



Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

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And much, much, more.

A word from the Head

Welcome to our fortnightly parent bulletin, I hope you have had a good Easter and that you and your family are well. It's amazing to think the final term of the school year is already upon us. The summer term is always an exciting time in schools and we're all very much looking forward to another action packed term at KMS.

During the final week of the Easter term all year 8 pupils visited Huddersfield University as part of our careers curriculum whilst all year 7 pupils attended a theatrical presentation by the Riot Act which focused on road safety. A number of pupils had afternoon tea with some of our governors as we said goodbye to Professor Ann Harris who stepped down as a governor at KMS after 25 years of service. I'm sure everybody connected with KMS would like to thank Ann for all her fantastic service to the school over the years. We were also delighted to welcome Melanie Barnard (parent governor) and Sarah Armitage (community governor) for their first visit to the school as newly appointed governors.

It was great to welcome the pupils back to school on Monday, they've settled back into school routines very quickly and we've been really pleased with the atmosphere around school this week. On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome former pupil Councillor Nigel Patrick, The Mayor of Kirklees, back to KMS for a tour of his old school. Nigel joined the school as a Year 6 the day that it opened and so it was very interesting to hear what has changed since KMS day 1, and what hasn't. As part of

the visit, Year 6 pupils were given a presentation on the history and ceremony of Mayors and they asked some extremely perceptive and thoughtful questions during the question and answer session that followed.



It was great to see the hall full of Year 6 parents on Wednesday for our upcoming Bushcraft trip information evening. We are delighted to see residential trips returning to our KMS offer and hope to extend this next year. We recognise pupils have missed out on lots of opportunities as a result of the pandemic and we'll do what we can to make up for this in the time they have left with us. I'm sure parents would like to join me in thanking all those staff who go the extra mile to organise and attend trips and visits.

We've also had another very successful week of sport. Well done to the year 7 football team and the year 6 tag rugby team on their achievements.

Please can we remind parents that the school doors open at 8.50 and this is the latest time pupils should be arriving in school. In doing this, all pupils will be sat in their places ready for the school day to start at 8.55 prompt.

Thank you as always for all your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or queries regarding your child's education at KMS. I hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend and that the weather is kind to us all.

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

Lost Property

Thank you to all who came and had a good rummage in the lost property, thankfully some items were returned to their owners but we are still left with way too much uniform, PE kit and water bottles and shoes/trainers.

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 will start sending out messages with photos of recently 'lost' items for you to try and identify your child's belongings.

SATs Revision

We have recently created a SATs revision page on the KMS website. Please take some time to look at it and the resources we've added to help you understand what the Key Stage 2 SATs involve and how you can support your child. There are links to past papers and videos our teachers have taken time to record for you to explore. [Access the page here.](#)

Science Intervention Sessions

The Science Department will be offering intervention sessions starting Monday 9th May for all year groups.

These sessions will be designed to fill gaps and look at Science skills to allow our students to make further progress. The sessions will be open for this half term, we encourage anyone who was not making expected progress on their last report to attend and those who are lacking confidence in their science work.

If you have any questions please contact Miss LeGray-Wise (zlegraywise@themast.co.uk)

Teaching and Learning

Attached you will find a curriculum map for each year group. The curriculum map gives you an insight into what your child will be learning in each subject during this half term. This document will help parents engage in conversations about your child's learning and even give you a chance to read up on each of the areas they are learning about – you never know, you might learn something too!

Term Dates 2022-23

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



Key Dates

May Day	2 May 2022
2 nd Y8 HPV Jab	12 May 2022
Y6 Bushcraft Trip	13, 14 & 15 May 2022
Half term holiday	30 May – 3 June 2022
Queen's Jubilee Day	6 June 2022
End of summer term	22 July

Music

Reminder

String Group next week, in week A at 12.15.

If you would like a FREE taster Violin lesson, please let Miss Kaye know. These will happen again in week B.



FREE DRUM KIT taster lesson – If anyone would like one, please let Miss Kaye know.

Music Enrichment – New this term



Pop Choir – WEDNESDAY 12.15 in the Music room and will be led by Mrs Waller, our singing teacher, from Musica.

We will be preparing for an event at the end of June that we will be working towards. We hope to see existing members, pupils who have singing lessons

both in and out of school and we welcome any new members.

Wind Band - THURSDAY at 12.15 in the Music room, for **ALL** Woodwind and Brass players.



Ukulele Club – FRIDAY at 12.15 in the Music room.



Anyone who would like to join in this 6 – 12 weeks course, please let Miss Kaye know OR just come along

Music Exam Success



Correction : In our last bulletin we stated that Holly A (Year 7) had passed her Grade 2 Piano exam. It should have read Grade 3 Piano exam. Well done Holly!

School lunches

We are delighted to see so many pupils having a school meal at lunchtime. We're sure a big part of this is down to the quality of our new menus and meal choices. [Full details of our catering offer together with the latest menus and price lists can be found on the school website.](#)

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.

We are delighted to announce that our bid for trees from the Woodland Trust has been successful. We will take delivery of 30 saplings around November for planting to create a copse on the school site. This will create a green legacy of its own, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.

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.

Parent/Carer Workshops: Children's emotional wellbeing

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

An Introduction to Self Harm—An introduction to what self harm is, why children and young people may self harm and strategies for supporting young people who are self harming, including signposting to other resources and services. Book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-self-harm-parent-carer-workshop-tickets-272615308727>

Understanding and Supporting Anxiety – Information about what anxiety is and resources to support and manage your child's anxiety when this becomes overwhelming. Book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-and-supporting-anxiety-parent-carer-workshop-tickets-272617796167>

The Teenage Brain – Information on the changes which occur in teenagers and how we can support them constructively through this time of change. Book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-teenage-brain-tickets-272620424027>

Drama Stars

The following pupils are our most recent drama stars who have been working hard in lessons learning new skills and showing great team work.

Year 7	Year 8
Jake H Kelsey H Issy C Alfie H	Jacob L Joshua S Bella B Nicholas C Maya W Evan C

Jubilee Tea



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

