

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

Welcome to the first Parkfield Press of 2024!

We are absolutely delighted to start the year off with some amazing news! Following a visit from UNICEF in early November, we have now been awarded the **Rights Respecting School – GOLD Award!**

This is an incredible achievement for our children and our staff, and we are now proudly displaying our banner and certificate in school. I would like to share some of notes detailed on the accreditation report;



Strengths of the school include:

- *A strong commitment to children's rights and to RRSA linked to the ethos, vision and values of the school.*
- *Children who are knowledgeable about rights and understand why they are important and relevant to their lives. They use the language of rights in a mature and reflective way.*
- *Staff who are committed to the rights respecting work of the school and who understand the positive impact this is having on outcomes for children.*
- *An ethos that places importance on personal development, positive relationships and community based on mutual respect and trust.*
- *A strong culture of inclusivity and respect which is understood and articulated by children and adults alike.*

It was evident that children's rights are embedded across the school and underpin every facet of school life.

Amazing feedback that truly represents our school! I'd like to thank all of the children, staff and parents who worked tirelessly for this award and spent time with the assessor when they visited. Congratulations, everyone!

Mr G Jones
Headteacher



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Pantomime - Cinderella

Last week, we were very lucky to have Chaplins Theatre Group visit us in school to perform their Cinderella pantomime.

The children were all captivated by the performers and really got involved with the show – they all had a fabulous time!

Thank you to our PTFA who covered the cost of the pantomime and made this experience available to our children.



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

Drinks Bottles

It has been brought to our attention that a large number of children across the school are now bringing expensive branded drinks bottles, such as air up bottles, to school.

We would like to highly recommend that children come to school with inexpensive non-branded bottles as many are getting damaged and lost, causing distress to the children. Please ensure that any bottles brought into school are named. Thank you for your co-operation.

Upcoming Sports Fixtures – Spring Term

- Year 4 Football – Monday 22nd January 2024

Dates to be confirmed:

- Year 3 & 4 Catchball
- Year 3 Football
- Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball
- Year 5 & 6 Hockey
- Year 5 & 6 Netball
- Year 5 & 6 Football
- KS2 Cross Country

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

Hockey – After School Club

If your child attends either the Y3/4 or Y5/6 Hockey after school clubs, please can you ensure that they bring shin pads to school to wear to the sessions. Thank you.

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

PTFA School Disco – HELP NEEDED!

We currently do not have enough volunteers for the KS2 disco on Thursday 8th February – without additional volunteers both the KS1 and KS2 disco will unfortunately need to be cancelled.

We would really appreciate it if you could click on this link for the volunteer sign up sheet and add your name to anything you could help us with - <https://volunteersignup.org/X9ACY>

Thank you for your support.

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

Spring Half Term – Holiday Clubs

Premier Education will be running holiday clubs at Parkfield and Cotford St Luke Primary School this Spring 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.

Lost Property / Pre-loved Uniform

We have already accumulated a vast amount of lost property this school year. Please could we remind you to **label all uniform** so that we can do our best to return lost items to your children.

We encourage parents to look for lost property in the storage boxes on the Year 3 decking.

Also on the decking there is now a good selection of pre-loved uniform in clear plastic boxes which is available for anyone who needs it – please help yourself. If you would like to give a donation in return for pre-loved uniform, this can be given to the school office who will pass on the funds to the PTFA.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all families who have donated pre-loved uniform and the PTFA who organise the uniform for us.

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Online Safety Focus

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

<https://safety.google/families/>

Google's own website contains lots of advice to support families.

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

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

January 2024	
Thurs 18 th	Year 6 – Darwin Workshop
February 2024	
Fri 2 nd	Y5 & 6 – Instrumental Recitals
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th	Safety Week
Mon 5 th	RNLI Water Safety Workshop
Tues 6 th	Y2 & 5 – Fire Safety Workshop
Tues 6 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Wed 7 th	Year 4 – Net/Wall Festival (Blackbrook)
Wed 7 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Thurs 8 th	Non School Uniform Day & Disco (PTFA)
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	HALF TERM
Mon 19 th	Back to school
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.

Contact Details

Parkfield Primary School
Parkfield Road
Taunton

Tel: 01823 282125

E-mail: office@parkfieldschool.co.uk

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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



PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON HOLIDAY CAMPS



**Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February
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!





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-aside tournament.

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

How to book:
Online- www.premier-education.com
Call Andrew- 07776 108281



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Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February 2024
Venue: Cotford St Luke Primary School
Time: 9:30am- 3:30pm Price £21.00 each day

What we'll be getting up to...

Tuesday 13th February: Taekwondo, Nerf and Dodgeball- Patterns, hand attacks, blocks and self defence are just a handful of taekwondo techniques children will learn from our coach Sharon. Sharon is a level 3 in taekwondo and her club is represented at the National Taekwondo Poomsae championships!

The children won't just be coming home as little ninjas from the day. They'll also have an afternoon of our famous nerf and dodgeball games! Where they will make unbreakable forts and work hard as a team!



The fun doesn't stop there...

15th February: Gymnastics- Spend the day learning new gymnastic techniques from our amazing qualified gymnastic coaches.

They will support you doing new rolls, balances and stands. Enjoy making routines in pairs and small groups which will be presented later in the day. Try out all the school equipment!



Childcare vouchers accepted

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

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PREMIER EDUCATION HOLIDAY CAMP



Cotford St Luke Primary School
TA4 1HZ
Wednesday 14th February 2024



FOOTBALL/RUGBY ACTIVITY DAY

What we will get up to:

Football/ Tag Rugby skills- Working individually or in pairs you will learn skills from the coaches. They will help you learn and improve!

Football/ Tag Rugby drills- Children will be split into groups and start practising their skills whilst also moving with the ball.

Mini games- Children will use their skills in game like situations before playing against each other in the afternoon in teams.

Football/ Tag Rugby tournament- Children will be put into teams where they will compete in a round robin tournament!



Please bring your own lunch & lots of non fizzy drink.



9:30am-
3:30pm

Please wear casual/sports clothes.

Childcare vouchers accepted

£21 ALL DAY!



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