

Last week, Year 5 were learning about the ancient Mayan civilisation as part of our history work.

They started the week with a visit from Clive Pig, who told them stories about the Mayan people and shared information about how they lived and their traditions, festivals and culture.

They have designed their own Mayan gods, made Mayan masks and designed a Mayan home using their DT skills of cutting wood and using 'triangulation' to make their structures stronger.

During the week, they played the ancient game of Pok-A-Tok, which is very tricky as they could only use their elbow, knees and hips to move the ball into the hoops.

It was a fantastic week and all of the year 5 thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



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



## Music – Whole School

Musically, it has been an incredibly busy few weeks at Parkfield with children performing in the Orchestra Concert, the KS1 Summer Concert and the KS2 Summer Concert.

The theme of this year's Orchestra Concert was 'A Night At The Oscars' and we were treated to a wonderful selection of music from famous films including Mission Impossible and Wallace and Gromit. Our 50 strong orchestra played to a very high standard and did themselves proud. They all looked wonderful in their glamorous outfits and rocked the red carpet for their paparazzi shots, courtesy of Mr. Cox.

The KS1 Concert this year was a celebration of music from around the world. The children all worked exceptionally hard to prepare for the performance and sang in 8 different languages during the course of the performance. An incredible achievement! Thank you to all the staff and children who helped to teach the songs. A spot of 'air guitar' at the end of the show definitely revealed some pop stars in the making!

Finally, the KS2 Concert was all about 'things that make us happy' and we hope that we managed to spread some joy through our singing. Again, all of the children worked incredibly hard to prepare for the performance which took place at Queen's College Theatre earlier this week. The programme included a diverse selection of music including songs from The Beatles and Louis Armstrong and concluded with a rendition of 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams.

Congratulations to all of the children who took part! Photographs of all of these events will be on the website soon.

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

## Sports Week

The theme for Sports Week this year was 'Monster Kickabout' and the aim was to get all of the children to take part in 60 minutes of activity a day with various football sessions.

We welcomed into school Richard and Archie from the Football Fun Factory whose focus is to deliver football in the community and to make it fun for all. The children who took part in these sessions had a great time playing a variety of football games and matches

Mr Pope and his football company KIXX came in to deliver some fun football-based games as an introduction to football for our KS1 children, teaching them lots of new skills. Thank you Mr Pope for giving up your time to provide the children with lots of fun games.

Our SEND children had a great session delivered by Huish Tigers Ability Counts Football Team, allowing them to showcase their skills in a smaller group. The coaches were really impressed with their hard work and willingness to try new skills.

The most exciting visit on Sports Week was from ex-Parkfield student Emily Syme, who currently plays for Bristol City Women. Emily spoke to the whole school about her journey from Parkfield to England U21s player. It was an absolute pleasure to listen to her story and the children enjoyed asking her questions about her football career. Emily then stuck around to help Mrs Waugh deliver some football sessions throughout the day, where the children did a number of different activities including a game refereed by Emily herself. She then kindly signed autographs for the children as well. We hope to welcome Emily back in the future to update us on her journey.

The week was a great showcase of sport in our school and the children worked very hard and showed great respect to all our visitors. We hope the week inspired the children to play more football!



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

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: **Mrs Mitchell, Mr Jones or Mrs Bowkett**. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on: **0300 123 2224** or **email [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)**

## School Council

The School Council met for the final time last week.

To say thank you for their participation and hard work, the children enjoyed decorating a gingerbread man as themselves, to represent children's rights and the Rights Respecting School Award.

Well done to all our student council members for a fabulous year!



## Summer Events - Photography

Photos taken at EYFS Summer Show, KS1 Summer Concert and KS2 Summer Concert will soon be available to view on our website.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you have taken your own photos/videos, please remember that these are for personal use only and **MUST NOT** be shared on social media.

## PTFA Summer Fete

Thank you to everyone who supported our wonderful Summer Fete at the end of June. We're sure all who attended will agree that the evening had an amazing atmosphere with children and adults alike really enjoying themselves! The Year 6 stalls were very successful this year – well done to our Year 6 students!

We are delighted to confirm that the total amount raised was an astounding **£6,056.98!!** A massive well done to our PTFA and all who helped make the event such a success. We are so grateful for all your support in raising much needed funds for our school.

## School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With a large number of our young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers and leaders who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



## Artsmark

We are delighted to announce that we have also achieved an Artsmark Silver Award!

Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports them to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education across the whole curriculum, bringing learning to life for children and young people.

To achieve the Artsmark Award, we had to develop our arts and cultural provision to embed a broad and ambitious curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.



