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## Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

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#### A word from the head

Welcome to our fortnightly parent bulletin, I hope you and your family are well. I seem to say this every fortnight but once again it has been incredibly busy in school.

It was great to welcome Year 7 parents back into school this week and we thank all those who attended Parents' Evening. Last week was National Careers Week and all lessons started with a careers focus. We recognise our pupils are a long way off the world of work and so our focus was very much on raising pupils' awareness of what different career paths are available to them. Also last week, all Year 8 pupils attended a session delivered by our local policing team which outlined the dangers of county lines and child criminal exploitation. The school also celebrated World Book day with a series of reading related events throughout the day.

This week is National Science Week and the science department have put on a fantastic programme of events for pupils. Our assemblies have been delivered by our wonderful Science Ambassadors – they were very brave to stand up and speak in front of their peers.

We've had yet more sporting success including our Year 6 Cross Country team who were crowned as champions of West Yorkshire last week. A number of the boys also represented the school and Huddersfield Town at regional football finals. After a brilliant display in the group stages, including a 1-0 win against Stoke City, their road to Wembley came to an end in the quarter finals. A fantastic achievement nonetheless.

We've also had a very busy fixtures schedule with pupils representing the school in football, hockey and netball.

Away from fixtures, lunchtime and after school clubs remain very busy. Our very varied offer ranges from arts, music, dance and drama to Sport, Warhammer and Scrabble. We encourage all pupils to get involved in as many opportunities as possible.

Finally, it was lovely to see some of our pupils join members of the local community this week for a morning of dance and movement. Those involved were an absolute credit to the school and themselves. Well done.

Looking ahead to the next two weeks, things seem just as busy. We are particularly looking forward to taking all Year 7 pupils to the 'Get up to speed with STEM' event at Magna. I hope you have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Taylor

#### Sad news

It is with a very heavy heart that we must inform you KMS lost a colleague and a very good friend this week. Mrs Pankhurst worked at our school for over 14 years as a lunchtime supervisor, she also worked at the Burton Out of School club so will be well known to many families. An eternal optimist, Mrs Pankhurst was somebody who always thought of others before herself and as such was much loved by staff and pupils alike. Our thoughts and best wishes are with her family at this very difficult time.

Mrs Pankhurst was hugely appreciative of the care, attention and love from everyone at Kirkwood Hospice and rather than sending cards and flowers, wished for people to express their sympathies, respect and gratitude by donating to Kirkwood Hospice instead, so that more people could experience the comfort and peace she received. [Please click here for more details.](#)

**Enjoying, Achieving, Succeeding Together.**

### IMPORTANT! - Office Email Addresses

Please note our office email addresses have changed –

The main office/reception email address is  
[Kirkburtonoffice@themast.co.uk](mailto:Kirkburtonoffice@themast.co.uk)



For **all** attendance issues including absences, appointments and reasons for being late or out of school please email Diane Allen at  
[Kirkburtonattendance@themast.co.uk](mailto:Kirkburtonattendance@themast.co.uk)

### Headlice

We have had a couple of cases of headlice recently. Please check your child's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary.

### Lost Property

The lost property mountain is getting bigger!



Just a quick reminder that there will be the opportunity for you to come into school to view our lost property on Thursday 24th March from 4.30pm - 6.30pm.

**After this date, all lost property will be donated, recycled or disposed of.**

### Health and Safety

#### Access Arrangements & Risk Assessments

If your child has suffered a serious medical issue including broken bones that may require special access arrangements or a risk assessment carried out please make an appointment with the pastoral team before returning to school. We can then ensure that your child's medical needs are met and that they are comfortable and safe in school.

#### Car Parking

Could we please remind you that you should not be parking on the turning circle at the end of the day. Please park in the car park if you need to pick up from school.

### Road Closure

From 19 until 26 April School Lane, Emley will be closed for resurfacing and new double yellow lines being painted. The plan and Temporary Regulation Order details can be found [here](#)

### Year 6 Boys – West Yorkshire Cross Country Champions



Many congratulations to our Y6 Boys Cross Country team on their amazing achievement winning the West Yorkshire County Championship – we are all so proud of you.



### Year 7 Parents Evening

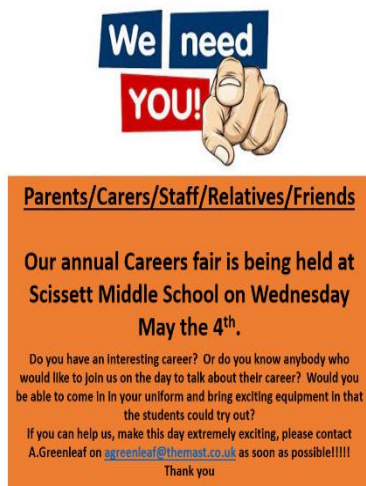
A letter outlining the arrangements for the upcoming Year 7 Parents' Evening has previously been sent out. The event will take place from 4pm – 7pm on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – children with surnames beginning I – Z.



We look forward to seeing you in person!

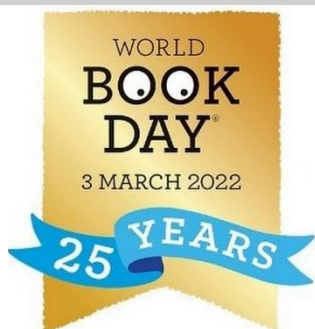
## Careers Fair

Can you help with our annual careers fair for Kirkburton Middle and Scissett Middle pupils. The event this year will be held at Scissett Middle School.



