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Welcome to our fortnightly parent bulletin, I hope you and your family are well.

Before I reflect on our first week back at school, I would just like to say how nice it was to see the school grounds so full of life over the Easter break. Firstly, we had our Year 6 Easter camp, which was funded by the Sport Premium for Primary Schools funding we receive. The aim of the camp was not only to get pupils active, following a long period of lockdown, but also to provide further opportunities for our Year 6 pupils to get to know each other outside of the classroom. We were delighted to see the camp so well attended and all the coaches who delivered the sessions commented on the politeness of our pupils and how they gave every activity their all. Well done Year 6 and thank you Mrs Joyce for organising the camp. The school also hosted two different football camps across the two weeks which involved many of our pupils – past, present and possibly future. Once again, well done to all those who attended including some of our Year 6 pupils who must have spent most of their holiday at school. I have said before that I firmly believe schools should sit at the heart of the communities they serve; it very much felt that way over Easter.

I'm pleased to report that the first week in school has gone very well indeed. It has been great to see pupils

once again and, despite the ongoing challenges caused by Covid restrictions, pupils continue to apply themselves fully to their studies with some excellent results. It has also been entertaining to see the lockdown haircuts slowly being lost to more modern styles – and that's just the staff. I've quite enjoyed the 90s revival hairstyles!



Welcome Mr Egan

This week we welcomed Mr Egan to the Mast Trust as the strategic lead for humanities across Kirkburton and Scissett Middle. Mr Egan is an experienced geography teacher and leader and, as with all other strategic middle leaders, will be responsible for the standards of teaching and learning across both middle schools. We also welcome Mr Lally who joins the PE department on placement.

Peer review

On Tuesday this week we welcomed three visitors into school to carry out a 'peer review'. Mrs Greenough (Mast CEO), Mrs Knowles (Shelley First Headteacher) and Mrs Large (Scissett Middle Headteacher) spent the day learning about the work of our school by visiting lessons and speaking to both pupils and staff. All three colleagues were very positive about what they observed and they were particularly complimentary about the pupils they met. I look forward to visiting Scissett Middle next week to see what I can learn from them.

Playtimes

It has been with great pleasure that we have been able to inject a little more fun into social times this week. As mentioned in my letter last week, pupils can now play with their whole bubble at playtime. We are also now in

Enjoying, Achieving, Succeeding Together.

Science Week

a position where we can let the pupils have some apparatus to play with. School will supply all the equipment and **we ask pupils do not bring their own ball, skipping ropes etc.** into school. A big thank you to the PE department for coordinating this and to our sports prefects who are responsible for collecting the equipment each day and helping to clean it after use.

Extra-curricular activities

I am also delighted that we can once again resume some of our extra-curricular activities. This will start with inter-form netball and football over the next fortnight. Currently our plan is to keep pupils in their bubbles for extracurricular activities. Whilst quite restrictive, we feel this is the safest option at this moment in time. We are also hoping to start up some music clubs once again in the coming weeks.

Uniform

As mentioned in my letter last week, we expect all pupils to be in full school uniform from Monday, the only exception is the days when they have PE. If this is likely to cause any issues for your family, please contact your child's Head of Year. Should pupils arrive in the wrong uniform, we will endeavour to lend items of uniform – including shoes. **Pupils will be expected to wear any uniform we lend. Please could all pupils bring their school jumper each day.** This enables us to keep adequate levels of ventilation within classrooms. Thankfully there is now no need for pupils to wear coats in classrooms at any point.

Finally, today is national offer day for primary schools. As such, we will find out exactly who will be joining us as our Year 6 Class of 2021. I'm delighted to announce that the school was once again oversubscribed and all places for September have been filled. If any younger brothers or sisters are joining us, we look forward to seeing you soon!

I hope you have a good weekend, which will no doubt be a little busier than of late now that the country is starting to open up once again.

Mr Taylor

A great big thank you from the Science department for everyone who got involved in our Science week. If you haven't yet seen our website, please have a look <https://themastacademy.sharepoint.com/sites/science>. You will need to be signed in to a KMS Microsoft 360 account to view.

