



Kirkburton Middle School

End of Year Parents Bulletin

As we draw to a close on another wonderful year at KMS, we would like to share some of our most recent goings on and celebrate some fantastic achievements.



Author Visit

We are thrilled to share the excitement from our recent author visit by the talented Conrad Burdekin! Our Year 6 and Year 8 pupils had the wonderful opportunity to engage with Conrad as he delivered two captivating workshops designed to inspire their creativity and storytelling skills.

Throughout the sessions, students participated in immersive storytelling exercises and had the chance to craft their very own unique narratives, drawing inspiration from legendary tales associated with the enchanting area of Filey. The enthusiasm displayed by the children was palpable, as they excitedly collaborated, brainstormed, and shared their ideas.

From fearsome dragons to brave adventurers, the stories they created were nothing short of thrilling! It was a joy to witness our pupils' imaginations come alive, and it is clear that the influence of such encounters can spark a lifelong love for reading and writing. We are immensely grateful to Conrad Burdekin for igniting this passion and for leaving our students eager to continue their literary journeys. We look forward to more such enriching experiences!



Sports Updates



Congratulations to the Year 6 Girls Cricket team who came third in West Yorkshire! They won all three of their group stage matches and went on to play a very strong Parkinson Lane school in the semi final. They lost this match and so played off for 3rd place against Asckworth School. They won this match 93-36 and so came 3rd overall!

It has been a busy and successful term for our U11 boys' and girls' cricket teams. After both teams successfully made it past the Kirklees finals stages of the Dynamos competition before half-term, they then competed in the West Yorkshire finals and then the Yorkshire finals, both at Hunslet Nelson CC.

The boys' round was on Monday 30th June, and in extremely warm conditions, they performed brilliantly. They won all of their group games against Birkby, Walsden and Staincliffe, before defeating Kirkheaton in the semi-final in a close contest. This took them to the final where they met Rainbow, beating them convincingly by nearly 60 runs to progress to the Yorkshire finals.

This was played on Monday 30th June and saw us placed in a very competitive group against Hallam, Saltburn, Kirkheaton, Pannal and Stamford Bridge. The boys won 3/5 of their group games, meaning they made it through to the final against Dore only on runs scored. The final was of an exceptionally high standard, with neither team losing a wicket when it was their turn to bat. KMS batted first and found themselves 1 run behind with 1 ball remaining; a wicket would've seen them crowned Yorkshire champions but unfortunately, we fell agonisingly short. Despite this, the boys can be extremely proud of themselves and deserve a lot of credit for getting so far.

The girls' Yorkshire final was played on Tuesday 1st July, again at Hunslet Nelson CC. KMS won their first group game against Copley, demonstrating some excellent batting and fielding skills, but like the boys, faced some tough opponents in Dobcroft, Whinneybanks, Parkinson Lane and Pannal, and despite their best efforts, didn't make it out of their group and into the final. However, the girls performed admirably throughout the day, showing tremendous teamwork and such a positive attitude. Well done girls!

Roman Workshop

Earlier this month, pupils got the chance to find out more about the Roman Army - their uniform, the weapons and battle tactics - in a fun and engaging way. Pupils loved dressing up and testing out various Roman formations against the Barbarians and their spears (well, foam balls!).



Summer Serenade

Our new pupils joining us on transition this past week enjoyed a sneak peek at what musical offerings we have at KMS. Pupils that took part in Beauty and the Beast earlier this year, along with Mrs Simons and Ms Austin put on a Summer Serenade and had everyone singing along with some well known songs. We look forward to seeing some new faces joining in with next years performances.



History Club



Pupils in History club have been creating dioramas. They each picked a time in history and created their own scene using shoe boxes.



Guinness world record achievement

It's official! Kirkburton Middle School (& Jamie Oliver) have broken a very complicated Guinness World Record!! Earlier this month we joined the celebrity chef and other schools for the world's biggest cooking lesson via Zoom.

Here's the impressive figures that came out of the successful world record attempt:

- 10,515 bowls of pasta made
- 31,545 tomatoes chopped
- 10,515 eggs cracked
- 5,257 garlic cloves chopped
- 21,030 hands washed
- 42 countries cooking together simultaneously



Jamie was absolutely elated and said 'We did it! I'm absolutely delighted that we've broken the Guinness World Records title for the largest cookery lesson (multiple venues) ever. It just goes to show what an impact we can have when we come together to celebrate the joy of learning how to cook. We couldn't have done it without everyone who joined the class – so thank you, each and every one of you, and cheers to us!'



