

## Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

This half term is just flying by!

**We would like to remind Year 6 Parents / Carers that the online form for secondary school applications is now open.**

Please ensure you have completed and submitted the application form by the **closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.**

Guidance on the application process can be found at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/secondary-admissions-guide/>

The online application form can be found at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

**UNCRC Article 28** (Right to an education)

## Poetry Slam

We have been focussing on poetry this week, as it was National Poetry Day yesterday - with the theme refuge. Some year groups focussed on the theme 'refuge', others just wanted to immerse themselves in all things poetic!

Today during Celebration Assembly - we had a Poetry Slam! This was a fantastic event, which showcased so much talent we have here at Parkfield - not only for being creative, but also it demonstrated strong oracy skills - which is something we are focussing on this year. All the children who took part were fabulous, but one particular child's poem stood out to all staff and I thought I would share this with you all.

## Woods by Nicholas BW, Kingfisher Class

*As I'm in the wood,  
I'm in another world.  
Watching the leaves fluttering down,  
as they dance and as they swirl.*

*As you tread on the muddy ground,  
all types of plants can be found.  
Posies, daisies, maple trees,  
enjoying the summer breeze.*

*All the trees are covered in moss,  
showing those trees who is boss.  
A sycamore seed on my head,  
or maybe I'll get a conker instead!*

*The woods are just the place for me,  
not my house, not the sea.  
I know I really like the woods,  
I would live there if I could!*

Wow! We were beyond impressed- well done Nicholas!

Mrs Bowkett 😊



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



## Multi Skills Festival – Year 4

Year 2 had a very busy morning attending a multi-skills festival at The Castle School.

They enjoyed participating in a range of activities including relay races, parachute games, skipping, target games and an assault course. They all had an amazing time and worked well together in their teams.

Well done Year 2!

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## Better Planet Schools

Our Eco Committee have been working hard already, with an assembly a couple of weeks ago to introduce our new initiative for this half term - Energy Saving. Our current Eco-Committee have started monitoring electricity use and we have a whole school Energy Saving Poster Competition currently underway!

In other news, we are very proud to announce that Somerset County Council have recently been in touch to ask if they can celebrate and share our good practice in becoming a Better Planet School by sharing our Reduce, Reuse, Recycle report that we submitted back in the Summer term - which we passed with distinction. You can read the article here: [Better Planet Schools - fantastic termly report from Parkfield Primary School, Taunton | Support Services for Education](#)

We are so proud of the Eco Committee and whole school for all we have achieved in making our school and grounds an eco-friendly place to be.

**UNCRC Article 24** (Right to a clean environment)

## School Meals / School Money

We are pleased to confirm that bookings for school meals are now open until the beginning of December, including a fabulous BONFIRE themed choice on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

Please ensure you book school meals for your children **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.

Thank you for your patience whilst we experienced some technical issues with SchoolMoney over the last week – these issues have now been rectified.

If you continue to receive errors when booking school meals or swallows / clubs, please delete and reinstall the app to receive the new updates.

## 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.

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

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## My Card Project

Your children should be bringing home their "my card project" artwork this afternoon.

If you wish to purchase Christmas cards, Mugs, A3 Calendars or Sticky Gift Labels personalised with your child's artwork, please make your order by using the QR code on the back of your child's artwork which is unique to each picture.

Please remember to return the artwork to your child's teacher by the **Wednesday 18th Oct 2023** so we can send it off to the company for printing.

Thank you – Parkfield PTFA

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

## Online Safety Focus

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

<https://www.bbfc.co.uk>

The British Board of Film Classification website is really useful for parents - it doesn't just classify films but also gives detailed information about why the classification decision was reached so you can understand the content of films.

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

## School Council

This week, the School Council looked at Rights Holders, Duty Bearers and the ABCDE of Rights.

Click on the following link to find out about more:

[https://parkfield-primary-school.primarysite.media/media/rrsa\\_newsletter\\_061023](https://parkfield-primary-school.primarysite.media/media/rrsa_newsletter_061023)

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## Out of School Achievements

Last Sunday evening Effie L, Elliot L and Olive K performed with PQA Taunton at His Majesty's theatre in the West End!

Usually the home of Phantom of the Opera, the children performed to a huge audience and were all absolutely amazing on stage!

Well done!

**UNCRC Article 15** (Right to join groups and organisations)



## Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to Emily P who has been awarded her level 5 swimming badge this week.

She has showed great determination and worked so hard on her technique and stamina.

Well done Emily!

