



# Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

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#### Word from the Head

Welcome to our first parent bulletin of the new half-term, I hope you and your family are well. As we enter a time when daylight is at a premium, there has been lots to brighten up our school over the past couple of weeks. There is also a lot on the horizon to look forward to as well.

We are well aware what a fantastic pupil group we have in school however it is always nice when their talents are recognised externally. In recent weeks this has included flying the KMS flag at COP26, securing a spot at Crufts, showcasing musical talents and a wide variety of sporting success. Congratulations to all involved.

As the nights draw in we ask that you speak to your children about staying safe and being seen. We ask all pupils bring a coat to school everyday, preferably one with some form of reflective strips on it.

I'm going to stick to my word of being brief in these bulletins so all that is left to say is that it's great to see the pupils back in school following the holiday; last half-term was fantastic and we can't wait to see what the next six weeks bring. Before we know it, it will be Chr.....

And finally, a Happy Diwali to those who celebrated yesterday.

Mr Taylor

#### Parent governor

##### Are you interested in becoming a parent governor?

We are looking for a new parent governor who is enthusiastic and wishes to contribute to the success of KMS. You would be warmly welcomed, offered induction, training and mentoring. The role includes attending governing board meetings (approximately six evenings per year) and reading the papers before the meetings. This is an opportunity to get involved with the school and to enhance the all-round experience of the children.

I joined the team of governors as I wanted to contribute and oversee the ongoing high standards of education for KMS pupils. As a volunteer, I had an excellent induction and continue to undertake relevant training so that I feel the opinions I put forward are valued and make a difference. In October 2021 I was elected as chair of governors. I enjoy being part of the friendly KMS team and look forward to supporting new governors.

For more information about the process of becoming a parent governor please contact: Chair of Governors – John Jolly via the school office. Letters will also be sent out next week with more information about this process.

#### Parent forum

Thank you to those who attended our first parent forum meeting of the year this week. The quality of discussion was excellent and has given school leaders a lot to think about moving forward. Items discussed included healthy relationships and consent, home school communication and a general update from Mr Taylor. We are already looking forward to the next meeting in January. Please contact the school office if you would like to join the group.

## Edulink One

To log on to Edulink you can either download the free 'Edulink One' app on your devices or go onto the website <https://www.edulinkone.com/>

Once on: type the KMS postcode: HD80TJ (zero not the letter O)

### Y6, Y8 (and any Key Stage 3 pupils that have joined in September)

Log on using your KMS computer log in details you use in school. Remember to put any capital letters in the correct places and to not use spaces.

### Year 7

Use your Office 365/ Teams account details without the [@kms.themast.co.uk](mailto:kms.themast.co.uk) to access Edulink. Remember to put any capital letters in the correct places & to not use spaces.

Should your child have any further issues please ask them to see Mr Sallu.

## Finance Team

**Should you any ParentPay/Finance queries please use the following email address. We are chasing the last of the contributions towards Technology this year; please can these be paid by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

[kirkburtonfinance@themast.co.uk](mailto:kirkburtonfinance@themast.co.uk)

## Poppy Appeal

We will be remembering armistice day in school on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and poppies are available to buy from Monday, please send your child with money should they wish to buy one – they range from 20p-£1.00. The Befrienders will visit each classroom.

Many thanks for your support with the appeal.



## Music



Congratulations to Poppy G (Year 7) who has passed her Grade 1 Electric Guitar exam with **DISTINCTION** – Well done Poppy. Keep up the good work.



### Carol Service 8<sup>th</sup> December

Preparations are underway for our school Carol Service which will be held at All Hallows Parish Church, Kirkburton on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 7pm.

The evening will consist of congregational singing of carols, readings by pupils, performances by the Windband, Choir, String, African Drumming and Guitar Groups.

**More details to follow.**

**Kirkburton Middle School's Music Department are proud recipients, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running, of a Music Mark Award.**

The school have been nominated by Musica Kirklees to become a Music Mark school for the academic year 2021/22 in recognition of our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value that we place on music. As a result, Musica are proud to celebrate this by nominating our school to become part of the Music Mark community.

***'We would like to thank you for all the hard work you and your colleagues do to ensure that pupils at your school are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. Your dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated.'*** – Musica Kirklees

## National poster competition success

Last summer as part of their art lessons all our Year 6 pupils entered a national poster competition run by Rotary International Entitled 'Mitigating Climate Change through the Eyes of Young Children'. Pupils aged 10-12 across the UK were challenged to produce an eye-catching poster to exemplify the importance of the COP26 Conference. We are delighted to announce that Emma in Year 7 has beaten over 4000 entries to win first prize. Emma's poster is now on display at the Conference and at other prominent locations across Glasgow. A ceremony was held in the Commonwealth Pavilion at COP26 this morning where the competition results were announced by Baroness Scotland, the Commonwealth Secretary-General. We are all extremely proud of Emma for her fantastic achievement and of all the pupils who entered - the standard of artwork was superb. We were delighted to invite Richard Wynne from the Rotary Club of Denby Dale and District and Stephen Ellis Rotary District Governor to attend a celebration assembly on Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Aaron for supporting the pupils with this competition.



The winning entry – Emma Year 7



Following on from this success, we are looking to start an environmental group in school and would welcome any expertise or support parents can offer.



The winning entry on display in the Commonwealth Pavilion at COP26 in Glasgow.

## Careers

We are delighted to announce, following a very busy twelve months, the school has been successful in achieving the Quality in Careers Standard. This national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance (“CEIAG”) for young people assesses the quality of a school’s provision in this area.

Well done and thank you to everybody involved in this success; particular thanks to Mrs Greenleaf (Head of Careers and Character) for her commitment and dedication to make careers education real strength of the school.



## Crufts success

Congratulations to Ashleigh in Year 7 who has qualified for the Crufts Young Kennel Club obedience Championships at Birmingham NEC in March with her dog Max. Well done Ashleigh and Max.



## Omegle

Please see the attached document for information about Omegle, which is a social media channel that is causing some concerns for children and young people.

## Drama Stars

The following pupils have ‘shone’ in drama lessons this week:

Year 7  
Oliver H  
Isaac B  
Talia

Year 8  
Ellay-Jay W  
Ashton M  
Jack M

Well done – Miss Austin

## Dates for your diary

11th November - Remembrance event

18<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 & 7 Nasal Flu Spray

23<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 6 Height and Weight

23<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 8 Parents’ evening

24<sup>th</sup> November – STEM trip to Gulliver’s Valley

26<sup>th</sup> November – INSET Day

2<sup>nd</sup> December – Year 8 Parents’ evening

6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 7 cinema trip

8<sup>th</sup> December - Year 8 cinema trip

8<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service

9<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 pantomime trip

15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch

15<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Performance

17<sup>th</sup> December – ‘Warm Jumper’ day



## **School Safeguarding Contacts**

Mrs Senior – Safeguarding Lead

[g.senior@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:g.senior@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk)

## **Kirklees Support Services**

### **Thriving Kirklees**

Health Care advice, Emotional Wellbeing and  
Mental Health Support, Healthcare  
Signposting

[www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk](http://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk)

0300 304 5555

### **Northorpe Hall – Kirklees**

Children’s mental and emotional health  
service

[www.northorpehall.co.uk](http://www.northorpehall.co.uk)

01924 492183

## **Kirklees Children’s Services**

Safeguarding Services

[www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk](http://www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk)

01484 456848

### **Thriving Kirklees**

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

07520618866

### **Childline**

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

0800 1111

### **NSPCC**

Support for Parents and Children

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Parents/carers – 0808 800 5000

Children – Via Childline 0800 1111

