



Kirkburton Middle School

Parent Bulletin

Autumn Term 24

It has been an amazing start to the 2024/25 year so far. Our new Year 6 pupils have settled in fantastically and our Year 7 and 8 pupils have proven to be outstanding role models.

We have already started making our way through the calendar of events and there are many things to look forward to this year. We look forward to sharing all of the details with you and celebrating the wide array of achievements from our wonderful pupils.

Important Dates

Here is a look at the notable events coming up over the coming weeks:

- 10th Oct - Open Evening 5pm to 7pm.
- 15th Oct - Y6 settling in evening.
- 25th Oct – School closes at 3:35 for half term
- 19th Nov – Year 6 NCP height & weight screening
- 21st Nov – Flu vaccinations
- **29th Nov – Inset Day**
- 4th Nov – School reopens for all pupils

Autumn Term Curriculum Maps

Take a look at some of the wonderful things your children will be exploring in each subject this term on our website.

We will endeavour to update you each term with the curriculum map for each year group. These will be uploaded to the school website and can be found at the bottom of the page [Curriculum Overview | Kirkburton Middle School](#).



Macmillan Coffee Morning



On Friday 27th September we held our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see so many pupils and parents bringing in their delicious bakes for us to sell and raise money for an amazing cause.



A special thank you goes out to Olivia D, Stanley S, Sienna-Rose R, Olivia H & Mimi B and our wonderful staff for their help with the sale and clean-up process and of course to all of you that attended and donated.

In total we raised £354.73!





Sports News

Netball: Year 7 and 8: Both teams played away at Holmfirth High School on Wednesday 9th October 2024. Year 8 won 16-1 and were outstanding, a very strong performance against a good opposition. Year 7 lost 5-1 but held the game to 1-0 then 1-1 until the last quarter. It is not easy to play Holmfirth in the first ever Kirklees league match and they showed some real potential to do well in the league this year.

Kirklees representative honors: A massive well done to the following girls who, after attending Kirklees netball trials on Monday 16th September, were selected to represent their district in netball;

Amelia B, Lucy D, Scarlett S, Poppy M, Grata N, Eliza O

KS2 Cross Country: Congratulations to all the runners who represented KMS at the Cross Country Event at Newsome on Monday 7th October. The results are in, and the boys A team (first 5 KMS runners) came 1st and the boys B team (next 5 KMS runners) came 3rd! The girls A team came 2nd! All of these teams are now through to the Kirklees Final on Tuesday 19th November 2024

Boys A	Boys B	Girls A
Zac Y	Jacob H	Beatrix E
Hugo A	Daniel B	Charlotte J
Samson H	William A M	Imogen M
Jacob P	Isaac P	Evie B
Josh S	Zander W	Esme H

Extra-Curricular Timetable: It has been wonderful to see so many pupils taking part at lunchtime and/ or after school in our KMS PE clubs. The timetable will remain the same for the August 2 term. Pupils are encouraged to turn up and play at lunchtime clubs, they do not need to sign up. If they are already signed up for after school clubs such as Football, Netball and Dance, they will continue to be on the register. New pupils may join after school clubs by collecting and returning the relevant letter from the school office with a signature to show parental permission to stay after school.

Girls Football: U11: We had two teams representing KMS at a SPIN partnership Football Tournament on Monday 14th October. Both teams played a variety of 6 a side matches and played some excellent football. The red team won all of their group matches apart from 1 which they lost 1-0 to Hillside. This put them in the runners up final which they drew and so were joint 3rd overall. Hillside went on to win the tournament. There will be more Kirklees league matches to follow throughout the football season.



The Year 7 boys have enjoyed an excellent start to our football season. On our league opener Wednesday 18th September, we beat Holmfirth 5-0 with some brilliant goals but a whole round excellent team performance. Then on the road again we faced our neighbours in Scissett Middle the following week. We managed to win the bragging rights in this contest coming away with a 3-1 victory that could have been more due to some good saves from the Scissett goalie. Our first home game was in the cup against a very strong All Saints team. This was a brilliant battle to spectate with both teams playing some brilliant football. At full time the score was 1-1 which meant a penalty shootout would settle the tie. However despite a great save from our goalkeeper we were narrowly beaten. Our latest match was a goal thriller away at Newsome that finally ended in a 7-5 defeat however the boys played unbelievably well. Overall a great start from the Year 7 boys and we as school are very proud of everyone who has represented the team!!

U11 boys football: Year 6 have had two 3-team tournaments this half-term: On Thursday 3rd October we hosted Scissett Middle School and Lindley Junior School, winning both games 2-0 and 1-0 respectively, both of which were strong performances against two good teams. On Thursday 10th October, along with Brockholes Junior School, we travelled to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School. The boys were the better team against OLoL but unfortunately couldn't take their chances and lost 1-0. The second game saw us dominate from start to finish and we ran out 5-0



Performance from Joel Foster

Year 7 & 8 pupils were lucky enough to enjoy a musical performance from Joel Foster. Joel starred on the first season of 'The Voice Kids UK' 2017. It was then when Joel realised he wanted to show the world his music. From starting to play piano at the age of 3, he knew music was what he was destined to do. Through his teenage years, he began to play weddings with his elder brother and now has over 250 gigs under his belt at the young age of 20.