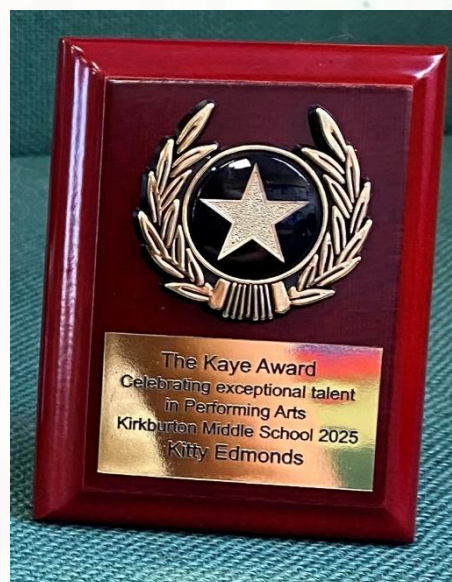
The Kaye Award

The Kaye award is a new award, to be presented to a Year 8 pupil, which has been gifted by our retired music teacher of 32 years, Miss Kaye, to celebrate exceptional talent in Performing Arts... whether it be music, dance, drama, musical theatre.

The pupil who the award went to this year had been in Kirkburton Drama Academy for 3 years and performed in all our school shows, sang at Miss Kaye's farewell concert and most recently took the leading role as Belle in this year's production of, 'Beauty and the Beast'.

We are proud to announce that the recipient of The Kaye Award for 2025 went to...

Kitty Edmonds!



Year 8 leavers

Our Year 8 class of 2025 gave us the best leaving assembly full of musical performances, heartfelt and extremely well delivered leaving speeches and lots of joy. This then led to a fun filled BBQ afternoon with football matches, rounders and shirt signing. The sun shone bright all afternoon and it was an enjoyable time for all involved. We wish all of our Year 8 pupils the best of luck in their new settings.



House cup winners 2025

Our final announcement for the 2024/2025 school year is the winners of this year's house cup.

Thank you to all the pupils who have participated in events and competitions to earn points for their house.

In 3rd place with 39 points we have **BOOTH HOUSE**

In 2nd place with 41 points we have **MOXON HOUSE**

In 1st place and this years cup winners, with 47 points we have **CARTER HOUSE**

Congratulations to all of you in Carter House.

Who will be the winner next year?

Staff Changes

This summer we say goodbye to Mrs Price who is retiring from teaching after giving 41 years of service to the profession, 19 of these at KMS. Mrs Smith will also be retiring this summer. We also say goodbye to Mr Clarke, Mr Cole, Miss Keane and Mrs Merrick who will all be leaving KMS for pastures new. I'm sure everybody would like to join me in thanking all our departing colleagues for their wonderful work and in wishing them all the very best for the future.

In September we will be delighted to welcome the following new colleagues to our school:

- Mr Agus – Inclusion hub lead
- Mrs Boyle – Inclusion officer
- Mrs Fox – Teacher of English
- Miss Morgan – Teacher of English

We are also delighted to announce the following appointments to our senior leadership team from September:

- Mrs Hallas: Associate senior leader, Vulnerable pupils and whole school attendance lead
- Mrs Joyce: Associate senior leader, Enrichment, wellbeing, wider pupil experiences
- Mrs Leydon: Associate senior Leader, Pupil leadership and rewards

I'm sure parents would like to join us in wishing all colleagues well as they take up their new leadership positions focusing on key school improvement priorities and new developments.

Start of the Autumn Term

A reminder we will once again be running a staggered start to our autumn term as follows –

Monday 1st September – Teacher training day

Tuesday 2nd September – Year 6 pupils only

Wednesday 3rd September – Year 7 and 8 return.

We ask that pupils arrive on site no later than 8.50am each day so they can be sat in their seats ready for the start of the school day at 8.55am. Pupils who arrive after 8.55am will receive a late mark.

Appointments & Attendance

Could we please remind parents to let the Office know of any appointments with as much notice as possible. If your child needs to leave part way through the day, we can arrange for them to be at the office at the time you have requested to make the sign out process as smooth as possible. For all attendance issues including absences, medical appointments, and reasons for being late or out of school, could you please email. This will go straight through to our Attendance Officer who can ensure all records are up to date.

Thank you.

Useful Contacts

Kirklees Children's Services

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

Childline

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

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