

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

And just like that, another term is over!

A reminder that we return to school on Monday 15th April and all children are invited to wear PE kit and join me on my final training run around the school field.

We wish you all a restful Spring break and hope you are able to enjoy some lovely family time together. We hope the Summer term will bring with it some much-needed sunshine and the children will be refreshed and raring to go with another fun-packed term of learning planned.

Mr G Jones
Headteacher



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STEM Week

We have ended this term being full immersed in all things STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths). Our week has been focused around Biodiversity, where the children have explored different themes.

We look forward to sharing what we have been up to in our next newsletter.

UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

Music – Castle Community Concert

On Wednesday 27th March, members of our Year 5 & 6 Choir performed at the annual Community Concert at Castle School alongside children from Castle, Trull, Bishop's Hull and Bishop Henderson schools.



It was a fabulous evening with a rich and varied programme that featured choral singing, orchestral playing and even some steel pans! The Choir gave an excellent performance of an acoustic version of 'Umbrella' and were wonderful ambassadors for our school throughout both the rehearsal and the performance.

A special thank you to Miss Nettlefold for helping and to Mr Wright for accompanying us so brilliantly on guitar. It really was a memorable evening! Well done, everyone!

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

Music – Mr Brain

Sadly, Mr Brain who has been a piano teacher here at Parkfield for many years is stepping down from his role at the end of this term.

He has been a most valued member of our team of visiting instrumental teachers and a great number of children have enjoyed learning the piano with him. We will miss him and would like to take this opportunity to wish him all the best for the future. I know that he has really enjoyed his time at Parkfield, but he is now looking forward to being able to spend more time with his family and on the golf course!

Parents and carers of children currently learning with Mr Brain have been informed of a replacement teacher who will take over lessons after the Easter break.

Cross Country – Year 5 / Year 6

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 runners who took part in the 1.2km cross country run at Kings College.

The conditions were extremely wet and muddy but you all ran with confidence and determination, well done!



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School Council – Met Office Visit

This week the School Council had a visitor, Erica Lake, who works at the Met Office in Exeter.

The children found out about how the Met Office provides weather and climate services for the whole of the UK and also countries abroad. The main focus of the visit was to learn about 'Climate Change', the causes, impacts and actions.

They learned about the difference between the weather and climate and discussed how we know the climate is changing and what is causing climate change. The children found out about how climate change can be managed by mitigation and adaptation.



UNCRC Article 29 (Right for good health, water, food and environment)

PTFA – School Lottery

Please support our school by signing up and purchasing tickets through school lottery. Please see below answers to some frequently asked questions.

1. If you're the lucky £25,000 jackpot winner, these are YOUR winnings.
2. Local prize winning varies depending on how many supporters we have. The more supporters we have, the bigger the local winnings.
3. Yes, friends and family can also support us. They just need to be 18+ and live in the UK so please ask grandparents, aunties, uncles, friends or even your next-door neighbour.
4. It costs £1 per week - when you set up the direct debit it will be £4.33 per month. This is £52 divided by 12months.
5. You can cancel at any time.
6. Winners are contacted directly by your school lottery. However, we would love to know if you've won the local prizes, as this is a new venture for us and would like to know it's all working as it should.

So far, we have sold 27 tickets but we also have 45 who have signed up and not yet purchased their tickets. Our 1st draw is **Saturday 6th April**, then weekly thereafter so don't miss out, spread the word and good luck!

Please follow the link <https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/> click "buy a ticket", select our school and then follow the prompts. Please make sure you select **Parkfield Primary Taunton**, as there is another Parkfield school in Greater Manchester.

If anyone has any other questions please feel free to contact us by emailing parkfieldptfa@gmail.com and we will do our best to get those questions answered.

PTFA KS2 Cake Sale – 22nd March 2024

Thank you so much to everyone that donated and purchased cakes at the KS2 Cake Sale last week – an amazing £268 was raised!! This makes the combined sum from both KS1 and KS2 cake sales as £507!!

Thank you again to the PTFA volunteers and everyone who supports the PTFA events – the money raised makes a huge difference to the school and enables us to give our children experiences that wouldn't otherwise be available.

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

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

School Meals

We are pleased to confirm that bookings for school meals are now open until the end of the school year. Please see the Summer term menus below, which include a QR code to view the full ingredients / allergens.

Bookings for week commencing 22nd April will close on Sunday 14th April 2024. If no bookings are made, your child will need to bring a packed lunch to school. Bookings for week commencing 15th April have already closed.

All other school meals must be booked **at least** two weeks in advance to ensure meals are secured prior to booking closing. A reminder that all meal bookings should be 'checked out' even if you are entitled to Universal / Free School Meals at no cost.

