

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

Further to my email late Friday afternoon regarding the incident outside of school on Thursday, I would like to again thank you all for the support and kind messages we have received – it is very much appreciated.

We are also extremely grateful to Avon & Somerset Police, who have been very diligent and thorough with the investigation and provided reassurance to us all on Friday at drop off and collection times. It was exciting to see the police horses, although we would have obviously preferred the circumstances to be different.



Mr G Jones
Headteacher

Even More Baby News!

We are delighted to let everyone know that Miss Ross has welcomed a beautiful baby girl!

Introducing Evie Rose Roller, born on 8th November!

I'm sure you will join us in congratulating Miss Ross and her partner on their new addition to the family.



Escot Trip – Year 5

Before half term, Year 5 visited Escot to support their learning on Saxons.

We arrived in good time so we had time to go into the maze and some of us got lost! After that, we split into two groups. Half of us went on a foraging walk and found out about the sort of natural things Saxons used for medicine and for cooking. We were also lucky enough to see some animals that are native to the UK such as: wolves, wild boars, owls and a white fox! We even saw some bears that have been rehomed in this country to save them!

The other half of the experience involved learning about how the Anglo Saxons lived and their daily lives. We made bread and we forged brooches out of copper and bronze. Some of us got to dress up like a Saxon and we even had a chance to use real weapons to have a 'mock' battle!

It was an amazing day and we learnt such a lot from the whole experience.

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Remembrance Service – Year 6

The Year 6 children worked hard to prepare for the seventh annual Year 6 Remembrance Service at Parkfield.

The children studied the work of Paul Cummins' famous art 2014 art installation at the Tower of London, Blood Soaked Land and Seas of Red, which involved creating 888,246 ceramic poppies - one for every British military death during World War I. Inspired by this, the children created a range of poppies - each subtly different - using a range of clay skills such as pinching, scoring and using slip to join different leaves. The poppies were spray painted and assembled as a single art installation. As well as this, some children challenged themselves to create Bleuet de France - clay versions of the cornflower which is the French national symbol of remembrance.

The Year 6 classes have also been reading the book 'Dear Jelly' which contains letters from two teenage soldiers in the war that were sent home to their younger sisters. These letters - which include the boys' anecdotes, poems and cartoons - are real primary sources of evidence about life for soldiers in the trenches. In the manner of these letters, the children also wrote in the role of soldiers and shared their letters with the audience.

Additionally, they performed poems, explained some of the real-life history and read extracts from their wider reading including the book 'War Horse'. At 11 o'clock, they led a minute's silence.

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who attended the service. A version was recorded and the rest of the school used this to lead their silence. If you would like to watch, the video is on the school website:

<https://parkfield-primary-school.primarysite.media/playlist/remembrance-service-2023>



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Vivary Park Trip – Year 1

Year 1 took their Geography skills to Vivary Park in order to collect data. We avoided the showers to spot Human and Physical Features as well as pre-planning our route to carry out the fieldwork activity.

The children all had a great time and behaved impeccably!

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Stonehenge Learning – Year 3

At the end of last half term, Year 3 children learnt about Stonehenge.

They also enjoyed the opportunity of making their own Stonehenge from Bourbon biscuits!

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Mini Mock United Nations – Year 6

Year 6 delegates, the newsletter recognises you!

"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating." - Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations. (Quote recalled by Jacob Tudgey).

On Tuesday 7th November, Parkfield sent three teams to Queen's College to represent the school in the mini mock United Nations. Debating against other year 6 children from across Taunton, three groups of three members each took on the interests of the UK, Uruguay and Mali.

Rebecca explained, "Other schools were other countries and we were all debating about climate change and child poverty. We had half an hour to research facts about our country and then we would think about what we could debate about. Then we actually did a debate."

Anna continued, "We were given the resolution and put it in our own words to create a new one. We would represent what we talked about in our country and other people would say this is not right or we agree with you and ask questions. At the end, we all got certificates."

