



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.

In the short time I've been at KMS I've experienced some of the best times of my career to date, I've also experienced some lows. I can safely say last Friday ranked as the most distressing afternoon I've ever spent in a school, thankfully there was a happy ending. Please ensure you read the letter accompanying this bulletin for more details.

Yesterday was national 'thank a teacher' day. I'm sure you would like to join me in thanking our wonderful staff team for all they do within school and beyond. Whatever the day throws at them, and in schools our days can be very varied indeed, our staff always carry out their work with a smile and the utmost professionalism - always putting our pupils at the centre of everything they do. They truly are a credit to the school and the profession. On behalf of the pupils, parents and KMS community - thank you colleagues!

We've had another very busy fortnight in school. It started with our first residential since the pandemic as 108 Year 6 pupils embarked on, and safely returned from, their bushcraft expedition. I had the pleasure of visiting the camp on the (sunny) Saturday afternoon and it was great to see pupils enjoying getting back to nature without an electronic device in sight. Well done Year 6 and thank you to Mr Parker and all the staff who made this possible.

The past two weeks have brought yet more amazing sporting success, after thinning down our trophy cabinet it is getting very full again! We also had a second very successful visit to the Leeds Playhouse. It was lovely to welcome nearly 100 senior citizens into school for lunch last Saturday. A true community event, we had volunteers from the local community and the WI serving lunch. We also had over 40 KMS pupils performing a variety of acts and musical pieces which were of an incredibly high standard and very well received. Many pupils stayed afterwards to help with the raffle and speak to the attendees as well as supporting with the clearing up. Thank you to Mrs Austin, Ms Kaye and Ms Clarke for their support here. And to all our pupils who took part.

We've launched two competitions in school this week. Our 'Lunch-a-thon' competition invites pupils to design a recipe to be served for school lunch. The catering team will pick the best entries and these will be served during the week commencing 4th July. The winner will be the recipe which sells the most portions. We've also launched our annual competition to design the front cover of our planner for next year – with a very special theme.

For those taking time off work for the half-term, I hope you have a lovely time with family. For everybody else, I hope you have an enjoyable, extended, bank holiday weekend. There seems to be a lot going on in the villages for the jubilee including the beer festival here in Kirkburton so lots to enjoy.

And finally, I wish all those travelling down to the capital for a weekend of sport this weekend a safe journey and all the very best for whichever game you are attending. I think for one day only the Taylor household will be turning blue and white on Sunday. Good luck.

Thank you as always for all your ongoing support.

Mr Taylor

IMPORTANT! - Office Email Addresses

Please note our office email addresses have changed –

The main office/reception email address is

Kirkburtonoffice@themast.co.uk



For **all** attendance issues including absences, medical appointments and reasons for being late or out of school please email Diane Allen at

Kirkburtonattendance@themast.co.uk

YEAR 6 Bushcraft

I still have a small number of items which were left by pupils on the Bushcraft trip. Please email me if you believe your child left behind an item on the trip. I will also be sending out a short parental feedback questionnaire regarding the trip. I would greatly appreciate it if you could spend 5 mins completing the questionnaire. This will help inform the planning of future school trips now they are back up and running after the pandemic.

Mr Parker - Head of Year 6

Lost Property

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE put your child's name on all of their belongings. The office staff can then reunite your child with their belongings and save you money by not having to replace 'lost' items! We send out messages on the daily bulletin to the pupils with photos of recently 'lost' items for them to try and identify their belongings.

Parental Workshops

We would like to thank Stacey Barton from Northorpe Hall for delivering her parental workshops. Stacey delivered three workshops:

- The Teenage Brain
- Introduction to Self Harm
- Anxiety

It was lovely to see parents chatting, relaxed and feeling empowered with the knowledge Stacey provided. At KMS we want to give our parents 'the toolkits' to work through any challenges their children may face, especially around mental health. If you are worried about your child's mental health, please contact **Ms Tracy Clark - Pastoral Lead**

Term Dates 2022-23

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



Key Dates

Queen's Jubilee Day	6 June 2022
Y8 Reports Issued	28 June 2022
6F Church Visit 9.05-11am	THURSDAY 9 June
6B Church Visit 1.15-3.10pm	Friday 10 June
6D Church Visit 9.05-11am	Friday 10 June
Y7 Reports Issued	29 June 2022
Summer Show	29 June 2022 at 6.30pm
Y6 Reports Issued	30 June 2022
2nd Y8 HPV Jab	6 July 2022 – please note change of date
End of summer term	22 July

Leeds Playhouse Trip

Our Leeds Playhouse trip was enjoyed by all. A drama workshop with an actor and a tour of the theatre spaces including a chat with the Artistic Director of the upcoming Charlie & The Chocolate Factory was so interesting.



