

## Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

Welcome back! We've had a wonderful start to the term and are very much looking forward to all the amazing events and activities that the summer term brings. Please check the key dates at the end of the newsletter to see what we have planned.

### Local Election – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Parkfield School will be used as a Polling station.

In order to minimise the disruption to teaching and learning and to ensure the safety of the children, a marquee will be situated at the front of the school in our visitor parking spot. The marquee will be for the sole use of the local election team and voters will access the facility via our carpark gates.

### Congratulations Mr Jones!

In case you missed the letter that was sent last week, Mr Jones completed the London Marathon in 4 hours and 44 minutes, raising over £3000 for the NSPCC! An incredible achievement and we are all very proud! Mr Jones would like to pass on his heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all of the amazing support and encouragement he has received from the Parkfield Community.



## STEM Week – Spring Term (25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March)

At the end of last term, we fully immersed ourselves in all things STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) where the children explored different themes focused around Biodiversity. We started the week with an assembly from Peter Littlewood from the Young People's Trust for the Environment, who spoke to the children about the importance of biodiversity, teaching them new ways that we can improve the biodiversity in our school grounds.

**EYFS** – The Reception children enjoyed a variety of STEM activities during the week, such as going on a minibeast hunt, deciding which materials will be good for bug hotels and making homes for minibeasts. They also enjoyed printing and making pictures and patterns with shapes.

**Year 1** – Chaffinch and Sparrow classes took the opportunity to explore the school grounds to discover what wild plants they contained. The children journeyed on a learning walk to the playgrounds, adventure playground, field and secret garden. Using their knowledge of plants, the children then played entertaining games of 'Horticulture' where they had to describe plants that grew within the school grounds. They also made some amazing Easter themed sun catchers that could be hung from trees.

**Year 2** – The children in Year 2 learnt about which devices they could use to take photos and how to take a good photo, using the theme of 'biodiversity' and increasing our green space as the inspiration for vegetable themed photographs. They also used googly eyes to characterise vegetables and photographed them in interesting places! Dove and Nightingale classes also spent time discussing what a plant needs to grow and be healthy. They looked at the different parts of the plant and discussed the job of each part. The children then thought about the green spaces we have at school and looked at different ways we could increase our green spaces.

**Year 3** – Skylark and Starling classes looked at why biodiversity is important and what plants and animals need to stay alive and healthy. The children went into the Secret Garden and looked around the school grounds for different microhabitats, looking under some rocks, a log pile and in flowerbeds at all the different species of plants and animals. They then drew pictures to illustrate the biodiversity of their chosen microhabitat. During the week, they also worked incredibly hard to make a nest for bees, using clay to secure bamboo in tin cans and then covering the cans in jute string. All seven cans were then arranged into a honeycomb shape.

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**Year 4** – The Year 4 children did a nature walk around the school to see what types of animals might be living in our grounds and to show how many different animals lived in the same habitat. They learnt about what a habitat is and how these can be affected by humans in many different ways such as: rubbish, plastic pollution, pollution, cutting down trees and hedges, cutting the grass and weeds. The children then learnt that there are many ways to categorise animals into vertebrates and invertebrates and how these can then be broken down further into fish, mammals, amphibians and reptiles. During stem week, Year 4 also designed and made hedgehog houses. The children made these as they know that hedgehogs like to have safe warm places to rest in during the day, as they are normally nocturnal animals.

**Year 5** – In Year 5, the children focused on microorganisms during STEM week. They learned about different types of bacteria and classified them based on whether they are harmful or helpful. They then set up a science experiment to test how unclean different surfaces in the classroom were by touching the different surfaces and then touching 4 different slices of bread. These were then left them in sealed plastic bags over the Easter break and some of them have gone extremely mouldy! Heron and Swan classes also learned that bread contains a helpful bacteria called yeast, which allows it to rise and explored this by baking some bread rolls of their own, even decorating them to look like bacteria using rosemary, seeds and food colouring!

**Year 6** – Falcon and Kestrel classes discussed the evolution of worms and cacti, identifying the evolutionary benefit of the spines and tough skin for a cactus and discussing how worms have light-sensitive cells rather than eyes. Speaking of worms, the children also enjoyed using their position and direction knowledge in maths to play a game of battleships-- er, Battle Worms! The children also enjoyed their design and technology project to design their own creature, thinking about how it has evolved before using TinkerCAD (computer-aided design) to create a models from 3D shapes. These are now being 3D printed - how exciting!

An amazing week was had by all with some fabulous learning – well done Parkfield!



## UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

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## KS2 School Council – SCITT Event

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, the KS2 School Council pupils were invited to Broughton House to work with Somerset SCITT PGCE Trainee teachers.