Josh added, "People were given the opportunity to speak and other countries were able to ask questions. After two or three points, you would go back, sit down and either yield it to the chair or to another country."

The Queen's staff were very complimentary about everyone and said that everybody had worked so hard so we all received an award.

What a successful day and it was great to hear positive things about how the Year 6 representatives thought through their cases and debated thoroughly!

The Year 6 delegates yield to the newsletter!



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

Young Writers Poetry Competition

As part of our National Poetry Day celebrations on 5th October, many of our children took part in a poetry competition. The competition was hosted by 'Young Writers' who have promoted poetry and creative writing in schools for 32 years.

Children enjoyed writing poems called 'This Is Me' in a range of poetic styles. We are proud to announce that **37** of our poems have been selected and will be published in a poetry anthology.

Congratulations to our poetry winners in Starling, Skylark and Kestrel Class. Our poets have each received a bookmark, sticker and certificate, and they can't wait to see their poems in print.

Additionally, some of our creative writers have entered into the BBC's '500 Words 2023' writing competition. Their entries have been a joy to read including: Milo, an elephant that wanted to surf; a historical tale of WWII evacuees and the spooky tale of a ghost with no eyes. We wish them every success in this esteemed competition.

Watch this space...we might have the next Michael Morpurgo amongst us!

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TTRS England Rocks Tournament – KS2

Parkfield have signed up to compete in the TTRS ENGLAND ROCKS Tournament which is happening from today (14th November) until Thursday 16th of November.

KS2 children can play for up to 1 hour a day and each correct answer earns the class a point. Every game type counts!

This is a national competition and there are some super voucher prizes for the class who scores the highest average point score!

Let's do this! – Mrs Critchard



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Indoor Athletics Event – Year 5/6

On Thursday children from Years 5 & 6 went to Richard Huish College to take part in an Indoor Athletics competition against 6 other schools.

The children had to compete in a number of different events – this tested their running, jumping and throwing skills and they all performed exceptionally well. The girls in particular were extremely strong in their track events, coming first in all but 1 of the races.

Well done to all of the children involved and we keep our fingers crossed as we await the results.



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Manta Ray Bay, Sparrow Class – Year 6

Sparrow Class would like to say a huge THANK YOU to these amazing Year 6 pupils for giving up their lunch breaks to help in their classroom.

The team of Year 6 pupils used their artistic skills to create Manta Ray Bay: a calming area for the children to go if they feel sad or unhappy – we LOVE it.

UNCRC Article 31 (Right to relax and play)



Low Walls in Playground

Please be aware that there are some areas on the low walls in both playgrounds that are awaiting repair work.

Please remind children that the low walls should not be used for climbing or walking along.

Harvest Festival – Taunton Foodbank

Thank you again to all families that provided food donations during our Harvest Festival assemblies last month.

We were delighted to receive this thank you note from Taunton Foodbank confirming that we donated 297kg of food for local people.

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



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School Run Complaints

A reminder again about car parking as we continue to receive complaints with regard to school drop off and collection times and we must be more considerate of the local residents.

We would like to remind you to please park / pull over considerately of our neighbours and others, ensuring driveways and paths are not blocked, you are parked away from junctions and not on double yellow / zig-zag lines.

Please do not pull over into the bus stop, this is not a parking space, or use the on-site staff car park.

We'd also like to bring your attention to the highway code rule 123 - You **MUST NOT** leave a parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road.

We are aware that parking close by to school can be difficult but please assist us in being aware of others, to ensure the safety of everyone.

Online Safety Focus

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

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/personal/article-category/protecting-your-computer/>

Get Safe Online helps protect your computer against viruses.

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

Out of School Achievements

Heath HD recently competed in the Street Road Series 2KM and landed a new PB of 7:43.

He also competed in the Weston Prom Run series winning the 1 mile race in 6:25 in pouring rain and high winds.

Congratulations Heath!



