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Kirkburton Middle School



## 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. It has been another very busy two weeks in school.

Although still relatively low, we have seen our Covid infection rates creep up slightly in school over the past two weeks and as such thank parents, pupils and staff for their ongoing efforts as we continue to learn to live with the virus as safely as possible. We wish all those isolating at home a speedy recovery. Where pupils are well enough, they should aim to join live lessons. Parents are asked to indicate to the office whether their child will be attending live lessons each day as part of their daily absence reporting call. **Parents are reminded we can only offer live lessons to those pupils who are absent due to Covid-19.** Please contact Mrs Kerr if you have any questions in relation to remote learning or live lessons.

It has been another unbelievably busy and incredibly successful two weeks of sport. The school has seen successes in netball and sports hall athletics together with two of our football teams being crowned as West Yorkshire Champions. Wow! On top of this, we have also seen superb participation at extra-curricular clubs including nearly 30 pupils attending our Thursday afterschool Dodgeball club. Sport for all!

Finally, pupils continue to work very hard indeed in all their lessons and I am sure this will be reflected in their upcoming interim reports.

I'll end by wishing Town fans all the very best of luck for the big game tonight, not that I think you will need it. The pupils have received ad hoc lessons from me in the lunch queue all week on how to be gracious winners. I hope they remember this on Monday.

Mr Taylor

### Covid-19

Thank you to those who continue to test weekly; your efforts are very much appreciated; it is helping to keep the infection rate down in school.

In line with the national move to 'plan A' we ask staff and pupils to follow the wider advice on face coverings, including on transport to and from school. [This guidance was updated yesterday and can be viewed here.](#)

It states -

*'In England, face coverings are no longer required by law. The government suggests that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet.'*

We still have circulation of the virus in school and therefore pupils and staff may wish to continue to wear face coverings on school corridors and in classrooms.

### Pupil Absence

Please ensure all absences are report to the office every day. Thank you for your support with this.



### Office Email Address

Please note our office email address has changed - [kirkburtonoffice@themast.co.uk](mailto:kirkburtonoffice@themast.co.uk)



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## Key dates this term

3<sup>rd</sup> February: Year 7 & 8 Interim reports issued  
6<sup>th</sup> February: Year 6 Parents' evening  
10<sup>th</sup> February: Year 6 Parents' evening  
15<sup>th</sup> March: Year 7 Parents' evening  
24<sup>th</sup> March: Year 7 Parents' evening



## STEM roadshow

We were delighted to host the BAE Systems Schools STEM Roadshow last Thursday. Supported by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, the roadshow covered the theory and uses of magnets and electromagnets. As always, our visitors were extremely complimentary about the behaviour and engagement of our pupils.



## Pupil wellbeing – The relaxation room

We are delighted to introduce 'The Relaxation Room', a space where pupils can relax, be quiet and calm on Thursday break times. Pupils can enjoy a relaxing time with soft music to practice some breathing and grounding techniques, some gentle stretching and yoga or simply just be still for a few moments during their busy week.



Ms Austin

## Pupil Parliament

A huge thank you to James Y8 and Faye Y7 who represented KMS at the first meeting of the Mast Academy Trust Pupil Parliament at Birdsedge First School. Topics discussed included sustainability and how we can reduce the carbon footprint of our schools. Work was also started on the development of a pupil charter, which will set out what pupils are entitled to during their time at our schools. This will include a section on health and wellbeing, school experiences and the curriculum.

## Drama Stars

Congratulations to our fortnightly drama stars.

**Year 7** - Benjamin P, Liam, Oliver T, Hugh H, Ava M, Jenson S, Eleanor W.

**Year 8** - Thomas F, Iggy K, Jake S, Evie H, Jack R, Joseph I, Ellie K.



Well done everybody!

## Parent Forum

Thank you to those who attended the parent forum last night. As always, it was good come together to discuss and explore a variety of school issues and initiatives. Parents gave some great feedback and provided plenty of food for thought for school leaders. Topics discussed included careers, online safety and school uniform. We will be launching our uniform consultation shortly after half-term. [Please click here to view the presentation from the meeting.](#) If you would like to join the parent forum, please contact the school office.

## Lost property

Please can parents ensure all items of clothing and other belongings are clearly marked with their child's name. We have a mountain of lost property which we are unable to return as items are not named. Thank you.

## PE update

### Under 12 Girls Football

Our Under 12 Girls Football Team are the West Yorkshire Country Cup Champions!

They played in the tournament on Monday 24th January 2022 at Leeds Rd Playing Fields. The results were as follows; KMS 3 - 2 NHGS, KMS 0 - 1 Allerton Grange, KMS 2 - 0 Colne Valley, KMS 4 - 1 Garforth and KMS 4 - 0 Ryburn! Exceptional play by all of the team, it really was a very high standard of play and to beat large secondary schools from all over the county is truly amazing! Well Done to all of the players! Some real superstars at KMS ⚽



### Year 8 Netball

The year 8 Netball team played their first fixture on Thursday 13th Jan 2022 against BBG Academy. It was great for them finally play a competitive match and they made a wonderful start to the netball season beating BBG 17-6! The next fixture is against Honley and King James High School on Wednesday 19th January.

### Sports Hall Athletics

The KMS Year 7 and 8 Sports Hall Athletics Teams won their first round of the competition at Newsome on Monday 24th January 2022. They have qualified for the Kirklees Final, alongside our year 6 teams, on Friday 4th February at Leeds Rd Sports Barn! Good luck to all of the teams!



### Under 11 Boys football

We are on the road to Wembley!

Well done to the under 11 boys who were unbeaten in the Huddersfield Town Kids Cup tournament at Leeds Road Playing Fields on Thursday 27th January! They will now go on to represent Huddersfield Town at the regional round in Sheffield w/b 7th March. If successful, they will go on to play at Wembley before the Championship play off Final!



## **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