## Online Safety Focus

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

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/personal/article-category/safeguarding-children/>

Get Safe Online looks at some of the threats children face online and offers advice for how to deal with them.

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

## Out of School Achievements – Gymnastics

Several Parkfield students recently attended a local friendly gymnastics competition held by TTGA.

All competitors competed on either 3 or 4 pieces of apparatus dependent on their level, they were positioned for each event and then achieved an overall position across all apparatus.

Ayla R (Reception) has trained hard in the lead up to the event having to learn many new skills and was very proud to achieve both a silver and bronze medal. For Ayla's efforts over recent weeks in preparation for the competition, during training the following week she was also awarded gymnast of the month.

Congratulations Ayla!



**UNCRC Article 15** (Right to join groups and organisations)

## Out of School Achievements – Cubs

Congratulations to Daniel G (Year 5) who attends the Central Taunton Cub Pack, and has recently been awarded with the Chief Scout's Silver Award - the highest award you can get in Cubs.

Well done Daniel!



**UNCRC Article 15** (Right to join groups and organisations)

## Out of School Achievements – Skipping Challenge

Bonnie M (Year 2) recently completed the Cancer Research Skipping Challenge, completing 100 skips a day throughout June and is very pleased to have raised £160 for Cancer Research UK.

If you would like to support Bonnie with her fundraising, please follow this link:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/rebeccas-giving-page-3450841>

Congratulations Bonnie – what an achievement!



## Out of School Achievements – Football / Running

Heath HD (Year 3) has recently joined Middlezoy FC U8 and has been their top goal scorer with a total of 32 goals across 6 tournaments. He has also recently been selected to play Junior Premier League U9s this coming season representing North Somerset following a successful trial period.

Heath has also recently won his 5th Golden Mile Cross Country competition for Parkfield – congratulations Heath!

**UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)**



## Out of School Achievements – Cricket

Jude K (Year 4) has enjoyed success playing cricket for the Taunton St Andrews Junior team in the Taunton and District Youth Cricket League. Jude was selected to play for the St Andrews Under 11s hard ball team in his first season playing hard ball cricket. Jude and his fellow team members were featured in the Somerset County Gazette following their win (253-9) against the Over Stowey Junior team.

Well done Jude!

**UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)**

Somerset  
County Gazette



## 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)

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

## House Points

### Well done Pluto – our 2023/24 winners!

We award house points to the children as a reward for positive work and behaviour.

<b>MARS</b> 4553	<b>MERCURY</b> 5018	<b>PLUTO</b> 5079	<b>VENUS</b> 5046
---------------------	------------------------	----------------------	----------------------

# Parkfield Press

24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Key Dates

September 2024	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day / Start of Autumn Term 2024
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Meeting for all Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kilve Information Meeting for Year 4 Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 1
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 – Kilve Residential Visit
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA AGM (7.30pm)
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 2
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 – Trip to Wessex Water
October 2024	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 3
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Phonics Session for Parents / Carers (3:45pm – 4:45pm Hall)
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kestrel Class – Trip to Hinkley Point
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phonics Session for Parents / Carers (3:45pm – 4:45pm Hall)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 4
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Falcon Class – Trip to Hinkley Point
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reception, Y1 & Y2 – Harvest Festival (9.15am – 9.45am)
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 – Harvest Festival (9.15am – 9.45am)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Non School Uniform Day & School Disco (PTFA)
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tempest Photographs – Individuals
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	HALF TERM

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



**Felicitas Per Ardua**

Success and Happiness Through Hardwork



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: **Mrs Mitchell, Mr Jones or Mrs Bowkett**. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on: **0300 123 2224** or email **childrens@somerset.gov.uk**

# Parkfield Press

24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Contact Details

Parkfield Primary School  
Parkfield Road  
Taunton

Tel: 01823 282125

E-mail: [office@parkfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:office@parkfieldschool.co.uk)

We are very grateful for the ongoing support we receive from the

**The Howards Family Charitable  
Partnerships Programme**



Thank you, Howards (Citroen/Honda/Hyundai/MG/Peugeot/Suzuki) Taunton

## GRASSROOT CAMP



AUG  
05-09

King George V Playing Field  
Trull TA3 7EN

Attend our Grassroots summer  
camp and help your team

£15 a Day - 0900 - 1500  
£5 a Day returned to fund your  
Grassroots team

Contact Neil to book

 07515 994252

[neil@kixx.org.uk](mailto:neil@kixx.org.uk)



HO SOCCER

Respect



We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: **Mrs Mitchell, Mr Jones or Mrs Bowkett**. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on: **0300 123 2224** or email [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

### LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

### PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.