The pupils had a great time and feedback from Joel was that KMS was a fantastic school with great engagement from the pupils.

If your child enjoyed Joel's performance then tickets are currently on sale for his Manchester show on 5th December 🎤 🎤





Booth House News

Congratulations to Sky-la A 6AS for achieving 1st place in championships at her horse riding club. Well done!

Arthur T, Henry S and Evan B, in 6LM, were very brave and courageous recently. They all entered a cage, inside a fish tank that contained lots of different fish - including sharks. Well done!

Moxon House News

A shoutout to Noah S leading the charge for Y6s in total achievement points, Harry G for Y7s and Evie R for Y8s. Keep up the good work.

A big well done to Hugo A for continuing his progress at Barnsley Football Academy and Finley P for completing 250 park runs.

We have had lots of exciting things going on off this half term and want to say a massive thank you to all our Moxon Student leaders for helping out with these events.

Carter House News

What an amazing first half term we have had! Carter House students have continued to work hard and to show our KMS qualities. Particular praise must be given to 6SEC who haven't received a single behaviour point as a form in the whole of the half term! Well done 6SEC!! Further congratulations go to 6HR who as a form have achieved the most points in Carter House this half term.

Thank you to all the Y8 leaders who have given up their lunch times in their roles as pupil leaders and to those pupils across the Year groups who represented Carter House and school so well at our recent Open Evening.

Board games/puzzles

As we move into the colder, wetter months, any donations of unwanted board games or puzzles for use at wet breaks would be much appreciated. Please bring to Mrs Hallas in C3.

Have a wonderful half term break!



500 Word Story Competition

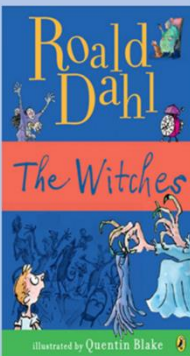
We are thrilled to announce the BBC's renowned 500-Word Competition! This is an incredible opportunity for young writers to unleash their creativity and showcase their storytelling talents. Open to children aged 5 to 11, this competition encourages participants to craft an original piece of fiction in just 500 words. Whether it's a magical adventure, a gripping mystery, or a heartfelt tale, the sky's the limit!

Submissions can be made through the BBC Radio 2 website, and the deadline for entries is rapidly approaching, so don't delay! Not only is this a chance to have your work recognised by some of the best in the industry, but winners will also receive fantastic prizes and the opportunity to see their stories brought to life.

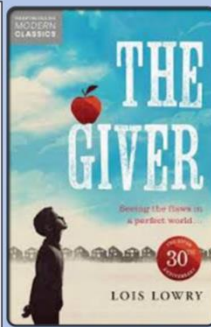
Encourage your budding authors to take part—let's see some amazing stories from our talented students! More information can be found in the following link:

[Information page: 500 Words 2024 - BBC Teach](#)

RECOMMENDED READS



This is not a fairy-tale. This is about *real witches*. Real witches don't ride around on broomsticks. They don't even wear black cloaks and hats. They are vile, cunning, detestable creatures who disguise themselves as nice, ordinary ladies. So how can you tell when you're face to face with one? Well, if you don't know yet you'd better find out quickly—because there's nothing a witch loathes quite as much as **children** and she'll wield all kinds of terrifying powers to get rid of them.



It is the future. There is no war, no hunger, no pain. No one in the community wants for anything. Everything needed is provided. And at twelve years old, each member of the community has their profession carefully chosen for them by the Committee of Elders. Twelve-year old Jonas has never thought there was anything wrong with his world. But from the moment he is selected as the Receiver of Memory, Jonas discovers that their community is not as perfect as it seems.

AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY!

Library Success

We are thrilled to report that our school library has enjoyed a remarkably successful first half term! Students have eagerly embraced the opportunity to explore the vast selection of books, resources, and quiet study spaces available.

From avid readers diving into captivating novels to budding researchers utilising our extensive non-fiction

collection, the library has become a vibrant hub of learning and creativity. The enthusiasm has been infectious, with many students participating in our reading challenges and book clubs, fostering a true love for literature.

Additionally, the feedback from both students and teachers has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing their appreciation for the tranquil environment that encourages focus and academic growth. We look forward to even more engagement in the coming months and are excited to unveil new initiatives and events that will promote reading and enhance our students' educational experience. Thank you for your continued support of the library!



Black History Month

KMS History Club have presented their own assembly for Black History Month to Booth, Carter and Moxon House this week. History Club have looked closely at this year's theme - Reclaiming Narratives - and have researched Black people from history with stories that are not very well known. They have done a super job! Watch out also for the winners of our Black History Month poster competition who will be revealed after half term!



Music News

On Friday 18th October, our orchestral strings players, Evan B, Lyla BH, Amelia D, Evie S and Isaac S enjoyed an inspirational day of workshops with the Benedetti Foundation at Dewsbury Town Hall. Thank you to Musica Kirklees for organising this fantastic event.

