

Kirkburton Middle School Parent Bulletin

Important Dates

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

- 14th Feb Finish for half term
- 24th Feb Back to school
- 5th March Y8 Paris trip
- 18th March Y6 Parents Evening (face to face)
- 25th March Y6 Parents Evening (virtual)

Spring 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 <u>Curriculum Overview | Kirkburton Middle School</u>.



STEM Roadshow

In January we had our annual visit from BAE Systems Education Programme delivered in partnership with the RAF and the Royal Navy.

This year our Year 7 pupils were taught about Artificial Intelligence (AI). They used technology to create songs and accompanying music videos with the help of a robot dog called Lexi.

There were some interesting suggestions on what to include in the song such as a dancing fruit salad!









Sports News

A massive well done to the Sports Hall Athletics teams who competed on Friday 7th February in the Kirklees Finals.

Year 6 came a very impressive 5th out of 16 finalists. Year 7 girls and Year 8 boys came 4th and Year 7 Boys and Year 8 Girls won the competition bringing home the shield and a gold medal each!

The winning teams have progressed through to the West Yorkshire Final and will each earn representative honours for their district of Kirklees! A wonderful achievement – KMS is very proud of all of you!











Shout Outs

Poppy S, 8LP

Won a trophy for the most improved senior dancer.

Harry D, 6AS

Won gold and 3 silver awards when competing in an International Shooting competition.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the parents who donated Lego packs to school for our intervention groups. The pupils will benefit from this so much and it is very much appreciated.

Science Week 2025

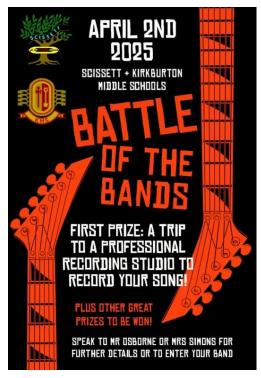


It is that time of year when the science department are thinking about the exciting opportunities we can offer during science week.

Science week is 7th - 16th March and the theme is Change and Adapt - for more information please check out the British Science Week website: <u>BSW - Change and adapt</u>.

If any parents, grandparents, family members or friends can offer some time during science week to come and inspire our students, please get in touch as we would love to be able to offer inspiring careers talks, educational workshops or anything else science related. If you are able to offer some time, please contact Miss LeGray-Wise.





Battle of the Bands 2025

We are joining forces with Scissett Middle School again for another Battle of the Bands competition. Last year we had some fantastic entries who went on to perform in our celebration assemblies and one group from KMS were invited to play at the Smells Like Teen Spirit festival at the University of Huddersfield. Pupils should see Mrs Simons or Mr Osborne for more information.

Middle School Governor 2025



We are looking to recruit a school governor for Kirkburton and Scissett Middle Schools. School governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school. Serving as a school governor is a highly rewarding experience, offering numerous personal and professional benefits. Including the chance to experience

leadership at board level, networking and developing your technical and interpersonal skills.

Governors bring expertise from their own life experiences. Our governing board has governors with a range of skills and backgrounds. To be a school governor, you don't need any specific qualifications.

If you are a parent, grandparent, work in a local business or live in the local community and want to make a difference for your local middle schools please get in touch.

If you would like any further information, please contact Sorrel Hellewell on shellewell@themast.co.uk or on 01484 865444.

John Jolly

Chair of Middle Schools' Governors



Pharmacy First – an NHS service being offered from pharmacies across England

This NHS service allows children and adults to get quick access to healthcare advice as they can walk

into a pharmacy and access the service, removing the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. The person will be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation

room, with some pharmacies also offering the service remotely as a video consultation.

The service supports the following conditions:

- Earache (ages 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (ages 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (age 1 year and over)
- Sore throats (age 5 years and over)
- Shingles (age 18 years and over)
- Sinusitis (age 12 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (ages 16 to 64 years)





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

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