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A word from the head

Welcome to our fortnightly parent bulletin, I hope you and your family are well. It has been another very busy two weeks in school.

Unfortunately we have had a number of people test positive for Covid-19 recently both pupils and staff, including myself. I would like to thank all those colleagues, and in particular members of the senior leadership team, who have stepped up in peoples absence in order to ensure the school continues to run smoothly. We wish all those who are currently absent a speedy recovery.

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Simpson who has been a member of our support team since November. During her short time with us, Mrs Simpson has made quite an impression, particularly her wonderful work in transforming the school garden. We thank her for all she has achieved in a short space of time and wish her all the very best for the future.

It has been great for staff to see so many Year 6 parents, albeit virtually, over the past two weeks at parents' evening. We hope you found the event useful. We are delighted with the progress Year 6 have made to date. We now enter that time of year where our attention is drawn to the SATs and there is further information in this bulletin about how we can work together to ensure pupils are best prepared for these important tests.

We shared plans for our end of year transition programme this week with Year 8 and Year 5 parents. It is hard to believe it is nearly the beginning of the end for our wonderful Year 8 class of 2022. In line with arraignments from pre-pandemic years, Year 8 pupils will leave KMS on Friday 8th July and then attend Shelley College for the last two weeks of term. We will look forward to welcoming Year 5 pupils to KMS on Monday 18th July for the last week of the summer term. There will be a comprehensive programme of additional activities for pupils who are both leaving and joining KMS and we will share further details after the Easter break.

Finally, we have had yet more astonishing sporting success since the last parent bulletin; massive congratulations to all those involved. Regardless of whether we win, lose or draw (we often win!) teachers from other schools regularly comment on how sporting our pupils are and what a credit they are to the school – *always enjoying, achieving, succeeding together*. It goes without saying, that they are also a huge credit to you, their parents.

I hope you have a lovely weekend when it comes.

Mr Taylor

Science week 11th – 20th March

The Science Department are excited to be planning some events for Science week which runs from 11th - 20th March. We are looking for some speakers to educate, inspire and wow our students during the week. If you are in a Science industry or know anyone who is, and would like to do a talk or workshop, during science week or at another point in the year, for some of our students, please email Miss LeGray-Wise.

zlegraywise@themast.co.uk



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Pupil Absence

Please ensure all absences are reported to the office every day. Thank you for your support with this.



Office Email Address

Please note our office email address has changed - kirkburtonoffice@themast.co.uk



12 to 15 year old Covid-19 vaccination programme

Half-term may be the ideal opportunity to get your child vaccinated against Covid-19. [Please click here to book a vaccination for your child.](#) There are also a number of 'walk in' clinics locally. [Please click here to see the NHS walk-in offer](#) in our area.

Garden Club

Congratulations to all students that have worked hard as a team and helped to clear and prepare the garden. Quite the transformation!

Thank you to the anonymous donor of a bag of children's gardening gloves.

We have the start of a fabulous bug and wildlife hotel, a home for amphibians and we have made some bespoke bird feeders.



Well done to all on some successful chilli pepper propagation too! Particular thanks to Josh S for giving the chillies some tender loving care and helping them to thrive.



Key dates this term

3rd March: World book day
15th March: Year 7 Parents' evening
24th March: Year 7 Parents' evening
8th April: Last day of Spring Term



Focus on Year 6 SATs

It is now only 9 weeks until Year 6 pupils sit their Key Stage 2 SATs tests.



Over the coming weeks teachers will be working hard to support your child in preparation for these tests, which are a reflection of everything they have learnt in school up to Year 6 and are conducted under exam conditions.

We do not believe in putting unnecessary pressure on children from an early age; for us, the SATs should be seen very much as a learning experience in revising for and sitting formal tests. As long as your child can say they tried their very hardest in the build up to and during their SATs, we will be very happy whatever their scores or outcomes, as we are sure will you. We do expect pupils to work hard in preparation for their SATs however, both in and out of school, and we ask for your support with this.

After half-term Year 6 pupils will receive only English and maths homework which will be set twice per week in each subject. If you haven't already done so, please spend some time watching the videos below which will tell you everything you need to know about your child's upcoming SATs.

[Click here to access the SAT Parents' Evening videos](#)

Maths Update

Homework

After half term year 6 will receive one paper based homework and one computer based homework per week. These pieces of homework will take 30 minutes each to complete. If your child loses their homework sheet before it is due in please encourage them to see their maths teacher for a new sheet before the deadline. All homework is logged on Edulink each week.

Revision Guides

Thank you to all who have purchased revision guides through school. Please encourage your child to try complete some of the workbook each week. We recommend they do 20 minutes twice a week. Revision is best when it is short and sharp.

MyMaths

MyMaths is also really useful for revision. Pupils can log into their own portal and complete work on without the teacher setting it. They can click on practice to display these lessons. 'Progress' shows them the topics for each year group. 'Boosters' are also available for all year groups. The SAT assess objectives in all year groups so some topics will be in year 3 to 5 for revision. It is important that they do the lesson first before the task as this will reteach what we have done in school.