## World Book Day

On Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> Kirkburton Middle School celebrated world book day. The book 'Lifeboat Number 8' by Elizabeth Kaye was serialised throughout the day. Alongside this, pupils had the opportunity to undertake a book hunt, exploring the school site to discover the favourite childhood books of 40 of our staff. To say they did this with enthusiasm is an understatement! At approximately 11.05AM with sweaty brows, 4 pupils from different year groups descended on Mr MacIntyre with their completed and mauled book hunt sheets...winners! Well done Josh, Jake, Max and Joe.



We also ran a book review and book sleeve competition and the entries were fantastic. The job of picking the best ones was arduous but the winners can be seen below in the attached pictures, all winning various prizes and the kudos of having their excellent work up on display in the library. The day gave us lots of ideas for the future too which will hopefully see next year's event even more popular.

Well done all!

Winners were....

### Year 6:

Joshua, Sylvie, Charlie, Eva-Rose, Saffie, Ella and Alex.

### Year 7:

Jake, Mollie, Joseph, Eleanor, Felicity, Emma, Tyrus, James, Charlotte, Rose, Lucy, Faye, Heather.

### Year 8:

Max, Joe, Adanna, Jasmine, Grace, Poppy and Alexis.



## Uniform

Whilst the vast majority of children turn up to school on time and in the correct uniform every day, in recent weeks we have noticed an increase in pupils wearing trainers. Please can you support the school, by ensuring your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. **If there is a genuine reason why your child is not in the correct uniform, please put a comment in their planner for their form tutor. The comment should give the reason and when you expect for it to be rectified. Please contact your child's form tutor if you wish to discuss this further.**

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March any child who is not wearing the correct footwear to school will risk further sanctions, unless there is note in their planner. Thank you for your support.

**We have also noticed some pupils arriving without their jumpers. Please make sure your child is wearing theirs every day and that they have their name on the label.**

## Vacancies at KMS

### Admin Support

We are advertising for an administration role in the school office. If you or someone you know might be interested, please check the website [here](#).



## Term Dates 2022-23

Please see the school website for details of our [term dates for next year](#).



## Key Dates

<b>Wednesday 23 March</b>	Magna STEM Careers fair AM (Year 7)
<b>Monday 24 March</b>	Y7 Parents' Evening for children with surnames beginning I – Z

## Parent/Carer Workshops: Children's emotional wellbeing



### Parent and Carer Workshops: Children's Emotional Wellbeing

\* As part of the Rural Place Partnership Project, we are pleased to offer the following parent workshops that are aimed to help you support your child's positive emotional wellbeing and mental health at home. Each free workshop has a specific theme and will be delivered by Stacey Barton, Rural Education Link Worker (Children's Mental Health):

**Tuesday 3rd May 6.00-7.30pm:**  
An Introduction to Self Harm

**Tuesday 10th May 6.00-7.30pm:**  
Understanding and Supporting Anxiety

**Thursday 19th May 6.00-7.30pm:**  
The Teenage Brain



All workshops will be held at Kirkburton Middle School, Tumshaws Ave, Kirkburton, Huddersfield HD8 0TJ. Please book on Eventbrite by following the links on the next page. Limited places available.

We are delighted to offer a series of parent/carers workshops in conjunction with Northorpe Hall. THESE WORKSHOPS WILL TAKE PLACE AT KMS and come highly recommended. Early booking is advisable. Please see the end of the bulletin for further details.

## Crufts



Congratulations to Ashleigh in Year 7 who attended Crufts last week with her dog Max. The pair achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Basic Obedience and 6<sup>th</sup> place in Novice. Well done from everyone at KMS.

## STEM Careers fair for Year 7



<https://youtu.be/QfC7YuqfBwM> 'Get up to Speed' with STEM is a chance to see some of the UK's most exciting science, technology & engineering inventions, and meet the people who design, build and operate them! Our whole Year 7 will be visiting this year's event on March 23rd.



## **Trips and Visits back at last!**

### 23<sup>rd</sup> March Magna Yr7

We have had 2 years of lockdown and these experiences will be exciting for the children.

In the past the pupils have come home from Magna with a bag of goodies - when we went last time the students were given pencils, rulers, calculators, squidges and torches. Someone even won a Nintendo Switch! It is all interactive and hands on - they will get an hour to go around in little groups to explore.

### 5<sup>th</sup> April Huddersfield University Yr8

Huddersfield University trip - they will see the Student Union, accommodation, sports facilities, even a real courthouse and lots more! Really good afternoon for all.

## **Inter-generational Trip**

Year 6 & 7 were exemplary as they took part in an intergenerational project this week. They helped to set up a community class, danced and chatted with senior members of our community. What a lovely way to start the week.



## **Science Week**

This week the students of KMS have been enjoying some exciting activities based around the theme of Growth to celebrate British Science week, they have planted seeds, made some windmills, launched rockets and much more. Our Science Ambassadors have also introduced everyone to some of their favourite scientists during assemblies. Look out for the next Bulletin to find out more.



## **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 11

