



Dear All,

The Spring term seems to have whizzed by and we are soon heading into summer. As I look back to the message I wrote in December I talked of the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and it saddens me to now be referencing another humanitarian crisis, in the Ukraine. We are truly fortunate to have such an amazing community who shows such kindness to those around us, even when times are rather tough closer to home. Post pandemic we continue to be presented with many challenges which I feel we will continue to experience many years from now.

On another note, thank you to all parents and carers who attended the virtual consultation evenings over the last term. I have been extremely impressed with the large majority of our pupils and students across the school who have been making excellent progress.

Just before we broke up for half term we had our Quality Assurance visit by the Trust. We had four leaders and teachers from Trust and non-Trust schools visit us and work alongside our teaching staff to peer review the quality of what we are doing here at Parkfield. I am pleased to say that the team were very positive about what they saw and noted how welcoming and happy the school felt.

As always there are a few areas to continue to work on such as raising attendance of pupils to school, to continue to support teachers to develop their curriculum planning and to ensure we are consistent across the school in all that we do. However, we were really proud of everyone and the review recognised the hard work of all the staff across the team. We continue to work hard to provide the best quality of learning for all the young people in our care.

I hope that the two week Easter break brings some quality family time and a much needed rest for our students and some focused revision time for our year 11s. We wish them all "good luck" in their upcoming GCSEs.

Best wishes

Interim Principal

Lockdown Drill

On Thursday 17 February 2022 we successfully completed our first lockdown drill. Mr Wilson who led the drill was really proud of how well the students responded to this new process. Obviously, it was new and intriguing for some, and with any new process there are always teething problems. However, we have made a few tweaks to the process and we will aim to have another drill in the second half of the summer term once the GCSE exams have concluded.

Uniform

As you know, we are going to be moving to the NEW Parkfield School uniform for new Year 7s starting in September 2022.

The uniform will move to a skirt uniform and a trouser uniform, making them gender neutral. There will be grey trousers and a pleated, patterned skirt. Both uniforms will include the same school



blazer and a tie. From September 2022, students moving into year 9 will also move to the new uniform and financial support will be available through finance@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk should families need it. The transfer from old to new will take a couple of years to complete but we hope you agree, this is a welcome change. We are working with Stevensons and other providers to ensure that the uniform is affordable in line with the new government guidance. We will have the new uniform available to see at the school on Wednesday 29 June.

Parent survey results

Thank you to those parents who completed the parent survey back in January. We had just under 120 responses to the questions which have supported us to shape the school as we move towards 2022-23. We were very pleased with the fact that 81% of parents who completed the survey said that they would recommend the school to another parent. And we have indeed seen this over the



past month with the Year 6 into 7 admissions process. We are on track to be full in year 7 for 2022-23 which is excellent news. 71% of responders agreed that their child does well at Parkfield School. However, we understand many parents' frustrations around communication with the school and we are working hard to be more effective at this and I hope you have seen a more positive shift on this front. We continue to strive to do better. If you didn't respond to the survey this year, do look out for it in January 2023.

School Website

The school website went through a metamorphosis back in August of 2021. With communication being a key stumbling block we have tried to ensure that the website caters for both new and existing parents.

<https://parkfieldschool.org/>

The term dates are all available and the calendar is now being populated for you to see. You can find useful information regarding our curriculum design as well as support for attendance and safeguarding at home.

Careers

Year 10 have had a busy time over the past term. All students attended the Careers and Apprenticeship show at the BIC in March, where they had the opportunity to learn about careers, apprenticeships, training and job routes. Approximately 100 employers and providers were in attendance on the day from different sector areas, all are passionate about inspiring young people for their future careers. Our pupils had a highly successful morning and were an absolute credit to Parkfield School.



Spotlight on Governance

Introducing you this term to Emma O'Callaghan who is our newest governor to join the team. Emma writes about experience to date. Thanks Emma, welcome to the team.

"I became Chair of Parkfield School PFA just two months after my daughter started in Reception - after Covid, that two years feels like a lifetime ago.

I have a passion for education and a commitment to furthering the life chances of all of the young people at Parkfield School, so for me it was an obvious choice to become a Parent Governor. My initial role gave me an insight into Parkfield School and the school community as a whole and I feel honoured that I am now also able to contribute to the work of the governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction - amongst other things.

When I became a governor I also realised how great a professional development opportunity it was. I can see that I will be able to develop a range of different skills and gain experience I wouldn't have otherwise from my own role. I feel like I will be able to make a positive impact in my local community. My favourite part of the role is going into school and seeing the impact of things we're doing. You can see how decisions we make are improving the students' experience. It's been really eye-opening. Making a strategic decision might not always feel like the right one, but when you see the way it's having an impact, you understand the reasoning behind it."

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

Mrs Emma O'Callaghan – Parent Governor

Defibrillator

We are delighted to be the first Reach South Trust school to have an AED, or automated external defibrillator on school site. This is a specific device that can be used for both children and adults which is great as we are starting to let out our facilities in the evenings to more and more clubs.



Geography

The Year 10 GCSE Geography students have been working together in class with Jennie Savage of Fera Urbanisation on their ideas to help redesign Bournemouth Town Centre. In March a small group of our Year 10 Geographers attended the launch of BCP Future Lab town planning project in the new Bobbies department store in the town centre. They were able to see their work displayed and meet the team of urban planners and graphic designers from the project. I am pleased to announce the school now features in the book of the project, "Future Stories", the result of an eight month co-creative research project on our urban centres as they emerge back into public life, post pandemic, and what our future generations want to see.

