



Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

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Welcome to our fortnightly parent bulletin, I hope you and your family are well.

Whilst once again it feels like we have made some real progress nationally in our fight against the pandemic since I last wrote to you, the positive Covid case in school last week (our first since January) demonstrates things are still far from normal. Can I thank those families involved for their tremendous support and we wish those who are ill a speedy recovery. As always, we ask that families continue to support the work of the school in ensuring all national guidelines are followed in line with the government roadmap out of lockdown.

Form reps and school council

Last Wednesday we had a celebratory breakfast for our new form reps. Two pupils from each tutor group have been elected as form reps and members from this group will form our new school council. It was great to meet all the pupils and to celebrate their achievement. I also reminded pupils that there is no such thing as a free lunch, or breakfast in this case, and that now the hard work comes in terms of their role. We look forward to hearing what ideas they have in relation to our ongoing school improvement. We also thank all those pupils who applied to be a form rep. The good news for those who were unsuccessful this time is that we will be recruiting to lots of other pupil leadership posts over the coming weeks.

Parent governor

A reminder that the deadline for parent governor nominations is Wednesday 5th May. We strongly encourage parents to consider applying to join our supportive and welcoming governing body. If you would like to find out more about the role of a governor or you have any further questions, please contact school or see here - <https://themast.co.uk/governance/governor-recruitment>

School improvement visit

This week we welcomed Mr McGrath into school. Mr McGrath joined us in his role as a school improvement consultant however he is also a part of Her Majesty's Inspection team at OFSTED. Mr McGrath spent two days in school evaluating the recent work of leaders and he also provided lots of extremely useful feedback and training.

OFSTED Update

We have received the draft copy of the inspection report from our OFSTED visit before Easter. This will now be finalised following our feedback and should therefore be ready for publication very shortly. As soon as we get the final copy we will share it with yourselves. This term we will get another visit from OFSTED as part of their ongoing monitoring of the school however this time, inspectors will come on site. We very much look forward to showing them the progress we have made since the October 2019 inspection.

Morning punctuality

Please can we remind parents that school starts at 8.55am, this is the latest time we expect pupils to be arriving at their classroom door not entering the school grounds. Where pupils are late, we will issue detentions in line with our behaviour policy. Please contact your child's head of year should you wish to discuss this further.

KMS PE Department Extra Curricular Activities

Starting week beginning Monday 26th April 2021 to May half term

Lunchtime

Activity	Day	Time	Venue
Year 8 Football	Wednesday	Lunchtime play	School field
Year 8 Netball	Wednesday	Lunchtime play	AWP
Year 6 Football	Monday	Lunchtime play	School field
Year 6 Netball	Monday	Lunchtime play	Playground
Year 7 Football	Friday	Lunchtime play	School field
Year 7 Netball	Friday	Lunchtime play	AWP/Playground
Year 7 and 8 Cricket	Thursday	Lunchtime play	AWP
Year 7 and 8 Rounder's	Thursday	Lunchtime play	Back field

After school

Activity	Day	Time	Venue
Athletics – All years	Monday	3.30-4.30	School field

All to meet at the Pavilion. Please complete the form [here](#) to book a place for your child for the after school athletics.

**Transition 2021**

Last week members of the senior team visited our feeder First Schools to deliver our transition packs. It was great to meet so many of our future pupils, both those who will be joining us very soon and others who we will have to wait a few years to join us at KMS. We also received the transition packs from Shelley College for our Year 8 pupils which have been distributed to parents. Arrangement have now been finalised for the transition of pupils both in and out of the school and we are confident this offer will help alleviate any potential concerns and ensure a smooth start in September - for both pupils and parents. Please contact us if you have any further questions.

It's amazing to think we are nearly in May. Whilst it doesn't feel like it this week, hopefully summer is just around the corner.

Thank you as always for all your ongoing support and I hope you have a lovely extended weekend.