UNCRC Article 15 (Right to join groups and organisations)

Out of School Achievements

Mahi S in Year 2 participated in a Monster Smash tennis challenge during half term.

Well done Mahi!



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Out of School Achievements

Cecilia F (Year 5) recently took part in the UK Taekwondo Open Championships in Guildford, competing against children from all over Europe.

Cecilia did amazingly well and was awarded a gold medal in patterns. Cecilia also achieved a bronze medal in sparring, a component of taekwondo which she had only been preparing for over a few days, and where she competed with much older children.

Well done Cecilia!!



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House Points

Well done Pluto!

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

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Key Dates

November 2023	
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week (Odd Socks Day)
Fri 17 th	Children in Need Day
Mon 20 th	Road Safety Workshop
Wed 22 nd	Year 3 – Trip to Taunton Museum
Fri 24 th	Non-Uniform Day for PTFA Christmas Fayre donations (Bottles & chocolates)
Mon 27 th – Fri 1 st	Faith Week
Tues 28 th	Year 4 – Trip to Taunton Mosque
Tues 28 th	Kilve Residential Meeting – Y3 Parents/Carers (3:45pm) – REVISED DATE
December 2023	
Fri 1 st	PTFA Christmas Fayre (6pm – 8pm)
Fri 8 th	Reception – Nativity (10am)
Mon 11 th	Year 1 – Christmas Concert (10am)
Tues 12 th	Year 2 – Nativity (10am)
Wed 13 th	Christmas Lunch
Wed 13 th	KS2 (Y3 / 4 / 5 / 6) Christmas Carol Service (6pm – 7pm) – REVISED DATE
Fri 15 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 15 th	End of Autumn Term 2023

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

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PREMIER EDUCATION WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

£24.00 all day

9.30am-3:30pm

Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December 2023
Venue: Cotford St Luke PS, TA4 1HZ

MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAYS

What we will be up too:

Winter activities- Christmas and winter themed days to include Christmas crafts and curling.

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!

Other activities :

Gymnastics- Children will get to express movement and their strength through our gym sessions!

Arts and crafts- A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax! A time to meet new friends.

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

HOT SCHOOL LUNCH PROVIDED. Please bring plenty of soft drinks and wear sports/casual clothes and appropriate footwear!

Childcare vouchers accepted!

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

Be sure to:
Like and follow our Premier Education Taunton Instagram and facebook page!

Phone, Online Booking, Email, Facebook, Instagram, Thumbs Up

PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON HOLIDAY CAMPS

£25 all day

9.30am-3:30pm

Thursday 21st December 2023
Venue: Cotford St Luke Primary School TA4 1HZ

GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY CAMP

Gymnastics- Spend the day learning new gymnastic techniques from our amazing qualified gymnastic coaches.

They will support you doing new rolls, balances, handstands and many more new skills.

Enjoy making routines in pairs and small groups which will be presented later in the day.

HOT SCHOOL LUNCH PROVIDED. Please bring plenty of soft drinks and wear sports/casual clothes.

Merry Christmas

Work on swinging, climbing and jumping from the amazing apparatus supplied by Cotford school.

Refresh your skills before school starts again & come and meet new friends.

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Parkfield School have been asked by Webbers Estate Agents to create some beautiful pieces of Christmas art to be used for their shop window advent calendar.

If you love Christmas, if you enjoy art, then this could be just the activity for you!

Webbers are looking to display 24 pictures for advent, so think about how you can make your picture really stand out! Two pictures from each class, from Year 1 to Year 6, will be chosen by the children of each class.

You can choose to create your picture using any medium you wish; pens, paint, collage, pencil, photography - use your imagination. Pictures need to be **LANDSCAPE on A3**, but A4 pictures could be enlarged at school.

If you require any materials to complete this challenge, please speak to Mrs Critchard or your class teacher.

Pictures need to be brought into school by **Monday 20th November**.

I can't wait to see Parkfield's art displayed on Taunton's High Street!

