



Kirkburton Middle School

Parent Bulletin

Important Dates

Here is a look at the notable events coming up when we return after the holidays:

- 22nd April – Y7 Parents Evening (face to face)
- 28th April - Y7 Parents Evening (Virtual)
- 12-15th May – Y6 SATs
- 20-22nd May – Beauty and the Beast show

Summer Term Curriculum Maps

Take a look at some of the wonderful things your children will be exploring in each subject next 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](#).



Battle of the Bands 2025

Wednesday 2nd April saw the live final of the annual Scissett & Kirkburton Middle Schools Battle of the Bands.

13 superb acts had made it through the semi-final stage to the live final and the quality of performance was absolutely superb.

Playing a mix of covers and original compositions, every band showed great confidence and musicality and got the audience singing and clapping along.



A huge thank you to our panel of expert judges, Mr Crone, Dan O'Flanagan and the band The First Ones (ex-middle school students themselves, who played a fantastic set at the end of the evening).

The overall winners, Hyperheads, have won a half day recording studio session and we will be sure to share the studio recording of their winning track Happy by Pharell Williams.

A huge well done to all performers, you were fantastic!

A note from Mrs Simons

Battle of the Bands! All bands were incredible. Watching your energy, talent and ensemble skills was a real pleasure. Definitely bring-on next year!!

Congratulations to all our bands!! Our year 6 band Howler Monkeyz won best year 6 band!!





World Book Day Toilet Roll Character Competition

Pupils were challenged with making a toilet roll into their favourite book character as part of our World Book Day activities.

Thank you to all the pupils who created book characters, they were all brilliant and it made it very difficult to pick a winner.





3rd Place – Nell E (7RG)



2nd Place – Keeley N (7AO)





1st Place – Chloe S, Mila B and Isla K (6SEC)



The winners all received prizes and certificates from Mrs Leydon and they received points for their individual houses. Well done everyone.





Sports News

On Wednesday 12th March the KS3 team took part in the Squash National School Finals in Birmingham. The students won their quarter finals match against Berkhamsted 4-1.

In the semi-finals match the team just missed out on a win losing 3-2 to Elizabeth College, school from Gurnsey.

In the final match the team beat Sir Thomas Rich school from Gloucester 3-2, to take 3rd place overall in the competition. This is a wonderful achievement for the team with over 40 schools entered. A massive well done to Lewis G, Frankie A, Jake B, Sam R, James B, Mathew S.





The Year 7 Boys and Year 8 Girls competed in the West Yorkshire Final of Sports Hall Athletics at Leeds Sports barn on Thursday 3rd April.

They qualified for this event by winning the Kirklees Final a few weeks prior.

Both teams did incredibly well at a very high-level event. The girls came a very respectable 3rd and the boys came an outstanding 2nd! A wonderful achievement and we are very proud of all of them.





KS2 Panathlon

On Tuesday 1st April some of our Year 6 pupils took part in the annual KS2 Panathlon Challenge. Panathlon provides competitive sporting opportunities to children with disabilities and special educational needs.

The pupils had a fantastic time and engaged in various activities to ear points for our school. We came 3rd out of 7 schools and brought home the bronze medal. Congratulations Seb S, Alexa R, Benjamin M, Alfie A, Grace M, Lilly-Mae B and Jack O.





KMS invites you to 'Be our guest'...



We are well underway with rehearsals and preparation for this years show. The pupils have been working extremely hard, and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone to see their take on the beloved classic 'Beauty and the Beast'. There will be 3 evening performances with refreshments and a raffle on each night. Tickets will be going on sale after Easter.



School MIS System

A message from Mr Taylor

The school is currently moving to a new management information system called Arbor. Some of you may be familiar with the system as it is used at Shelley College and in some of our feeder first schools.

As part of the migration process, there will be a period of time where data will not pull through to Edulink.

This will include information on attendance and also behaviour incidents, both positive and negative. We are very sorry for this however it is unavoidable; we aim to get Edulink back up and running as soon as possible. Staff will still be logging incidents in school however, so pupils' efforts will not go unrecognised.

Please be reassured, staff will make direct contact with you should they feel the need to discuss an aspect of your child's school life. As always, please contact the school office or your child's form tutor if you have any questions.

Apologies once again for this temporary pause in the sharing of information and we thank you for your patience in the meantime. We will let you know once things are back up and running.

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 Kirkburtonattendance@themast.co.uk. This will go straight through to our Attendance Officer who can ensure all records are up to date.

Calls into school

All calls to and from school are recorded for safeguarding purposes.



Useful Contacts

Thriving Kirklees – ChatHealth

<https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk/chat-health/>

ChatHealth is a new way for young people to get confidential advice and support about health related issues - including sexual health, emotional health and wellbeing, bullying, healthy eating and any general health concerns - direct from their mobile phones.

The number is 07520 618866 and it is available Monday to Friday from 8am to 8pm (automatic bounce-backs respond to incoming messages out of hours. All text messages will be responded to within one working day).

Kirklees Children's Services

Safeguarding Services and Duty and Advice

www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk

01484 456848

NSPCC

Support for Parents and Children

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Parents/carers – 0808 800 5000

Children – Via Childline 0800 11 11

Childline

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

0800 1111

Kooth

Kooth is your online mental wellbeing community. Access free, safe and anonymous

<https://www.kooth.com/>