Jubilee Afternoon Tea

A successful Jubilee Afternoon Tea with members of our community. Our students performed a programme of music and drama that was enjoyed by all. Our guests commented on how polite the students were and what a joy it was to spend the afternoon with them. Thank you and well done!

Miss Austin & Miss Kaye



Musica Kirklees Application Forms for Sept 2022

Just a reminder that should wish to have vocal/instrumental tuition at school through Musica Kirklees, application forms can be downloaded from their website, www.musicakirklees.org or by clicking on the link here <https://www.musicakirklees.org/music-tuition/application-and-registration-forms>

Should you have any further queries regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact the Musica Kirklees office on 01484 426426 or by emailing hello@musicakirklees.org.

Mental Health and Well-being Support

Kooth.com provided by Kooth Digital Health is available across Kirklees offering mental health and well-being support to all young people and young adults 11-25years. Kooth.com is a safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing online service which users can access free with no waiting lists, no referrals and no thresholds. It is accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) and can be accessed from any internet device 365 days 24/7.

As a service we offer professional and community support through:

- Online counselling sessions available from midday to 10pm every weekday and from 6pm -10pm on weekends.
- 24hr messaging service with our practitioners
- Peer to peer support through moderated discussion forums
- Helpful Magazine Articles
- Self Help resources

The service previously supported young people up to 19 years but since the 1st April 2022 it has been extended to also support young adults up to 25 years.

If you have any queries or need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me:

Dianna Lowe, Commissioning Manager – Integrated Commissioning Dianna.Lowe@kirklees.gov.uk

Plant a tree for the Jubilee

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.



The Queen's Green Canopy will create a network of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands in honour of The Queen's service and the legacy she has built.

Here at KMS we'd like to not only support the Queen's Green Canopy scheme but we will also be trying to raise

funds to purchase three mature trees. These three trees would be planted on the edge of the field to provide some shade for the children when they are playing outside in the summer. Why three trees I hear you ask, one for each of the year groups at KMS to nurture and as a legacy for the Y8s to pass on to future generations. Three because we know they will be expensive, saplings are prone to damage by the weather and vandalism, whereas a more substantial tree will not be so easily broken and bent in the elements.

We hope you will help us with this project and donate as much as you can spare to help us achieve this goal.

To donate via ParentPay look for the Plant a Tree for the Jubilee account. A variable amount from £2 to £30 has been set up on ParentPay. Please do not feel obliged to pay the maximum amount. It is just the way the system works to allow us to put in a variable amount.

Remember To Donate Your Old School Uniform



PLEASE HELP UNIFORM EXCHANGE BY DONATING YOUR OLD SCHOOL ITEMS

- School Uniform
- School & PE Bags
- Shoes & Trainers

Collection box is in school reception



I am sure most of your children will have grown out of their old school uniform by the end of the term or maybe leaving to a new school. Please would you donate any no longer needed school uniform to Uniform Exchange our local recycling charity. We are in desperate need of school bags, trainers and football boots. They make sure every family has access to school uniform throughout the year no matter their financial need. There are over 50 donation points across Kirklees if you go to their website, you can

see the locations in your postcode area. Our school does have a collection box for you to donate into. Thank you in advance for your support.

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/donation-points/>

Uniform Exchange - Free School Uniform

Uniform Exchange have 1000's of items of recycled school uniform donated from all over Kirklees. This is available for all parents to access for their local school, please complete the form on this link and we will get it out to you ASAP. We give away uniform on a first come first served basis, be aware logo items are limited. We had 100 requests last week so don't leave it too late.

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/free-school-uniform/>

Drayton Manor Visit – 8 July 2022

Don't forget that form for the Y8 end of year visit to Drayton Manor needs to be completed by 24 June. You can pay via ParentPay.

Please complete the consent form [here](#) if you haven't already done so.

Sorry but this trip is for Year 8 pupils only.

Extra-Curricular Activities after half term

Thanks to our wonderful PE department our pupils are offered a variety of sports over the next half term. Come and get involved!

What's on?

