



NEWSLETTER

'Park House School is transformational for pupils who attend it'
Ofsted March 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Welcome to our Autumn term newsletter. What a wonderful and productive term it has been! We returned to a thriving polytunnel, overflowing with tomatoes, salads, and pumpkins just in time for Halloween. This set the tone for a term filled with growth and exploration.

Students launched straight into an engaging project exploring global explorers and then critical topic of climate change and its wider impacts.

Alongside this, exams took place, with many students achieving great success.

Physical Education has been a highlight, with the introduction of the Youth Sport Trust's PELSA (PE Life Skills Award). This program teaches invaluable life skills such as resilience, collaboration, and independence. By incorporating these lessons into the PE curriculum, we aim to inspire and empower our students to excel in all areas of their lives.

Here's to continued progress and success as we look forward to the next term.

Park House staff wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we'll see you in January.
(Please note the Inset day below)

Sally

New member of Staff

We welcome in Hannah to our staff as a new HLTA.



And goodbye to Sarah who we wish well in her retirement



We will all miss Sarah who has been a huge support to Park House- organising AOA awards, delivering maths interventions and being Park House's general organiser of birthdays and festivities



School Attendance Autumn
97.6%

What else has been happening?

Fyne Court
Jack took a trip to Fyne court to investigate autumnal wildlife linked to his science work.

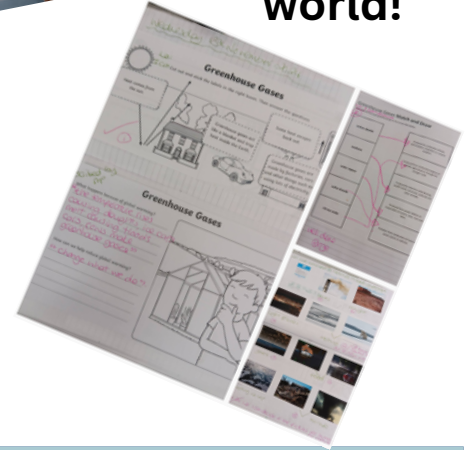


Project Work

This has included researching 'toilets of the world!'



Autumn 2 Climate change



Exams

A big congratulation to Kane, Leilan, Brooklyn, Ben, Aaron and Eli who all sat exams this term. Lots of hard work was put in by all to achieve this. Well done!



Archie and his team spent nearly two hours cleaning and valeting the school car and bringing it back to show room condition! A fantastic effort from Archie who earned three AQ unit awards in the process

Sporting Success!

Boxing with Maddy



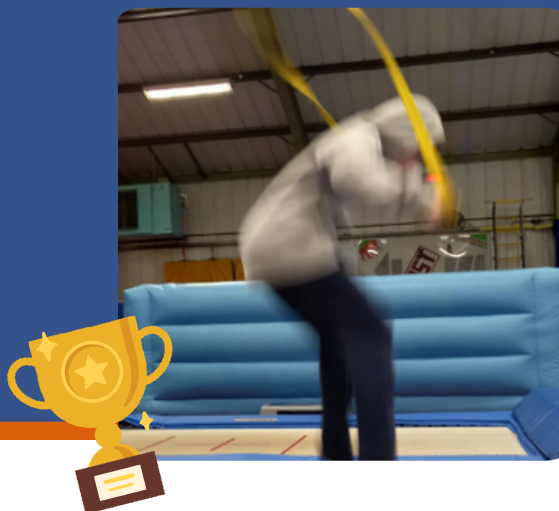
Swimming at Holly Farm

2024 has seen the introduction to regular swimming sessions at Holly Farm Community pool. It has been a wonderful success with weekly lessons and fun sessions for a number of our students



Trampolining

Congratulations to Jack who has completed both his Level 4 and 5 trampolining awards this term.



PE Sessions



Trip to Wells



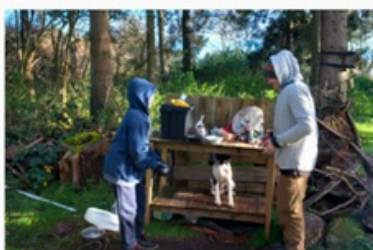
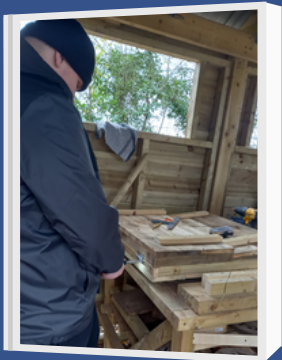
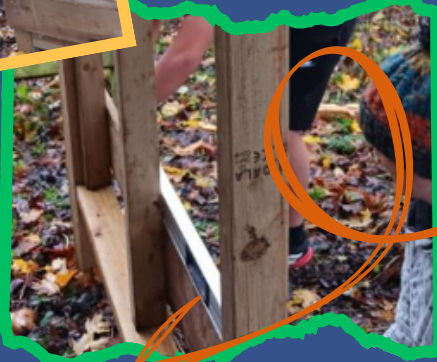
Jaydon visited Wells Cathedral, following on from our previous visits and work on Muchelney Abbey and local churches. It was great to compare these places. Jaydon took part in a guided tour and the guide gave him a back pack with items which were used at various points along the tour.

Jaydon was polite and respectful throughout the day and was a credit to Park House School

ZAK STAYED LOCAL WITH A TRIP TO TAUNTON MUSEUM TO FINISH OFF HIS LOCAL HISTORY TOPIC.



FOREST SCHOOL



This term at Forest School our students have been completing a whole variety of tasks. Our main objective was to improve our shelter to make of Forest School a little more comfy in the colder months, so students have been adding cladding to two side of the shelter. We have cooked lots of different things over the fire including cinnamon swirls, pain au chocolate, chocolate brownies and one student has been mastering our own version of chicken noodle soup – adding new vegetables to the recipe, along with some freshly cooked bread rolls.

Several students have undertaken some woodworking projects – creating Christmas trees from scrap wood and one making a dart board case from some left over wood from another project.

LIFE SKILLS

BICTON COLLEGE- CAREERS DAY



Mac's Bicton college trip
Mac spent the morning looking around the Equine section of Bicton College, meeting the team and the horses as well as the yard cat! Followed by a riding and lunging demonstration. This has given Mac a clearer idea on what he might want to do after Park House.

Dress Up Thursday and Happy Friday give opportunities for students and staff to have a more creative way to start the day!



SAFEGUARDING NEWS

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Teen Accounts Introduced to Instagram

Instagram has introduced 'Teen Accounts' to provide more protections for users aged 13 to 15, offering parents increased oversight of their social media

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 25 October 2024 (39 days)	
Term 2: 04 November – 20 December 2024 (35 days)	
Term 3: 06 January – 14 February 2025 (30 days)	
Term 4: 24 February – 04 April 2025 (30 days)	
Term 5: 22 April – 23 May 2025 (23 days)	
Term 6: 02 June – 23 July 2025 (38 days)	TOTAL = 195

School Inset Day
Monday
6th January