There are brilliant practicals, tasks, facts and (what I consider hilarious) jokes. I am very pleased to report there were many entries for all the competitions from identifying microscopic images to designing robobugs and lab coats. All the entries were superb which gave our independent judge a tough job, however I am pleased to announce the following winners of each category;

Lab coat competition Y6- Faye H

Lab coat competition Y7- Adanna I

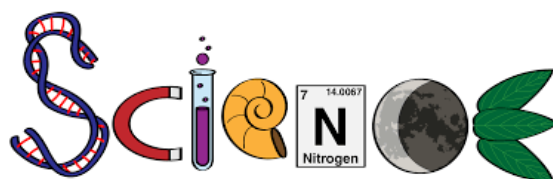
Lab coat competition Y8- Bethany B

Microscopic image competition- Emma O'D

Design a Robobug - Emma O'D

All entries will proudly be displayed in the lab.

Well done to all involved and special thanks to Mr Sallu and Mrs Moore for their fantastic work on the website itself.



PE

PE KIT

All students will need TRAINERS only from next week for PE lessons. We will be starting our Athletics and Striking and Fielding activities for the Summer term.



Extra Curricular Activities

There will be a lunchtime and after school timetable of activities starting next week. If the activity should fall on a non PE day, students will need to bring trainers to change into to take part safely.



Year 8 Inter House Football and Netball

This will run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. All information will be shared with the students in school. They may wear their PE kit on these days if they are taking part even if they do not have PE on that day normally. Those representing their house in Football will need to bring boots and shin pads or they will not be allowed to play in the competitive matches.

Many thanks, Mrs Joyce, Mr Martin and Mr Killock



Brass Taster Lessons

If your child is interested in having a Brass taster lesson with Mr Kingham, our Brass teacher from Musica, please contact our school office or alternatively email Miss Kaye to book at place.



S.kaye@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk

Careers

Calling all budding entrepreneurs...

Do you think you might want to run your own business or invent something when you leave school?



Then email me at agreenleaf@themast.co.uk to join our club!

Careers Provision Pupil entitlement

Please see the website for the full policy and also excellent links under [Subjects/Careers](#)

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 6-8 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point;
- to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Where possible and appropriate all events and interactions will be delivered virtually. All visitors to school must abide by our COVID-19 guidelines, which can be found on the Kirkburton Middle School website and we reserve the right to reschedule and / or cancel all events and activities should circumstance changes.

Subject of the fortnight – le français!

Welcome to the French department, we hope to add to the language learning experience of our pupils by promoting language skills, celebrating student success and keeping you up to date with events and activities in the languages department.



The MFL team are Mrs Hallas and Mrs Kerr.

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What are we currently learning French

Year 6	Dans la salle de classe. Describing our classroom and our school equipment.
Year 7	Ma vie chez moi. Describing where we live and our homes.
Year 8	Ma vie d'ado. Life as a teen and relationships with family and friends

How can I help support my child in French?

1. Support your child with their learning homework, try these strategies

Look, say, cover, write check

Test you child

Create pneumonics

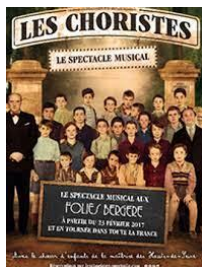
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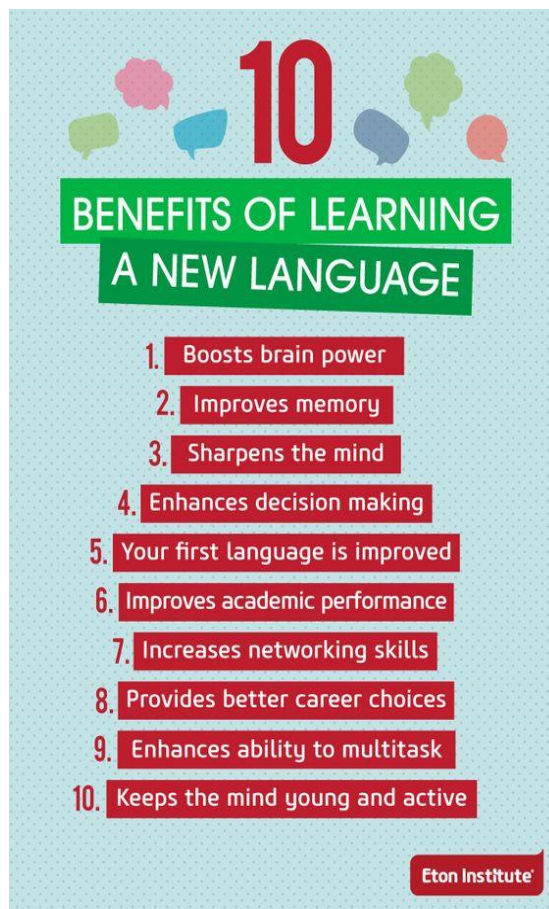
Rhymes/images and key words

