



Parkfield Press

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Dear All,

What a term it has been! In December, when I last wrote to you, who could have known what the New Year had in store for us.

However, together we were able to overcome the demands of remote learning, home working and the January blues.

We were so impressed by the efforts and willingness of all our students and we're so pleased with the manner in which they've returned to school.

As I write this newsletter, the clocks have "sprung forward" and the evenings are getting lighter. There is a real feeling that spring is in the air and brighter times are ahead.

We have been talking this evening as a leadership team about what activities week could look like and how our "pop up" rewards week will work. We can't wait to share more details about these with our children.

We have been busy reviewing our curriculum this term from early years through to key stage 4. This has given us the chance to have a bit of a "spring clean". Keeping the content fresh and relevant for our students is so important to ensure they are excited and engaged by the learning they undertake. We have been updating the information on the school website for you to see.

We made an exciting appointment last week by way of a new Assistant Vice Principal to join the school and the senior leadership team. Mr Hassanali will be the new AVP for pastoral support from EYFS to Year 11. We can't wait for him to start with us in September 2021. He will shortly relocate from London with his family.

I hope that you have an enjoyable time over Easter and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 19th April.

Best wishes

Interim Principal

Latest News

Home Testing

The secondary students have really been put through their paces since their return on 8th March. Not only have they gone through lateral flow testing three times on site, but they have now been issued with their home testing kits. Students have been amazing throughout the testing. We were lucky to have the support of some parent volunteers during the mass testing period and they all commented on how well the children managed. We are grateful for families who have consented to the home testing and ask you to continue to upload the results to the school website. There is a banner on the front of home page. During the Easter holidays we would ask that any positive cases are reported to us via the link on our website up until 6th April so that we can continue to carry out track and trace where necessary. Please note that according to guidance issued by the Government yesterday, they are reintroducing the requirement for a confirmatory PCR test if you receive a positive result from the Lateral Flow Device test. The PCR test should be booked immediately either [online](#) or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days.

Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff member, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can end their self-isolation. The PCR test should be booked immediately either

Uniform

We know that uniform has been a concern for some families, as orders through Stevensons have not yet been delivered. We appreciate all communications from parents regarding this and we are working with the shop to try and resolve this as soon as possible. We ask that you check our website for uniform guidance so your child can be assured that they are wearing the appropriate uniform. <https://parkfieldschool.org/about-us/uniform>

If you have uniform at home that your child has outgrown and it still has life in it, then please feel free to donate that to school.



Home to School Transport

Thanks to everyone who has made their payments for school buses. It is much appreciated. We are in the process of issuing students with new bus passes. A reminder from the finance team that the Summer Term payment for (19/04/21 – 28/05/21) will be due by 16/04/2021. If you have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact finance@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk

We will be providing all students with a transport application form for 2021-22 in the not too distant future so that we can ensure we have enough seats for everyone on our transport services.

Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January)

Whilst our recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day looked different this year, all Parkfield Secondary students had the opportunity to learn about, and be reminded of, the reasons behind this day. During our Community Time in the week of 25th January 2021, students watched a series of clips and readings about the Holocaust. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust's theme for 2021 was to remind us of why it is important to remember not only the Holocaust, but other acts of genocide that have taken place since. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust also emphasized the role that young people have to play in ensuring that the atrocities of the past are not repeated, and our students were asked to think about the quote usually attributed to Edmund Burke, "***The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.***" Now that we are all back in school, students will have the opportunity to explore and discuss these themes further in their History and RE lessons in the summer term.

Spotlight on Governance

Lots of parents quite rightly ask what Parkfield's Local Governing Body (LGB) does and why it exists. We can't tell you everything in a few paragraphs but hopefully this will provide you with an idea of the LGB remit and what it's aims, and objectives are.

The role of the Parkfield School LGB is to provide focused governance at a local level and to carry out functions on behalf of the Reach South Trust Board, in line with the policies set. The LGB has a delegation of power and duty, however the Trust Board maintains its responsibilities.

The LGB works with Parkfield School to ensure that it delivers good quality education in line with the Trust's values, curriculum principles and organisational behaviours. The LGB monitors Parkfield's key performance indicators and act as a 'critical friend' to the Principal and Parkfield Senior Leadership Team, providing challenge where appropriate.

LGB members are expected to prepare for and make effective contributions at the LGB meetings; to champion Parkfield School within the local community; to familiarise themselves with Parkfield School and visit during school hours and for evening events; to get to know Parkfield School and be visible to the Parkfield Community; to engage parents, pupils and staff and other external stakeholders and to attend governor training sessions.

A typical meeting will include discussions around: overview and scrutiny; performance management; finance; curriculum and standards; safeguarding; behaviour; admissions; staffing; pupils and parents; health and safety; policies; community engagement; values and ethos and developing vision and strategic intent.