DAY	LUNCHTIME (12.15 - 12.45pm)	AFTER SCHOOL (3.45 -4.45pm)
MONDAY	All years Tennis Practice (AWP) (VJ)	
TUESDAY	Year 8 Boys Cricket (AWP) (DM,AL)	
WEDNESDAY	All years Rounder's (Back Fields) (VJ)	
THURSDAY	Year 7 Boys Cricket (AWP) (AL)	Year 7 and 8 Athletics (Fields) (VJ, DM, AL,SK)
FRIDAY	Year 6 Boys Cricket (AWP) (DM,SK)	

Sports

Success at Neiley Races! Well done to FC who came third overall across three races at this great event. AM won the girls competition with two wins and one second place! A brilliant achievement for both KMS students and well done to all who ran to represent our school, you should be very proud of yourselves.



The Year 6 Boys' Football team took part in the Bradford Park Avenue Football tournament on Thursday 19th May. This had been postponed from March due to snow on the pitch. There were over 20 teams representing various schools from all over West Yorkshire and the venue and organisation of the event was extremely professional. Our boys were amazing, they won all of their group stage matches comfortably and then went on to win the semi-final and the final! They did not concede a goal all tournament and scored some absolutely brilliant team goals. A special mention to Lennon Mapplebeck who won the Player of the final award as selected by the BPA staff, a very well-deserved award for an exceptional player!



Athletics Update - The Y7 and 8 pupils competed in the English Schools Athletics Event on Wednesday. Efforts, behaviour and performances were excellent and we were so proud of them. The boys finished in a brilliant third place



with the girls a fantastic first position. They are now through to the regional finals which will be held in Mansfield on Monday 13th June 2022, 11am start. Well done to all the pupils involved and good luck in the next round.

'Play your way to Wimbledon' - A massive well done to all 20 boys and 5 girls who took part in this competition on Tuesday 17th May at Gregory Fields Tennis Club. All games were scored by Shelley College leaders who did a wonderful and very professional job. Throughout the day there were over 60 tennis matches played and the standard was incredibly high, particularly in the boys' competition which saw a final worthy of Wimbledon even in this early stage of the competition. The winner of the boys' event was Year 6 student DRD and the winner of the girls' event was MW in Year 8. Both will now go on to compete in the next round of the competition and will hopefully play all the way to Wimbledon!



Girls Cricket - The Year 6 girls' cricket team took part in the SPIN cricket event on Friday 20th May at Almondbury Wesleyan Cricket Club. They spent the morning perfecting their cricket skills with excellent coaching from various cricket experts from SPIN. They then went on to play two matches in the afternoon and won one and lost one which allowed them to finish in third place overall. There are many cricket clubs in our local area who would love to welcome the girls to play cricket. Let's hope more will join a club this summer and enjoy this great sport.



KMS Sports Days- This year we plan to hold our sports days as follows:

Year 6: Tuesday 28th June 2022 9 - 12 noon

Year 7: Monday 27th June 2022 9 - 12 noon

Year 8: Monday 27th June 2022 1 - 3.30pm

These will be house competitions and all students will take part. The year 8 Sports Leaders will help with the running of the events.

Unfortunately, we do not allow parents to spectate at the sports days.

Kirkburton Library – Jubilee Events

The team at Kirkburton library, wanted to take the opportunity to make you aware of events planned as part of their Jubilee celebrations. They would be delighted to have pupils participating in any way, whether in the run-up to the Jubilee Celebrations or by popping in on Wednesday, 1st June. They have some exciting activities

for you to participate in over the holidays. Pop along and have some fun.

Vacancies at Kirkburton Middle School

We have several exciting opportunities for you or someone you know to join the staff at KMS. Please take some time and visit the vacancies page on our website [here](#) to see if there is a role you might be interested in applying for.

Attendance

Please can I remind parents about the importance of your child attending school. Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time. Students who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Please see our attendance policy on the school website for further information. <https://kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk/our-school/school-policies>

Ms Tracy Clark – Pastoral Lead

Lunch-A-Thon





Planner Competition Years 6 and 7



Design the front cover of next year's planner 2022/2023 celebrating **50 years** of KMS (1973–2023).

What do you have to do?

Produce a design suitable to be printed on the front of next year's school planner. It can be A4 or A5. Portrait format.

Use **bright colours** as it has to be printed.

Do not use metallic, glitter or highlighter pens.

It needs to celebrate 50 years of KMS.

Inspiration could come from the local area, school or a particular subject you enjoy.

I am looking for a **creative design** that is well composed.

Art work can be hand drawn or digitally produced and emailed to jaaron@themast.co.uk

You do not need to include any wording if you don't want to.

All entries need to be handed in to the school office or Mrs Aaron by **Friday 10th June 2023.**

Lots of prizes to be won!

School Safeguarding Contacts

Mrs Senior – Safeguarding Lead
g.senior@themast.co.uk

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 11