Get your child to record their voice

2. Ask your child to show you their knowledge organiser, test them on the meanings of phrases
3. Watch a French film on Netflix e.g. Les Choristes



- a. Download Duolingo (a free app) and study with your child, all new language is relevant
4. Find a French song on Youtube and learn the lyrics!



Try these French tongue twisters. Can you translate them?

Un chasseur sachant
chasser sans son chien
est un bon chasseur.



Virelangues



Je suis ce que je suis
et si je suis ce que je suis,
qu'est-ce que je suis?



Useful Websites:

www.quizlet.com

www.textivate.com (All pupils have usernames and passwords for this site)

BBC Bitesize

www.wordwall.net

Try this French film quiz as a family! Can you beat your child!

1. L'hôtel pour les chiens
2. Les Dents de la Mer
3. Charlot et l'usine du chocolat
4. La Guerre des Mondes
5. Les Hommes en Noir.
6. Les Incroyables.
7. Robert de l'Éponge avec le Slip Carré
8. L'Homme des Araignées Deux
9. L'Emploie Italien
10. Chats et Chiens
11. L'Express Polaire
12. Monsieur Haricot
13. La Guerre des Étoiles =- Revanche des Sithes
14. La Momie
15. Le Lion, La Sorcière et L'Armoire

Des mauvaises blagues françaises – Bad French Jokes!

What do you call a really bad Thursday?



A trajeudi!



What do you call a Frenchman wearing beach sandales?

Phillippe Filloppe



What did the snail say to his partner waiting in the car
after he robbed a bank?

Escargot!



Answers: 1. Hotel for Dogs 2. Jaws 3. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 4. War of the Worlds 5. Men in Black
6. The Incridibles, 7. Sponge Bob Square Pants 8. Spider Man 2 9. The Italian Job 10. Cats and Dogs
11. Polar Express 12. Mr Bean 13. Star Wars-Revenge of the Sith 14. The Mummy 15. The Lion, the Witch
and the Wardrobe

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

Services for young people

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 1111



[Kirklees Adult Learning - Supporting Parents, Grandparents & Carers](#)



Kirklees Adult Learning has launched its [spring 2021 Course Timetable](#). Offering a range of short courses and workshops to develop employability skills, boost confidence and thinking skills, health and wellbeing, eating healthily and on a budget as well as helping you cope with isolation. We also have courses for supporting family learning including: - support with maths, phonics and reading and how to manage challenging behaviour too.

Many people have sadly lost their jobs during the pandemic, or understandably may be struggling to stay motivated. Learning something new is a great way to build skills and confidence, our courses are aimed at complete beginners, they are free with no fee to pay, all we ask is that you bring a willingness to learn.

Please click here to find a course for you: - [Kirklees Adult & Community Learning](#)

Digital Support - Participants will require internet access. Participants will be emailed all the resources that they need to complete the course and will get regular feedback on their progress. You can also access a 'How to use Zoom' workshop if you need support with this before the start of a course. We also have a limited number of Chromebooks and data that can be loaned to participants who are digitally excluded. For information on this please email digitalhubs@kirklees.gov.uk. Most courses will remain virtual this term but some courses such as Digital Skills are returning to the classroom.

Eligibility - Participants must be aged 19 or over, live in Kirklees, unemployed or low waged.

Contact us – For any queries or further information please email adult.learning@kirklees.gov.uk

