



Kirkburton Middle School

Parents Bulletin – 25.01.2024

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and have settled well into 2024 so far!

It has been a busy start to the new term with lots of activities and success for our pupils and we look forward to seeing what the rest of the term brings. Please let us know if your child has any out of school achievements that you wish to share along with any photos, and we will put out a special mention for them in school, on the bulletin, and on our social media*.

STEM Roadshow

On 12th January we had the pleasure of hosting the STEM Roadshow which is part of the BAE Systems Education Programme and delivered in partnership with the RAF and the Royal Navy.

Our Year 7 pupils were taught about electricity; what electricity is and how this can be generated through renewable and non-renewable sources. Everyone involved commented on how well behaved and enthusiastic the pupils were and it was a great start to their 2024 tour.

British Science Week – 11th-15th March



This year's British Science Week theme is Time!

It's the 30th anniversary of British Science Week and we would like to invite people in to school to celebrate this milestone with us. We are looking for people to engage with our pupils in thinking about how science has changed over time, how your careers have developed or anything science related. You might also be help us look to the future and show us where science may go!

If you or someone you know has/had a career in science and would like to come and do a talk or run a workshop for our pupils, we would love to hear from you. Please email Miss LeGray-Wise (zlegraywise@themast.co.uk).

Sports Updates



U13 Boys Indoor West Yorkshire Qualifying Round. On Wednesday 10th January 2024, the KMS U13 Boys cricket team took part in an indoor tournament at West Yorkshire level. They played matches against Holmfirth High School, King James High School and Kettlethorpe High School. They won two out of the three matches and only lost to Holmfirth by 1 run. This means they have successfully progressed through to the next round which will be played the first week back after half term. A big well done to all of the players who played some fantastic cricket and good luck in the next round.



Year 6 Kirklees Cross Country Final. Well done to the three girls and five boys who progressed through to the Kirklees Cross Country Final. This took place on Thursday 11th January 2024 at Leeds Rd playing fields. All did extremely well and the boys KMS team won the event, they will now progress to the West Yorkshire School Games Final at Temple Newsome on Thursday 22nd February 2024. A special mention to Henry M 6B who won the race overall and to Ben W 6E for an impressive 13th place finish. Good luck in the next round.



Success for Jack H 8B. He swam in the Sunderland meet this weekend, which was a grade 1 event against the best swimmers in the North East of England.

He got a gold medal in 50m butterfly, beating the current North Eastern Counties champion, and a bronze medal in 100m backstroke. Jack ranked 9th in the UK at this event.

He will be competing in Yorkshire Championships and North Eastern Counties competitions over the next couple of months. Good luck Jack!

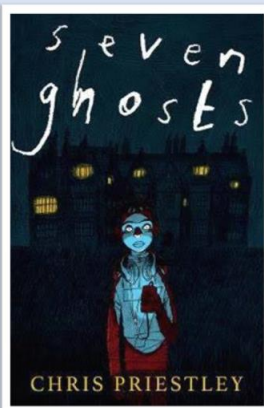
Kirkburton Library Visits & School Library

We are thrilled to share that our Year 6 pupils have embarked on a series of engaging trips to our local library! These outings have proven to be a resounding success, providing our pupils with valuable opportunities to explore the world of literature and enhance their love for reading. Each Year 6 form will participate in visits to the library weekly, we began with 6A on Tuesday, 16th January. We look forward to more enriching experiences as they continue this educational journey at the library.

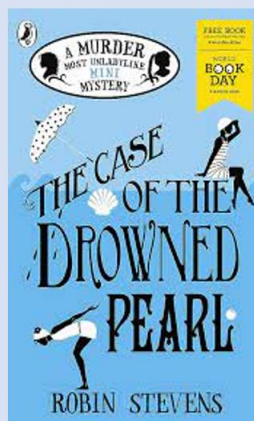


We are extremely excited that our school library has been open a few months now with a range of fantastic books in various genres. Our library is open during lunchtimes for pupils to use at their pleasure. Below are some of our current recommended reads on display in the library!

RECOMMENDED READS



Jake and the other finalists in a story-writing competition have been invited to a stately home for a tour like no other. As their guide leads them through grand rooms, hidden nooks and magnificent grounds, they are about to hear the stories of seven ghosts who haunt these walls.



While on a seaside holiday with their friends George and Alexander, the Detective Society discover the body of famous swimmer Antonia Braithwaite - nicknamed The Pearl - on the beach. Everyone presumes that she drowned accidentally - but how could such a famous swimmer have struggled to swim?

The Brunswick Centre

The Brunswick Centre are running a learning programme for parents/carers of transgender and gender-questioning young people next month and have asked me to share the following.

The programme will be a free 6-week course designed to give parents/carers of trans and gender questioning children the knowledge, tools, and confidence to best support their kids. We will be covering everything from words and what it all means to pronouns, from transitioning to their child's rights in school. The course will be an informal and welcoming space for them to learn alongside other parents and ask any questions they may have.

It will run Monday evenings in a central location in Huddersfield for 6 weeks from Monday 5 February 2024.

To find out more and book a place, parents/carers can visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/learn-together-for-parentscarers-of-trans-and-gender-questioning-children-tickets-790076880217?aff=oddtcreator> or if you have questions, feel free to email on training@thebrunswickcentre.org.uk

LEARN-TOGETHER GROUPS
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF TRANS AND GENDER QUESTIONING CHILDREN

A 6-week course designed to give you the confidence and knowledge to best support your child.

WHO WE ARE

- The Brunswick Centre is a charity with 30 years experience working with the communities of Kirklees and Calderdale.
- We support LGBTQ+ young people up to age 25. We offer specific support to trans young people, their families and their schools.
- All of our training is based in our expert knowledge and experience

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COURSE OUTLINE

The learning group sessions will be held February 2024 at a location in Hudds. Details will be shared once a sign-up form has been completed.

We will cover everything from words and what it all means, to pronouns; from transitioning to your child's rights in school.

The group will be a safe space to learn alongside other parents and carers who are on the same journey, and where you can get answers to any questions you have.

There will also be an opportunity to join regular parent/carer meet-ups facilitated by The Brunswick Centre.

For more information or to book on:

- training@thebrunswickcentre.org.uk
- 01422 341764 | 01484 469691

Attendance

For all attendance issues including absences, medical appointments, and reasons for being late or out of school, could you please email Kirkburtonattendance@themast.co.uk. This will go straight through to our Attendance Officer who can ensure all records are up to date.

Useful Contacts

Thriving Kirklees

Healthcare advice, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Support, Healthcare Signposting
www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk
0300 304 5555

Kirklees Children's Services

Safeguarding Services and Duty and Advice
www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk
01484 456848

Childline

<http://www.childline.org.uk>
0800 1111

Northorpe Hall – Kirklees

Children's mental and emotional health service
<http://www.northorpehall.co.uk>
01924 492183

Thriving Kirklees – Chathealth

Text message services for young people – direct link to School Nurse
07520618866

NSPCC

Support for Parents and Children
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
Parents/carers – 0808 800 5000
Children – Via Childline 0800 11 11