Miss Walton

PE Roundup

Throughout the spring term students have participated in several events such as Athletics, Football, Futsal, Netball, Cricket and Tennis. The students have conducted themselves fantastically throughout the events and have participated with great pride and maturity. They supported each other to improve upon their skills within each sport.

Year 5 and 6 have continued to have the opportunity to participate in an after school club with BRS and again have conducted themselves well throughout the weeks. Year 4 and 6 have had the opportunity to gain level 1 (Year 4) and level 2 (Year 6) in the bikeability course. This qualification will aid them when using their bike to travel.

The PE team have been impressed with all students that have participated in sporting events and curriculum opportunities. Well done all that have been involved.

Performing Arts Roundup

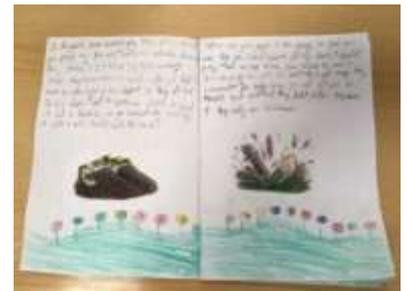
This term has seen the start-up of Lunchtime clubs for Drama (Mondays) and Music (Tuesdays) alongside Reach Dance Company on Mondays after school and Primary dance club on Wednesday lunch times. Each group has been working on performances that we hope to showcase next term.

On Friday 11th March we had Holly Miller come into school to deliver a workshop to the year 9 BTEC performing Arts students. Holly is a working puppeteer and puppet maker who showed our students how to bring a range of puppets to life as well as showing them how to make their own puppets. The workshop was enjoyable for everyone and will prepare the students for the BTEC course that they will start in September.

World Book Day at Parkfield School

What a fabulous World Book Day we had on Thursday 3 March. We raised £106 through the primary school donations and I think you'll agree; Mr Wilson our site manager really was Incredible!

We also had a scholastic book fair running the same week as World Book day and we sold over £570 worth of books which generated £230 for the school to spend. Thanks to everyone who bought a book.



The secondary students joined in through their enjoyment of a Roald Dahl short story called "the way up to Heaven". A section was read during each lesson throughout the day so that the students were able to enjoy the suspense of this short story.





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Navigator

We are delighted to be part of the Wave 2 rollout of the new Team Around the School (TAS) initiative which involves schools being provided with a Navigator. Please can we introduce you to Jenni Robertson, Parkfield's Navigator.



"My name is Jenni and I am the new Navigator for Parkfield School. My background is early years but I have experience of working in schools, with children who have SEND, working with parents, within social care teams and youth services.

I have recently joined the Brighter Futures Team as part of the Team Around the School but I have worked for the local authority since 2011.

I am really looking forward to working with Parkfield School moving forward and supporting you all to strive for the best possible outcomes for your children, young people and families."

Look out for more details about Jenni and the sessions she is offering on our school website and Facebook page.

Other charitable acts

This term saw the first ever secondary school disco for years 7 and 8. We were delighted to have Outer Limits Discos running the event with great music and amazing foam! We even had a dinosaur turn up! And better still, we raised over £150.



Comic Relief was another great day in school where children were invited to accessorise their uniform with something red and/or white. Across the school we raised a whopping £371.21. Miss Wilcox had arranged to have the comic relief "merch" on site and we sold over £240 worth of noses! With the disco and the cake sale on Red Nose Day we were able to donate £242.64 to the Disasters Emergency

Committee for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. An absolutely amazing effort.

Whole School reminders

Parking

The airport has asked us to request that parents and carers don't park on the airport road when they are coming to pick up or drop off their child/children. This is causing the airport road to become congested and as the airport returns to full operation it is becoming a tension between the school and the airport. Thank you for your co-operation with this. We appreciate that there are pinch points in the school day but we do everything we can to alleviate this and limited to only a short period of time.

Drop Off

For safeguarding reasons, please can we ask that children are not dropped off before 8.20am in the morning. There are times when students are waiting unattended outside the front of the school from before 8am. We appreciate your support with this.

Living with Covid

The Department of Education update from 1 April stated the following:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious.



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Key Dates

April 2022

25 April	Return from Easter Break
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May 2022

02 May	Bank Holiday
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03-13 May	Final Year 11 mocks – in class Start of GCSE exams
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09-12 May	Year 6 SATs week
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13 May	Year 6 Beach Trip
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16-18 May	Year 3 & 4 Hooke Court Trip
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18 May	Year 5 & 6 Winchester Science Centre
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20 May	PFA Primary Disco
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27 May	Break up for half term Jubilee Lunch for all pupils
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June 2022

06 June	School resumes
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06–10 June	Year 10 end of year exams
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13-17 June	Years 7/8/9 end of year exams
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13-17 June	Year 10 Work Experience
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23 June	Year 11 Prom
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29 June	KS1 Sports Day Year 6-7 transition parents' evening
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30 June	KS2 Sports Day Year 5 transition information evening
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July 2022

01 July	Year 6 transition day
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05 July	Inset Day
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04-08 July	Year 6 PGL trip Activities Week
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15 July	PFA Summer Fayre 2.15 – 6pm
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20 July	School ends for summer for all students @ 1215
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21 July	Inset Day
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22 July	Day off in lieu Jubilee Bank Holiday
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