The LGB are volunteers and do not get paid for their time and commitment to Parkfield School. It is a very rewarding role which all of the LGB of Parkfield School are proud to be a part of.

For further information on Parkfield School's LGB, please visit the School website www.parkfieldschool.org/about-us/the-governing-body

Mrs Susan Greenwood – Co-opted Governor



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Did you know?

As a school we work collaboratively with the fantastic Montessori Nursery which operates within the grounds of Parkfield School. We are endeavouring to raise awareness locally within BCP of the excellent provision they have to offer families.

Parkfield School & Montessori Nursery

Parkfield Montessori Pre-school is an independent setting within the grounds of Parkfield School near Hurn Airport in Christchurch, Dorset. Our large, bright classroom is well stocked with an abundance of educational materials designed to stimulate the inquisitive minds of all who enter it. Visit our website to find out more:
www.parkfieldmontessoripreschool.co.uk

Nurture ~ Inspire ~ Enable

Parkfield School is an exciting and vibrant all-through school where we nurture, inspire and enable all of our children, giving them the skills and knowledge to flourish. We are committed to the development of the whole child ensuring that our pupils become life-long learners and achieve the best outcomes that they can every step of the way.
www.parkfieldschool.org

Parkfield Montessori Pre-School blends the Early Learning Goals with the Montessori Curriculum to help your child build strong foundations on which develop their intellect. Dr Maria Montessori was a remarkable woman. The first woman in Italy to qualify as a medical doctor, she became interested in how children learn and took a scientific approach to observing children's learning and development. Her research and work with children of wide-ranging backgrounds and abilities developed into an educational approach that spread around the world. More than 100 years on the Montessori approach is globally recognised and Dr Montessori's work continues to inform modern educational practice.

Please could I ask that you spend a couple of minutes to complete this very short questionnaire about your use and or awareness of the nursery.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Bxh5pzSXXK0SMzaRWn5ZAPN5QX2nm5QJgrb8A0uDpKBUN003R040Tkk1QjINSDJOVVNYR01DTjNOWS4u>

E-Safety - talking to your child about being kind online

The internet has many positive opportunities for children to learn and play, but it can also have a bad reputation as a place of negativity. As a public space, it's easy for people to make deliberate, offensive or nasty comments or posts online with the aim of upsetting someone – often called 'trolling' or online bullying. It's important to speak to your child about being kind online and how they can get help if they see or hear anything online that upsets them. You can email safeguarding@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk or visit our website for more details. You can also find support via the BBC Own It app which has been designed for children who are getting their first mobile device, to help them to make considered choices, feel more confident, and have positive online experiences. It gives children and young people advice in real-time as they type or go online. For example, it will tell them if they type a comment which might be unkind.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

Glockenspiel Donation

A huge "thank you" to the PFA for using some of their funds to buy 30 glockenspiels for the primary section. They have been added to our instrument resources and are being used across primary in their music lessons, which are being taught by Mrs Morley through the Charanga Music Scheme.



Mrs Morley is a new member of staff who started at Parkfield School in March. She has already got lots of dance and drama competitions started and is working towards a production in the summer term. Watch this space!



Careers

As always there is a lot going on in careers. Headlines for this term include:

- Year 10 virtual Work Experience over the Easter break, with Year 11 to participate after the May half term. We are pleased to be working with Speakers for Schools who offer a range of work placements with a variety of dates for pupils to explore possible careers and next steps.
- The Careers and Enterprise Show will also be going virtual this year, with KS4 taking part in school on 20th May, and into the evening from home.
- Year 9 have an event with the British Army scheduled in the second half of Summer term

We will shortly be looking for budding entrepreneurs to take part in this year's Tenna Challenge. Over the course of four weeks, students will use £10 pledges to get their student business ideas off the ground. It's an interactive programme that helps students to develop key employability skills including creativity, resilience, and problem solving. Find out more with your child at <https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/>

Geography

Firstly, the Geography department would like to say a big well done for all the online learning that pupils coped with. I am delighted that so much Geography was enjoyed and learnt.

KS3 Geography will be continuing to follow and build on "Oak Academy" in lessons until the May half term. This seems the sensible idea not only because it is first class Geography, but if for any reason lessons are missed, these are easily followed at home. No reason to miss out on any of the great Geography learning.

KS4 continue to follow the AQA GCSE course. Year 10 are on track and making progress into their Human Geography paper. Year 11 are now sitting their assignments and coping well.

The big announcement from Geography is for current Years 8 & 9. We are in the preliminary stages of exploring the possibility of a field trip to Iceland in February 2023, when the pupils will be Years 10 & 11 respectively. Some of you will already be aware of the fantastic Icelandic trip

we ran in 2019, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Iceland is living Geography, covering much of our physical geography studies. It is impossible to price at this stage as numbers will affect this directly, however, you could keep £800 in mind as a ballpark estimate. Please discuss this with your child and register an initial interest with Miss Walton directly via l.walton@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk

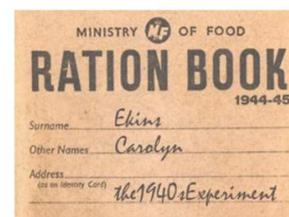
Please use the subject Iceland. If the trip appears viable, an initial evening will be run for questions and answers.

