

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

Firstly, I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has very kindly responded to the letter sent out last week, regarding my commitment to running the London Marathon in April in support of the NSPCC. The sponsorship and words of encouragement are appreciated so much, and I am so grateful for all your support.



If you would like more information about the NSPCC and the impact sponsorship could make, please visit my JustGiving fundraising page: <http://tinyurl.com/59yxu9f2>

I do fully understand that not everyone is able to make a financial contribution, but you can still support my campaign for the NSPCC by sharing the above link with your friends and family. I truly am so grateful to everyone for being a part of this journey with me.



I hope you all have a wonderful half term and we all look forward to seeing you back on Monday the 19th February for another busy and fun-filled half term.

Mr G Jones
Headteacher

Safety Week (Monday 5th – Friday 9th February)

This week has been our annual Safety Week where all the children have taken part in an amazing workshop on water safety from the RNLI and Year 2 and Year 5 learned about fire safety from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service.



We have also been looking at safety around the home and the local environment, and continued discussions about on-line safety and what 'safe relationships' means.

UNCRC Article 24 (Right to stay safe)

Puxton Park Trip – Reception

This week our Reception children took part in a 'Fantastic Farming' workshop at Puxton Park.

In this session the children learned about the small and large animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, ponies and goats. Children then went on a tour of the farm to meet the farm animals and learned which food comes from which animal. They went behind the scenes on a tractor ride to the dairy barns, where they saw pregnant cows and young calves. They learned about the breeds in the herd, and what happens to the milk that is produced.



An amazing day was had by everyone!

UNCRC Article 28 (Right to an education)

SPACE Workshop – Year 4

Last Friday, the children in Year 4 watched a fantastic performance by the students of The SPACE – Performing Arts Centre all about climate change and how we can protect the environment.

The performance was interactive and children were able to join in with the students performing. The children then took part in drama workshops with the focus being climate change, recycling and protecting our planet.

Thank you to the students of The SPACE for visiting us!

UNCRC Article 24 (Right to a clean environment)

Net / Wall Festival – Year 4

Well done to all our Year 4 children who took part in a Net/Wall Festival at Blackbrook Sports Centre on Wednesday.

There was an opportunity to take part in a range of Net/Wall sports including volleyball, tennis, badminton and table tennis. A great morning of sport, well done Year 4!



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

Instrumental Recital – Year 6

On Friday 2nd February, our Year 6 instrumentalists gave a recital at St John's Church. We were very fortunate to be able to perform in such a beautiful venue and we are very grateful to St John's for making us so welcome.

It was a most enjoyable afternoon with a varied programme featuring all sorts of music from Beethoven through to Stevie Wonder!

All of the children gave excellent performances. Well done, everyone! 🎵



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

Cross Country Event – Year 3 / Year 4

Well done to our all the children who took part in the Year 3 and Year 4 Cross Country event at Kings College Prep School. Once again, the standard of running was extremely high.

Congratulations to the following runners; Jack P, Xavier S, Heath HD, Mollie S, Toby L, Jack L, Thomas H, Brandon K and Elliot B.



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

Netball Event – Year 6

On Thursday afternoon, some of our Year 6 children took part in a very wet netball match against a very strong Milverton team!

Not having played together before the children worked well as a team and there was a significant improvement as the game went on, even drawing and winning one of the quarters!

Well done to all the children for battling through the awful weather with smiles on their faces!



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

Upcoming Sports Fixtures – Spring Term

- Year 5 / 6 Hockey – 26th February 2024
- Year 5 / 6 Football – 29th February 2024
- Year 5 / 6 Netball – 4th March and 11th March 2024
- Year 5 / 6 Cross Country – 18th March 2024
- Year 3 / 4 Catchball – 24th March 2024

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

International Mother Language Day – 20th February 2024

We will be celebrating International Mother Language Day (IMLD) in school on **Tuesday 20th February 2024**. We celebrate IMLD to raise awareness of language (including endangered languages), cultural diversity and multilingualism in our school and around the world.

On Tuesday 20th 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 2024 IMLD.

As a Rights Respecting School, we would like to combine our celebration with raising money for Unicef and kindly ask for a voluntary donation of £1 for this important charity – this is now available on School Money.

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

Spring Half Term – Holiday Clubs

Premier Education will be running holiday clubs at Parkfield and Cotford St Luke Primary School this Half Term. 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 re Spring Half Term Holiday Club, please contact: Andrew Overhill (07776 108281) at Premier Education.

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

Online Safety Focus

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

<https://sieciki.pl>

For Polish-speaking families, this website is for children aged 6-12.

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

School Council

This week, the School Council looked at 'Wellbeing' and listed examples of wellbeing provision in school. The children then took each practice or provision and considered which article(s) it supports.

Click on the following link to find out about more:

https://parkfield-primary-school.primarysite.media/media/rrsa_newsletter_090224

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

Out of School Achievements

Cecilia F & Amelie C in Year 5, competed in a gymnastics competition in Poole on Sunday 5th Feb. They both did extremely well, showing off their skills across all apparatus (floor, bars, vault & beam). As a team, they won a number of medals, and Amelie came away with a silver medal in the all-round competition.

Well done girls!

UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)



Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to Jackson H, Year 6, who was awarded Student of the Year for the second year running for his efforts in Tae Kwon Do at the Evolution Martial Arts Club. "It is the best club in the UK currently and the 10th best in the world," Jackson explains!

Well done Jackson!

UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)



House Points

Well done Pluto!

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

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9th February 2024

Key Dates

| February 2024 | |
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| Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th | HALF TERM |
| Mon 19 th | Back to school |
| Tues 20 th | International Mother Language Day (Non School Uniform) |
| Weds 21 st | Year 2 – Trip to SS Great Britain |
| March 2024 | |
| Tues 5 th – Thurs 7 th | Book Fair |
| Thurs 7 th | World Book Day |
| Fri 8 th | KS1 – PTFA Cake Sale |
| Fri 22 nd | KS2 – PTFA Cake Sale |
| Fri 22 nd | Parkfield Orchestra Concert |
| Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th | STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week |
| Thurs 28 th | Easter Basket & Bonnet |
| Thurs 28 th | End of Spring 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.

Thank you for continued help and support.



Gareth Jones
Headteacher



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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

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