[Please click here to access MyMaths](#)



English Update

After half-term, students will receive 2 pieces of English homework per week. One of these will be an online 'Spelling Shed' homework and one will be a reading comprehension piece. If students are unsure of their Spelling Shed login, please ask them to speak to their English teacher as they will be able to supply them with their username and password.

Useful Websites

Listed below are a number of useful websites that can be accessed for free in order to support students' preparation for SATs.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhrrd2p>

This website has excellent grammar, punctuation and spelling activities and informative videos to aid student revision.

<https://www.everyschool.co.uk/english-key-stage-2-comprehension-3.html>

Useful website for interactive reading comprehension.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=49>

Spelling games/writing tips

Need to know more?

For subject specific queries, please contact the class teacher directly. For any general questions, please contact your child's form tutor.

PE update

PE Extracurricular Timetable

The timetable will change slightly following half-term. If any students would like to join any of the new after school clubs, such as Girls football, table tennis, hockey or year 7 and 8 netball, they will need to get a letter from the school office to get permission from home to stay behind. The dance club will be starting a brand new dance and we would welcome any new dancers who would like to give it a try to get involved. Letters are again at the school office to sign up. Any ongoing clubs will remain as before and students do not need to sign up again.

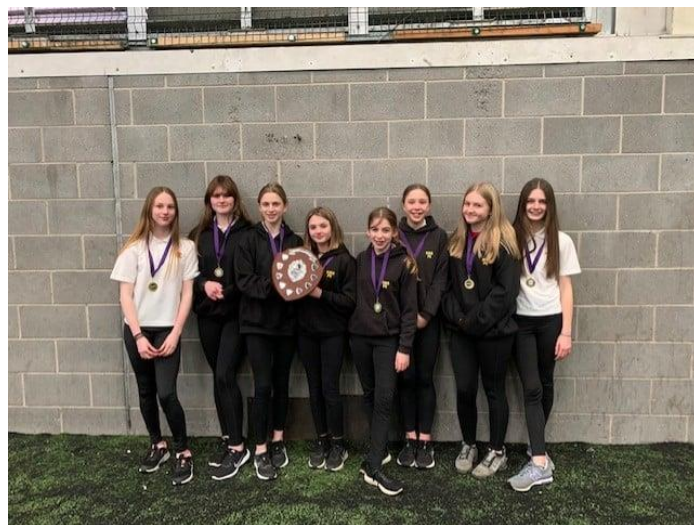
Sports Hall Athletics

The Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics Team came 2nd at their Kirklees Final competition on Friday 4th February 2022. There were 16 teams in attendance and our students all did incredibly well; they were only beaten by a very strong, well-practiced team from Lindley Junior School. What a great group of athletes!



Kirklees Champions in Sports Hall Athletics!

A massive well done to the Year 7 and 8 Girls teams who came 1st in the competition on Friday 4th February 2022. The event included 10 qualifying teams from all area of Kirklees. A great achievement! The Year 7 boys team also did very well and came 2nd overall, they were 1 point behind the winners! The year 8 boys had a very high level of competition and came 6th overall. A great afternoon for KMS!





Cross Country

The West Yorkshire Cross Country Final took place on Saturday 5th February 2022 in Leeds. We had three runners from KMS who went to represent the district of Kirklees. Our runners include RH who came 16th in the Year 7 girls race, a real achievement! We also had TH and FE who came 17th and 24th respectively in the Year 7 boys race, excellent effort! Well done to all!

The Year 6 Kirklees Final will be held on Wednesday 16th February 2022 at Leeds Rd Playing Fields. We have one girls team and two boys teams who have qualified to represent KMS at this competition. We wish all of the runners good luck and look forward to reporting on how they have done.



PE Curriculum and kit

All students will be taking part in court games and dance activities after half term. They will have one indoor and one outdoor lesson per week as they have throughout the year. Please send students with full outdoor kit for their outdoor lesson, the weather may still be very cold and we have had to lend too many PE hoodies over the past half term. We will not be lending any hoodies during the next half term so please be prepared!

What's on?

DAY	LUNCHTIME (12.15 to 12.45)	AFTER SCHOOL (3:45 – 4:45 PM)
MONDAY	Year 6 Netball (AWP)	Year 6 Boys Football (KM) Fields Year 6, 7 and 8 Girls Football (RH) Fields All years Table Tennis (EN) Hall All years Hockey (VJ) (AWP)
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	Year 7 and 8 Netball (AWP)	All Years Dance Club Boys and Girls (Coaches) Year 7 Boys Football (AL) (AWP)
THURSDAY		Year 7 and 8 Netball (EN) (AWP) All years Dodgeball (AL)
FRIDAY	Year 6 and 7 and 8 Boys Football (Fields)	

School Safeguarding Contacts

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Kirklees Support Services

Thriving Kirklees

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

www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk

0300 304 5555

Northorpe Hall – Kirklees

Children's mental and emotional health
service

www.northorpehall.co.uk

01924 492183

Kirklees Children's Services

Safeguarding Services

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

0800 1111

NSPCC

Support for Parents and Children

www.nspcc.org.uk

Parents/carers – 0808 800 5000

Children – Via Childline 0800 111