The menus can also be viewed on our school website by following this link - <https://www.parkfieldschool.co.uk/school-lunches-snacks-and-milk/>

Online Safety Focus

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

<https://cerebra.org.uk/download/learning-disabilities-autism-and-internet-safety>

Cerebra, a charity for children with brain conditions has produced this comprehensive advice for children with learning disabilities, autism and other special educational needs.

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

School Council

This week, the School Council looked at Climate Change.

Click on the following link to find out about more:

https://parkfield-primary-school.primarysite.media/media/rrsa_newsletter_280324

UNCRC Article 29 (Right for good health, water, food and environment)

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

Out of School Achievements – Charity Run

Summer and Sofia in Year 6 are organising a 5km charity run dressed as animals. They are hoping to raise £500 for the RSPCA in West Hatch, Taunton.

They would love other children to join them in the 5km run (animal fancy dress is optional!). Queen's College have very kindly allowed us to hold the event in their school field on Saturday 6th April from 10.30am - 12.30pm. We have suggested a donation of £3 per child running. Given that it is a long distance for the children to run, we are hoping that family and friends may also like to sponsor them.

If your child would like to run in the event and/or if you would like to donate, please use this link to Summer and Sofia's Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/claire-barnes-1708340900285>.

We look forward to hearing how much they raise – well done both!

House Points

Well done Venus!

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

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Key Dates

April 2024	
Mon 15 th	Start of Summer Term 2024
Wed 17 th	Tempest Photographs – Whole School
May 2024	
Wed 1 st	Year 5 – Strike & Field Festival (Castle School)
Fri 3 rd	Year 3 – Trip to Bristol Synagogue and Bristol Museum
Mon 6 th	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 7 th	Year 3 – Ancient Egyptians Workshop
Tues 7 th	Year 4 – Ancient Greece Workshop
Wed 8 th	Year 3 – Kilve Court Activity Day
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th	Year 6 – SATs Week
Fri 17 th	Reception, Year 3 & Year 6 – Space Dome
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th	Health Week
Tues 21 st	Reception – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Wed 22 nd	Reception - Multi-Skills Festival (Castle School)
Wed 22 nd	Years 1 & 2 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Thurs 23 rd	Years 3 & 4 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Thurs 23 rd	Year 5 – Civic Award Event (6pm – 8pm) – NEW DATE
Fri 24 th	Years 5 & 6 – Sports Day (2pm – 3pm)
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	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.

Parkfield Press

28th March 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.

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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



Monkton Wood Academy (MWA)



Y6-7 Summer School 2024

Monday 29th - 2nd August 9.30-3pm



Hello,

We are looking forward to running a week's summer school from Monday 29th - 2nd August this year. This will be based at Monkton Wood academy (MWA) from 9.30-3pm.

The Y6 students are working with CREATE development team, they will be supporting Y6 throughout the week, alongside a range of MWA staff.

I will be leading on the programme and liaising with parents, staff and students throughout the week.

Breakfast will be served at 9.45am and a hot lunch provided daily. (all free of charge)

The students will be working on:

Team games/ social skills/ resilience/ healthy lifestyles/ school activities/ problem solving/ arts and crafts/ growth mindset work/ SEMH and academic support/ life skills

The aim for summer school is to prepare Y6 for a successful Transition and to feel comfortable, safe and happy about starting at Heathfield.

We only have 30 student places for the week. Please can you provide details of the students you would like to refer to the summer school.

The summer school referral criteria is for students who are vulnerable, students who may struggle with SEMH needs, low confidence, self esteem, friendship, social skill support and students who you feel may struggle with the Transition to secondary school.

Once the Y6 names have been sent over from the key person at your Primary school, I will contact the parents directly and arrange for the consent forms / paperwork to be collated and returned to myself at MWA.

I will inform the parents directly if their child has secured a place on the summer school.

Please can I request that you complete the referral forms for each student(s) to Mrs Cunnane At MWA school asap

Please contact me if you would like to discuss anything,

Thank you for your time and support
Mrs Cunnane
Deputy SENCo

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JOIN SUMMER AND SOFIA'S

5km Animal Charity Run

Saturday 6th April

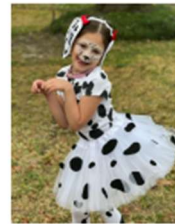
10.30 - 12.30

Queen's College, Taunton

Suggested donation of £3 per child to enter



Please ask family and friends to sponsor you



**Fancy running as an animal?
There's a prize for the best
fancy dress!**



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Fundraising in aid of the



Some parking available in The Queen's College Sport's Centre car park, but please walk if possible. Please use the QR code or visit www.justgiving.com/page/claire-barnes-1708340900285 to donate. All money raised goes to RSPCA. Thank you for your support!