The children gave a presentation to the trainees about our Rights Respecting School Award and how we have developed the school curriculum and classroom practice to embed the UNCRC (Children's Rights) and its many positive impacts. They then led 3 workshops linked to children's rights, Global Goals and Climate Change. The children received certificates for all their hard work and dedication.

Well done everyone!

**UNCRC Article 12** (Right to have respect for child's views)



## Summer Half Term – Holiday Camps

Premier Education will be running a holiday camp at Parkfield during the half term and an INSET Day camp at Holy Trinity Primary School on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Further information can be found on the flyers at the end of the newsletter.

To book, please click the following link: <https://family.premier-education.com/>

For any enquiries regarding the holiday camps, please contact: Andrew Overhill (07776 108281) at Premier Education.

## Online Safety Focus

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

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

This one is for children themselves - the BBC Own It! site has lots of advice and videos for young people and is a good place to go if you want to see how to discuss an issue.

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

## Out of School Achievements – Charity Run

Summer and Sofia in Year 6 would like to say a big thank you to all the runners and their families who supported their 5km fundraising run for the RSPCA on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. With their support and kind donations, the girls managed to raise £431 of their £500 target.

The runners from Parkfield School included Pheobe G, Milo G, Cerys J, Poppy G and Ennis B. Thank you also to Mrs Needs for donating the lovely cakes. A special thank you to Queen's College for allowing the children to hold the event in their field and the cricket pavilion and to the RSPCA at West Hatch who organised a tour of the centre for Summer and Sofia to see the animals in their care. Summer and Sofia particularly enjoyed seeing and speaking to the seals up close! The RSPCA also very kindly provided all the runners with goody bags and stickers.

Well done everyone!



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## House Points

### Well done Pluto!

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

<b>MARS</b> 3507	<b>MERCURY</b> 3784	<b>PLUTO</b> 3801	<b>VENUS</b> 3710
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## Key Dates

April 2024	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Summer Term 2024
May 2024	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 – Strike & Field Festival (Castle School)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 – Trip to Bristol Synagogue and Bristol Museum
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 – Ancient Egyptians Workshop
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 – Ancient Greece Workshop
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 – Kilve Court Activity Day
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – SATs Week
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception, Year 3 & Year 6 – Space Dome
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Health Week
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reception – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception - Multi-Skills Festival (Castle School)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Years 1 & 2 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Years 3 & 4 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 – Civic Award Event (6pm – 8pm)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	HALF TERM
June 2024	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 - Multi-Skills Festival (Castle School)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day for PTFA Summer Fete donations (Bottles & chocolates)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Shakespeare Workshop
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photographs – Whole School – REVISED DATE
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Games Festival (Castle School)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Summer Fete (6pm – 8pm)
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pembrokeshire Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parkfield Orchestra Concert

**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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26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Thank you for continued help and support.



Gareth Jones  
Headteacher



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*Success and Happiness Through Hardwork*



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



Childcare Voucher Payment

The school accepts many different types of childcare vouchers: Sodexo, Computershare, Faircare, Gov.UK etc

For identification purposes and audit trail, we require the following information each time a new transaction is made: Reference number, date of transaction, value, Provider, child's name.

This will help the school transfer credits in a timely manner. Thank you for your support.

## 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**



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**Are you aged between 7-10**

- ✓ Can you swim 25m Frontcrawl
- ✓ Along with 25m Backstroke
- ✓ & 25m Breaststroke
- ✓ Do you want to learn more

**Then just like Reagan, La & Izzy who raced at Olympic Trials**

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## PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON HOLIDAY CAMPS



**Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th May 2024**  
**Venue: Parkfield Primary School**  
**Time: 9:00am- 4.00pm Price: £21.00 each day**

### MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAYS



#### Our 'famous' Sports:

**Dodgeball**- Working as a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

**Nerf Games**- Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!

**Taekwondo**- Patterns, hand attacks, blocks and self defence are just a handful of taekwondo techniques children will learn from our coach Sharon!



Childcare  
vouchers  
accepted

#### Other activities :

**Dance/gym/yoga**- Children will get to express movement through our dance and gym sessions!

**Arts and crafts**- A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax!

**Football**- One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in teams to play a 5-side tournament.

**Please bring a packed lunch and soft drinks! Please wear sports/casual clothes.**

#### How to book:

Online- [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)  
Call Andrew- 07776 108281



#### Be sure to:

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26th April 2024

**PREMIER EDUCATION  
CHILDCARE (INSET  
DAYS)**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**  
**Venue: Holy Trinity PS, South Street  
Taunton TA1 3AF**

**£21 for  
all day!**

**9:00am  
- 3.30pm**

All ages welcome:  
From Reception to  
Year 6! Please bring  
a packed lunch and  
drinks.

A mix of sports  
all day from  
gymnastics to  
dodgeball.

Your favourite games of  
**Hunter, Jailball,  
Football, Nerf Games &  
much more!!!**

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