Mr Taylor

INSET Day

A reminder that Friday 14th May is our next INSET day.

Maths

Year 6 have done practice SATs Maths papers this week. They will be bringing them home on Friday to show you and try and do some corrections.

Please would you look at the paper with your child and see how they have done and encourage them to look again at the ones they got wrong or did not attempt. Please could you also sign the front of one of the papers so we know you have seen them. Please could they be returned to school by Thursday 6th May.

Many thanks for your support, Maths Department.

Music

If your child is interested in having a free Brass taster lesson with Mr Kingham, our Brass teacher from Musica, please see the attached letter or alternatively email Miss Kaye to book



S.kaye@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk.



Lunchtime Enrichment – Ukelele Club

We have had a very successful and enthusiastic start to Ukelele club, which started this week on Tuesday 27th April. This is the first time that we have been able to offer any musical extra-curricular clubs this academic year. It was great to see the pupils enjoying making music together even in a socially distanced, Covid safe setting and in the Music room too! It was attended by 10 Year 6 pupils and led by Miss Roulson and Miss Kaye.



We are really pleased with pupils' attitudes to reading in form time and all year 6 and 7 pupils should be confident in logging into their Accelerated Reader account. We'd like to encourage pupils to quiz at home as accessing computers and laptops in school is more challenging under Covid regulations. We'd like pupils to quiz as soon as they finish their book. Pupils can also quiz on books they read at home if they are available on Accelerated Reader.

It would also help us if pupils could choose their next book from the library online in order to reduce numbers in the library. Instructions on how to do this are attached to this bulletin.

Questions to ask your child about the book they are reading.

Talking to your students about the books they read is one of the best ways to support their literacy development. Your students' needs to engage in critical thinking to discuss a book — a key skill for success in school as well as life. Here are some tips on how to start and sustain a book discussion with your students:

Before your child reads a book, ask:

- Why did you select this book?
- What makes you think this book is going to be interesting?
- What do you think the book is going to be about?
 - Does this book remind you of anything else you've already read or seen?
- What kind of characters do you think will be in the book?
- What do you think is going to happen?

While your child is reading a book, try asking:

- Will you catch me up on the story? What's happened so far?
 - What do you think will happen next?
- If you were that character, what would you have done differently in that situation?
- If the book was a TV show, which actors would you cast in it?
 - Where is the book set?
- If the main character in that story lived next door, would you be friends?
- What does the place look like in your head as you read? Would you want to visit there?
- Did you learn any new words or facts so far?

After your child has finished a book, ask questions like:

- What was your favourite part of the book? Why?
- Who was your favourite character? Why?
- What was the most interesting thing you learned from the book?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
 - Would you have ended the book differently? Did it end the way you thought it would?
- Did the problem of the book's plot get solved?
- If you could change one thing in the book, what would it be?

