



Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

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Word from the Head

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

It seems to have been a long time coming however, summer well and truly arrived at KMS when we returned from the half-term break. It has been great that we have finally been able to use the school field at lunchtimes. It has been a pleasure watching the pupils play so nicely and we have had some fantastic football matches to enjoy – who needs the Euros! Often intensely competitive but incredibly well self-managed and always played in a very sporting way.



I'm sure like us you were disappointed to hear the extension to the current Covid-19 restrictions. I know from previous correspondence that this will be greeted with a mixed response from parents. We will continue to be directed by the local authority and the Department for Education in terms of the systems of

control needed within school to create a safer environment for pupils and staff. One where the risk of transmission of infection is reduced as much as possible.

We would ask you read and take note of the advice in the attached letter from the local authority. We also ask you and your family continue to take twice-weekly home tests and report the results to NHS Test and Trace.

This week saw our final Year 5 transition visit, this time to Farnley Tyas. KMS staff have now spent a morning at each of our feeder schools getting to know our new pupils and putting plans in place for September. Based on first impressions they have all the makings of yet another fantastic KMS year group.

Thank you for all your support with our recent punctuality drive. We are pleased to report that on most days during the last fortnight we had all pupils in their seats and ready for the school day by 8.55am. We ask that this continues for the final few weeks of the academic year.

It was fantastic to see all the wonderful entries into our planner front cover design competition. Please see the attached document for further details including the winning design. Thank you and well done to everybody who entered.

The senior team have thoroughly enjoyed meeting lots of our wonderful pupils who have been nominated by their form tutors for praise this fortnight. One common theme that stands out is that pupils have often been nominated for being somebody who is always kind, considerate, a good friend and often thinks of others before themselves. Qualities we want to see in all our pupils. I know it is always a challenge for tutors to pick just one child each week.

Safeguarding and pupil welfare

I am sure many of you will have been aware of the recent 'Everyone's invited' media campaign which has resulted in an Ofsted review on how education providers across the country manage any incidents of harmful sexual behaviour in schools.

Our DSL team, led by Mrs Senior, have carefully reviewed the Ofsted findings and reflected on this within our own policy and practice in school. We are pleased to say that our safeguarding policy addresses all potential concerns highlighted and that we have systems in place to ensure should any such incidents ever occur they will be dealt with directly by a trained member of the safeguarding team who will liaise with external agencies, including the police and children's services, as required. We also work closely with our safeguarding partners in Kirklees to ensure we are at the forefront for any updated legislation or additional learning opportunities.

Our RSE curriculum covers the necessary topics required to in order to give our pupils all the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds. Further details can be found [here on the school website](#) . We will also provide further information in our next fortnightly parent bulletin where PSGCE will be our subject of the fortnight.

Should you wish to discuss the support in place any further please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Mrs Senior

Form Tutor Praise Nominations

Every week our form teachers at KMS nominate a pupil from their group for SLT praise. The pupil may have gone 'above and beyond', shown kindness to others or been consistently hardworking in lessons. They may have excelled in Sport or Music, shown tolerance and understanding or have acted maturely in difficult circumstances. The Head of Year and a member of SLT will then spend time with 6 pupils in the year group and celebrate what they have done. No fuss, no certificates, just that recognition for our pupils who deserve to know how impressed we are.

On Tuesday next week, we will be making a promotional video for the school. Given we've not been able to get people into the school in recent months to see all the fantastic work that goes on at KMS, we thought this would be the next best think. We will let you know when it is due to premiere.

It has often felt like this academic year would last forever however, now we are so close to the end, I can't believe how fast the days and weeks are suddenly going. I'm sure the next few weeks will be extremely busy preparing our Year 8s for life after KMS, making plans to welcome our 2021 intake as well as starting to prepare Year 6 and 7 for, hopefully, a KMS life after lockdown.

Finally, it was wonderful and truly heart-warming to see the community come together last weekend to support the junior football club [#milesforalfie](#) event. It was great to see lots of KMS pupils – past, present and future taking part. [Please see here for further details.](#)



On the subject of football, I'm sure tonight will provide some much needed excitement for those of you who are fans. May the best team win! 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁳󠁣󠁴󠁿

Thank you as always for all your ongoing support and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Taylor

Well done to the following pupils who have been nominated this fortnight.