**UNCRC Article 15** (Right to join groups and organisations)



## Out of School Achievements

Last Saturday, Heath took part in the Principality Cardiff Half Marathon weekend and ran in the Junior U8 event, over 2400m.

There were 526 children taking part in the event and Heath came first with a time of 8 mins 46 seconds!

Congratulations Heath!

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## Trip Fundraising

Gabriel Z, who left Parkfield for secondary school in July, has been offered the trip of a lifetime to Malaysia in 2025.

In order to fundraise for the trip, Gabriel will be walking from Taunton to Bridgwater during half term. Please find the link to his fundraising page here -

<https://gofund.me/8f2a5c7d>

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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> 600	<b>MERCURY</b> 455	<b>PLUTO</b> 613	<b>VENUS</b> 514
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## Key Dates

October 2023	
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 – Trip to Taunton Museum
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Course – Group 4
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photographs – Families & Siblings
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 – Grace Darling Workshop
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 – Christopher Columbus Workshop
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Non School Uniform Day & Disco (PTFA)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 – Trip to Escott
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School
November 2023	
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pembrokeshire Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bonfire Themed School Meal
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week (Odd Socks Day)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Workshop
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 – Trip to Taunton Museum
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kilve residential meeting for Y3 Parents / Carers (3:45pm)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day for PTFA Christmas Fayre donations (Bottles & chocolates)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Faith Week

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6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Thank you for continued help and support.



Gareth Jones  
Headteacher



**Felicitas Per Ardua**

*Success and Happiness Through Hardwork*



## 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.

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

## Contact Details

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6th October 2023

**PREMIER EDUCATION  
OCTOBER HALF TERM  
HOLIDAY CAMPS**

£22.00 all day

9.00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 = Athletics/ Multi-Activity  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 = Taekwondo/ Multi-Activity  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October = Nerf/Dodgeball/Multi-Activity Camp

Venue: Parkfield Primary School, TA1 4RT

## What we will be up too:

**Multi-Activity-** Capture The Flag, Tag Rugby, Dartmoor 3 Ball, Basketball/Netball, Soft Archery & more; these are just a few of the sports we will be playing!

**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 TKWD techniques learnt by Sharon. Sharon is a Level 3 TKWD coach and her club won gold and silver at the National Poomsae champs!



## Other activities :

**Gymnastics-** Children will get to express movement and their strength through our gym sessions on a multi-activity day.

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

**Athletics-** Javelin, running, long jump, hurdles, steepchase and many more events. Come and perfect your techniques.

Please bring your own food and soft drinks! Please wear sports/casual clothes.

Childcare vouchers accepted!

## How to book:

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



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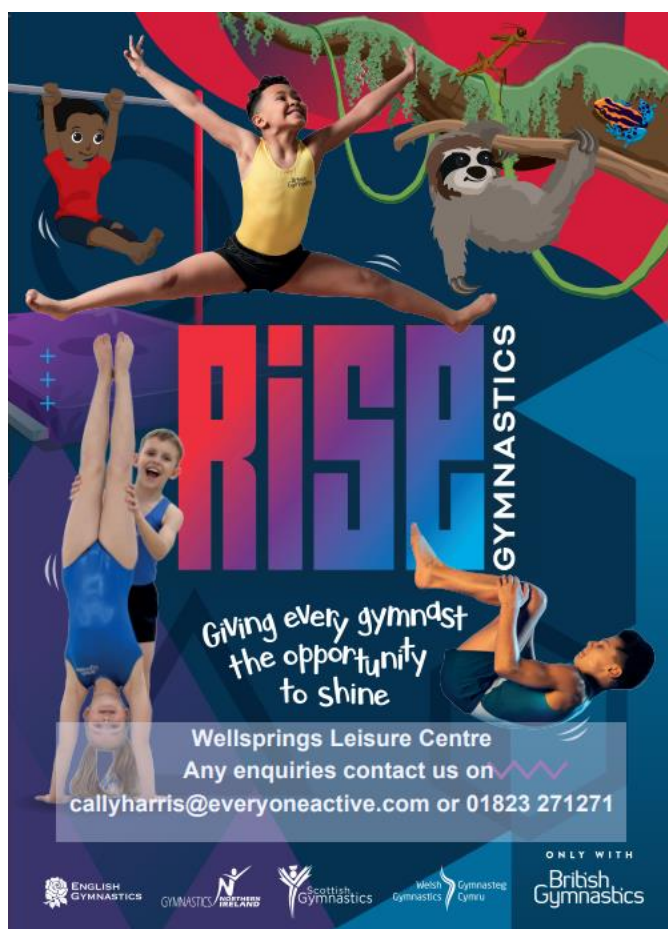
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