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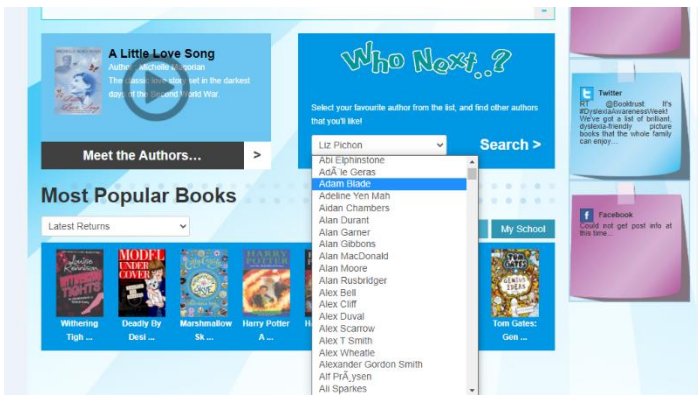
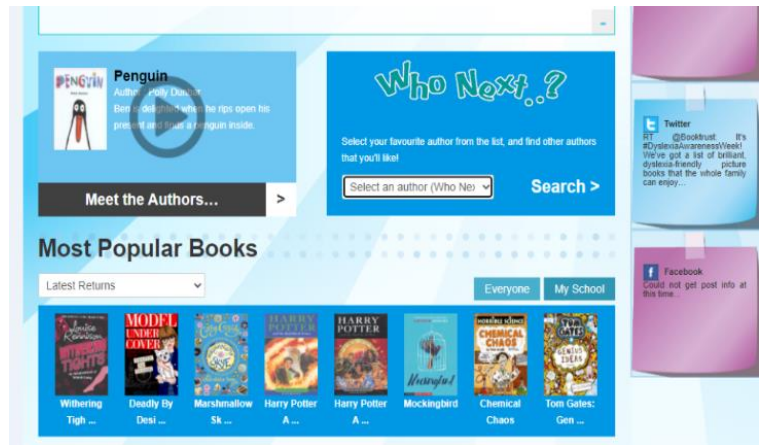
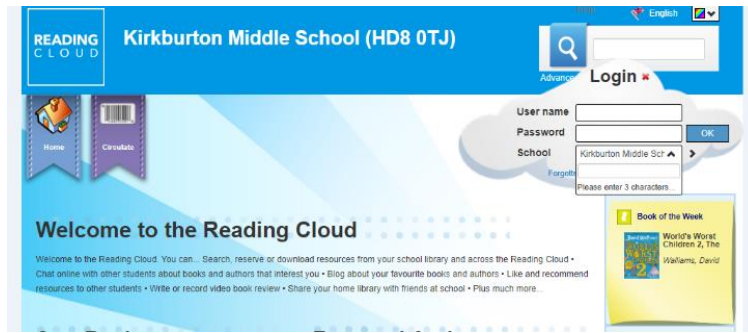
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How to find a book we have in the school library!

A. By Author

In 'Who Next?' choose your favourite author using the dropdown menu



Select a book. You will be able to read the blurb and find out the Accelerated Reader level. Books that we have in our library will enable you to reserve them.

You are able to have 3 books at a time.



Yes! No (maybe,,)



Author: Liz Pichon

Location: Library

Sometimes making up my mind isn't easy to do. Especially when my grumpy sister Della is LOOMING over me. Mum's on a mission to TIDY UP the whole house. She says if I can't decide what to get rid of, she'll do it for me. Which would be a DISASTER! Lucky for me, The FOSSILS come to my rescue (more than once!)

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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

Services for young people

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 1111



[Kirklees Adult Learning - Supporting Parents, Grandparents & Carers](#)



Kirklees Adult Learning has launched its [spring 2021 Course Timetable](#). Offering a range of short courses and workshops to develop employability skills, boost confidence and thinking skills, health and wellbeing, eating healthily and on a budget as well as helping you cope with isolation. We also have courses for supporting family learning including: - support with maths, phonics and reading and how to manage challenging behaviour too.

Many people have sadly lost their jobs during the pandemic, or understandably may be struggling to stay motivated. Learning something new is a great way to build skills and confidence, our courses are aimed at complete beginners, they are free with no fee to pay, all we ask is that you bring a willingness to learn.

Please click here to find a course for you: - [Kirklees Adult & Community Learning](#)

Digital Support - Participants will require internet access. Participants will be emailed all the resources that they need to complete the course and will get regular feedback on their progress. You can also access a 'How to use Zoom' workshop if you need support with this before the start of a course. We also have a limited number of Chromebooks and data that can be loaned to participants who are digitally excluded. For information on this please email digitalhubs@kirklees.gov.uk. Most courses will remain virtual this term but some courses such as Digital Skills are returning to the classroom.

Eligibility - Participants must be aged 19 or over, live in Kirklees, unemployed or low waged.

Contact us – For any queries or further information please email adult.learning@kirklees.gov.uk