6A - Zac P, Freya H
6B - Amelia C, E Kuch
6C - Jessica M, Jordan CT
6D - Isabelle H, Isabelle G
6E - Seth M, C Caselton
6F - William L, E Portman

7A - Summer W, Evie H
7B - Oliver S, Poppy B
7C - Nathaniel S, Dixie B
7D - Olivia G, Charlie S
7E - Molly G, Lewis N
7F - Kara G, Maya W

8A - Sol M, Darcy M
8B - Dan J, Ben R
8C - Cadence L, Henrietta S-H
8D - Harry K, Mollie C
8E - Max B, Ava P
8F - Frankie P, Meg E

Accelerated Reader

There were lots of pupils who quizzed this half term - please can you say well done to them!!! They will all receive a certificate and a little prize.

The winners of the AR competition this half term are:

Year 6 Emilia S with 132.4 points
Year 7 Jasmine P with 127.5 points

The prize is a £5 Amazon voucher.



The reading assessment targets have not been altered as it works by full terms - please try to encourage all

pupils to keep quizzing and to make sure they know their targets.

Top quizzing this fortnight -

6A - 10 pupils
6E - 11 pupils

7B - 10 pupils
7C - 13 pupils
7D - 20 pupils
7E - 13 pupils

School shop

It is essential pupils arrive at school each day 'ready to learn'. Indeed, this is a key part of 'The KMS Way'.

We have now set up everyday stationery items on ParentPay for pupils. Parents can purchase stationery at competitive prices (we don't make any profit) and this will be distributed to the pupils the next day. See ParentPay for further details.

Many thanks for your support.

Lost property and water bottles

Please note we have several coats still in lost property, if your child has lost a coat please ask them to come to the school office tomorrow. Please can you ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day during the warm weather.

Music

Singing Exams

I would like to say what an absolute pleasure it was being part of the preparation process for the Grade 2 Singing exams for Nathaniel S (Yr7), Poppy F (Year 7) and Mabel B (Year 7). All 3 pupils had to perform four songs, to a backing track accompaniment, one after the other and from memory. The performance had to be filmed and then submitted to the examination board. Well done to all three pupils for their hard work and resilience and for the support you gave each other. It will be something that will stay with me for a long time.

Congratulations to Dan J (Year 8) who passed his Grade 6 Bass Guitar Exam. This is fabulous to have achieved

this standard of playing while still at Middle School. Dan has already started working towards his Grade 7 exam. Well done, Dan and keep up the good work.

Miss Kaye

Maths

UKMT - Junior Maths Challenge Success 2021

Pupils at KMS achieved 1 gold, 6 silver and 15 bronze certificates in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Over 260 000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

Our Gold award winner was: Teddy H.

Our Silver award winners were: Joseph B, Diego P, Maiya-Hope S, Cadence L, Hayden G & Adam M.

Our Bronze award winners were: Lewis W, Pablo S, Evie G, Gabby D, Isaac C, Jayden N, Jasper V-D, Gabriel L, Ava P, Ben R, Zara B, Emily C, Alishba H, Maisie P & Elliot O.

Congratulations to all who took part, but especially to Teddy H who finished top in the school.

Here are a couple of questions for you to try:

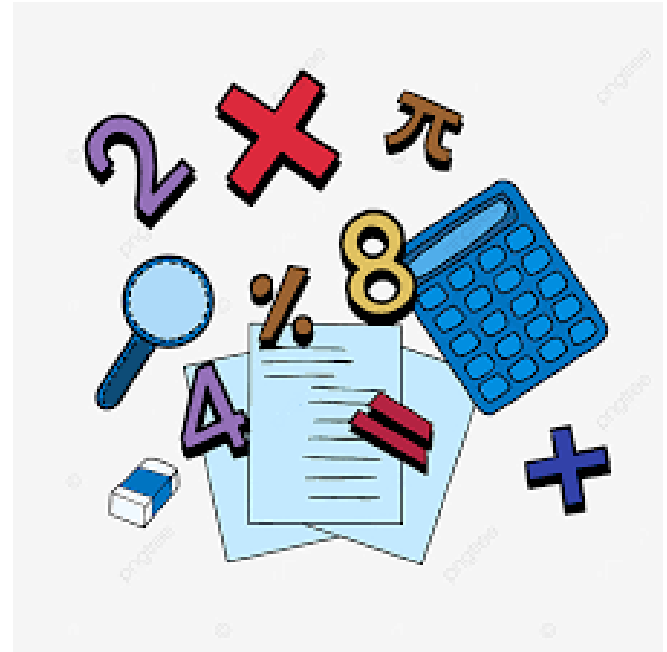
1. On Ellie's 16th birthday, Buster was three times her age. On Ellie's 21st birthday, how old was Buster?

A 32 B 48 C 53
D 63 E 64

2. What is 50% of 18.3 plus 18.3% of 50?

A 9.15 B 18.3 C 27.15D
D 59.15 E 68.3

How did you do?



Mr Smith – Head of Maths

Question 2 - B	Question 1 - C
Answers	

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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

