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Kirkburton Middle School

## 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. We've had an extremely busy fortnight in school once again.

As you are aware, the school was inspected by OFSTED on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. In a series of special assemblies on Monday we asked pupils to do one very important thing for us during the inspection – 'do what you normally do every day'. I'm pleased to say they followed this instruction to the letter and they were an absolute credit to themselves, the school and you as parents. Thank you to everybody who completed the Parent View survey which was extremely positive. We remind parents to always contact school if ever they have any questions or concerns in order that we can try and address these promptly. At this stage we are not allowed to share the judgements made by the inspection team publicly but we are pleased with how the inspection went. The final report should be published within 30 working days of the inspection and we will email this to all parents as soon as we receive it.

Last Wednesday Mrs Greenough (Mast Trust CEO), Mrs Large (Headteacher, Scissett Middle) and Mrs Knowles (Headteacher, Shelley First) spent the day in school evaluating our RE and French curriculums. They also looked at behaviour in school and our provision for those pupils with SEND. All visitors were very complimentary

about how polite and well-mannered our pupils are. They were also very impressed with the other aspects of the school they observed. Mr Taylor will spend a day at Scissett Middle and a day at Shelley First undertaking a reciprocal review.

On Thursday last week the school came together for our annual act of remembrance. Pupils spent the first part of the lesson in tutor groups learning about Armistice day and then everybody assembled outside. We listened to two pieces of poetry which were read beautifully by Josie and Ethan and then the school fell silent for the Last Post and a 2 minute period of silent reflection. Following the silence, wreaths were laid at the front of the school. The behaviour and respect shown by every single pupil was exemplary and I wish parents were present to see how fantastic their children were. A very moving experience for all who were present. Many thanks also to Arooj, James, Charlotte and Tom who represented the school at the community act of remembrance in Kirkburton. A wreath was laid on behalf of pupils and staff at our school. Miss Kaye played the Last Post and Reveille. On display were some memorial stones which pupils at our school have designed – they are most impressive and well worth a look.

The past two weeks has also brought a number of sporting fixtures, odd socks day for mental health week, our non-uniform day organised by the school council to raise money for Children in Need and much more.

It's hard to believe we are nearly halfway through this second half-term already. Thank you as always for your ongoing support and I hope you have a good weekend.

We will continue enjoying, achieving, succeeding together.

Mr Taylor

**Enjoying, Achieving, Succeeding Together.**

### Request from local residents

Please can parents turn off their engines when waiting to collect children at the end of school. We would appreciate your support with this.



*'KMS Remembers'*

### The next two weeks

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

### Meet the governors

Hello, I'm Viv Barraclough and I have been a Parent Governor at KMS for 5 years. My three boys have now moved on to Shelley College and beyond but I am continuing as a Community Governor as the role is so interesting. As Governors we get a real insight into the workings of the school. It has been fascinating to be a part of the process of joining the Mast academy trust and of sharing information and resources with the other schools in the trust. Everyone is extremely friendly and approachable and you really feel valued as a volunteer. It doesn't matter whether you work in education or not (I do), as it's useful to have people with a variety of life experiences.

### Parent Governor

A reminder that we are currently looking for a new parent governor to join our school governing body. If you would like to stand for election please complete a nomination form and return it to the school no later than Monday 29th November 2021. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding this or if you would like to speak to Mr Taylor and/ or Mr Jolly (Chair of Governors) about the post.

[Please click here for further information about becoming a governor](#)

[Please click here to find out more about our governing body at KMS.](#)

### Year 8 Parents' Evening

EduLink is now open to book appointments for your child with subject teachers either face to face on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November or on TEAMS on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.



### Christmas Cinema Trips

Thank you to year 6 parents for all your support regarding the theatre trip to see Sleeping Beauty on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. Letters will be sent on Monday regarding the upcoming trips to the cinema for year 7 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December and year 8 on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The pupils voted to watch Home Alone. Great choice!

## Christmas Show

Miss Austin asks for contribution of prizes to the raffle for the Christmas show.

Many thanks – Miss Austin

## Drama Stars

The following pupils have 'shone' in drama lessons the last fortnight:

Year 7

Seth M  
Charlotte N  
Sam R  
Ralph M  
Emma S  
Robin P

Y8

James G  
Darnell H  
Kiki V-K  
Raif T

Well done – Miss Austin

## Careers - Discover the world of Game Art

Is your child interested in Game Art? If so, this event may be for them.

*'Join us for our free virtual Game Art Careers Evening with Creative Assembly and Climax Studios on Monday 22nd November at 6pm.*

*Don't miss out on the chance to get vital career advice, learn more about industry-professional software and find out how to get ahead in the games industry.'*

[Please click here to find out more and register.](#)

## STOP PRESS - School uniform

As mentioned in the parent bulletin last month, a new law in relation to school uniforms was passed in April. The new guidance on school uniform has finally been released today and so we will now start planning for our full uniform review, which will take place after Christmas. All stakeholders will be given the chance to contribute to this important matter.





## **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