Year 6

Year 6 have been learning and researching about the cause and effect of the Second World War, significant events and people throughout. Alongside this, Year 6 have also developed their empathy for what it was like to be a child at the time. We have focused on The Blitz, The Battle of Britain, War Leaders, The Holocaust (following the guidelines: <https://www.ushmm.org/teach/fundamentals/guidelines-for-teaching-the-holocaust/>), songs from the time, Dig for Victory and Rationing.

As part of the Year 6 Design and Technology curriculum objective - Prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques - Year 6 used War Time recipes to bake goods that children might have eaten during WWII.

This has been a gripping project and Year 6 are looking forward to their next one: Revolution. Year 6 shall be learning about life in Victorian times. They shall develop their knowledge about Victorian culture, including inventions of the time and significant people such as Queen Victoria, Emmeline Pankhurst and William Morris. To add to this excitement, the children will also investigate whether fruit can light a bulb.



WWII Scotch Shortbread

Melt 4 oz margarine, add 8 oz plain flour and 2 oz sugar, mix well and knead until the mixture binds together. If it is a little dry crumble it again and add a splash of milk and knead. Put in an ungreased baking tin and press mixture down firmly so it is about 1/2 inch thick. Prick the surface and then cut into 10-12 portions.

Bake in centre of moderate oven for 30 + minutes.

Remove, sprinkle lightly with sugar



World Book Day at Parkfield School

On Thursday 4th March, it was World Book Day. Despite many children learning remotely because of the National Lockdown, all the children at Parkfield were still able to celebrate this special day. The children participated in various, exciting activities such as writing a shared story with their key stage, watching live events run by various famous authors, designing new National Book Tokens and guessing which teacher was behind the book in the Masked Reader PowerPoint! Some children also entered the school competitions to either dress up or make a potato into their favourite book character. There were some superb efforts by the children who entered these competitions.

We are pleased to announce that the winners are:

EYFS/KS1 Best Costume

Winner: Logan Brown (Reception)

KS2 Best Potato book character



Winner: Violet Christopher (Year 6) for The Princess Bride
Runner-up: Tobias Bonney (Year



6) for Timmy from Famous Five

Well done to all our winners. We were very impressed with your fantastic creativity!

Other charitable acts

We really pride ourselves here at Parkfield for going the extra mile, and doing something for others. With this in mind we are delighted to be able to say that at the end of December 2020, Parkfield School raised £271.95 for Save the Children by bringing in a £1 for Christmas Jumper Day. Following on from that on World Book Day we received £117 towards some new books for the Library. And finally, doing something funny for money for Red Nose day raised £190.

Educare

Remote learning meant plenty of screen time, even for those in Educare. However, we did manage to make use of the time before lessons for a bit of group reading. The text was *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo. Set during WW1, it gave a personal and cultural context to those times. We learnt new vocabulary (scallywag!) and about rural schooling (corporal punishment) and class divides (being at the mercy of the landowner). We also looked at a couple of powerful and emotive war poems. I hope, however, the main thing we learnt was that everyone's voice matters. I was immensely proud that, although many of the students were self-conscious, lacked confidence or had actively avoided reading out loud previously, every person overcame their personal inhibitions to read aloud at least once. I know it was hard for some, but I wanted to say 'thank you' to all of you, and PLEASE keep up the good work! Please encourage your children to read, and more importantly, read out loud. Reading is a gift for EVERYONE. – Mrs Kulaksiz

Whole School reminders

Staying safe over the Easter break:

As lockdown measures start to ease and the sun starts to show itself, we ask that you continue to follow the guidance and stay safe. We would ask that you continue to monitor the health of your children against the symptoms for COVID and let us know as soon as possible if there is a sickness.

Daily Health Check

Give me a thumbs up if all these statements are correct for you



I have not had a high temperature in the last 24 hours.



I have not had a regular cough in the last 24 hours.



My sense of taste and smell has been normal in the last 24 hours.



I have not been around anyone with these symptoms in the last 24 hours.



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Key Dates

April 2021

19 April	Return from Easter Break
26-30 April	Pop Up Rewards Week

May 2021

13 May	Numeracy Day
28 May	Break up for half term

June 2021

7 June	School resumes
9-15 June	Years 7/8/9 end of year exams
16-22 June	Year 10 end of year exams
18 June	GCSE Results entered
23 June	National writing day
30 June	Year 5 transition day

July 2021

1 July	Year 6 transition day
Fri 2 July	Inset Day
12-16 July	Activities Week/Sports Day
23 July	School ends for summer