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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, and extremely enjoyable, first week back after the half-term break.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Ukraine. Russia's invasion of Ukraine is distressing and concerning, and we understand children and young people may have questions or be seeking reassurance. We are providing opportunities for pupils to talk through their concerns and our assemblies next week will focus on the war in Ukraine. The DfE have released a blog '[help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation](#)' which you may find useful. I think at times like this it is quite okay to say, as adults, there are many questions we struggle to answer

Our assemblies this week focused on fake news both on a global scale and closer to home. Pupils were reminded that they shouldn't jump to conclusions without finding out the full facts of a situation e.g. do you really think your friend would have said that?

With the national relaxation of Covid restrictions, we will be returning to face to face assemblies this half-term and our parents' evenings will take place on site. We will continue to monitor the situation and will change our plans accordingly if needed. Further details can be found on the [Covid-19 section of the school website](#).

Finally we are delighted to welcome two fantastic new colleagues to the school who will be joining our business support team. Mrs Mitchell, who joins us as PA to the Headteacher / Office manager, has a vast amount of experience of working in schools as a senior administrator and more recently as a PA to the CEO of a large multi academy trust in East Anglia. Mrs Allen is our new attendance officer / data manager and also has a huge amount of school experience, most recently at Honley High School.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and please congratulate your child on an excellent start to the half-term.

Mr Taylor

Careers Fair

Can you help with our annual careers fair for Kirkburton Middle and Scissett Middle pupils. The event this year will be held at Scissett Middle School.



Parents/Carers/Staff/Relatives/Friends

Our annual Careers fair is being held at Scissett Middle School on Wednesday May the 4th.

Do you have an interesting career? Or do you know anybody who would like to join us on the day to talk about their career? Would you be able to come in in your uniform and bring exciting equipment in that the students could try out?

If you can help us, make this day extremely exciting, please contact A.Greenleaf on agreenleaf@themast.co.uk as soon as possible!!!!!! Thank you

Turnshaw road closure

Turnshaw road, outside the library, is expected to be closed until 8th March. [Please see here for further details](#).

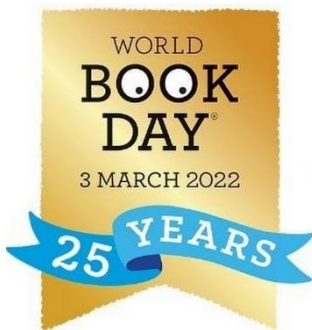
Enjoying, Achieving, Succeeding Together.

World Book Day

The children have enjoyed participating in the 25th World Book Day. 'Lifeboat No.8' has been serialised by the teachers who have been reading excerpts at the start of every lesson.



The drama department used time to expand on the story and delivered monologues as the characters being lowered in the Lifeboat No 8.



A letter outlining the arrangements for the upcoming Year 7 Parents' Evening has been sent out today. The event will take place over two nights, from 4pm – 7pm, with half of the year group attending on each date as below.

- **Tuesday 15th March** – children with surnames beginning A - K
- **Thursday 24th March** – children with surnames beginning I – Z

Maths SAT Update

Times Tables

Congratulations to pupils in 6F who won the first TTRockstars battle. A new battle will begin next week.

Times table knowledge is key to being confident in Mathematics as many topics rely on this knowledge. We are not asking pupils to be the quickest at the times tables but rather to accurate with answers. The expectation is that pupils should be able to answers any times tables up to 12 x 12 accurately within 6 seconds. This is something you can practice in the car, around the table or anywhere where you are able to give your child quick questions to complete verbally.

SAT practice

To help pupils with their confidence in May, we have one final SAT practice to complete. This will cover a previous paper in exam conditions so that pupils know what will be expected of them. We will also send home a paper to practice at home. This should also be completed in exam conditions to the correct timings for the paper.

Uniform

Whilst the vast majority of children turn up to school on time and in the correct uniform every day, in recent weeks we have noticed an increase in pupils wearing trainers. Please can you support the school, by ensuring your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. **If there is a genuine reason why your child is not in the correct uniform, please put a comment in their planner for their form tutor. The comment should give the reason and when you expect for it to be rectified.** Please contact your child's form tutor if you wish to discuss this further.



Y6 Bush Craft Trip

Thank you to all the parents who paid for the first installment for the Year 6 Bushcraft trip. The 2nd payment of £50 is now due from **Monday 7th March**. Please pay by **Friday 11th March** via parent pay.

A letter with further details on has been sent out to you. Any queries please email me in school.

As always thank you for your support.

Mr Parker - HOY6

Office Email Address

Please note our office email address has changed - kirkburtonoffice@themast.co.uk

Year 7 Parents Evening

From Monday 14th March any child who is not wearing the correct footwear to school will risk further sanctions, unless there is note in their planner. Thank you for your support.

Term Dates 2022-23

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



Key Dates

Tuesday 15 March	Y7 Parents' Evening for children with surnames beginning A - K
Wednesday 23 March	Magna STEM Careers fair AM (Year 7)
Monday 24 March	Y7 Parents' Evening for children with surnames beginning I – Z

Lost Property

The lost property mountain is getting bigger!



All lost property will be available to view on Tuesday 15 and Thursday 24 March from 4pm – 7pm. After this date all lost property will be donated / recycled / disposed of accordingly.

Parish Update

[Please click here](#) to view the latest parish newsletter.

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 see the end of the bulletin for further details.



Parent and Carer Workshops: Children's Emotional Wellbeing

* As part of the Rural Place Partnership Project, we are pleased to offer the following parent workshops that are aimed to help you support your child's positive emotional wellbeing and mental health at home. Each free workshop has a specific theme and will be delivered by Stacey Barton, Rural Education Link Worker (Children's Mental Health):

Tuesday 3rd May 6.00-7.30pm:
An Introduction to Self Harm

Tuesday 10th May 6.00-7.30pm:
Understanding and Supporting Anxiety

Thursday 19th May 6.00-7.30pm:
The Teenage Brain



All workshops will be held at Kirkburton Middle School, Tumshaws Ave, Kirkburton, Huddersfield HD8 0TJ. Please book on Eventbrite by following the links on the next page. Limited places available.

BBC Young Artist

Calling all budding artists. The BBC are looking for creative 10-14 year olds to take part in Britain's Best Young Artist. Closing date 13th March 2022. This is an exciting opportunity to show off your talents.



[Click here for more details.](#)

Performing Arts at KMS



Congratulations and well done to the following pupils who took part in the Mrs Sunderland Music Festival in February, at the Town Hall in Huddersfield.

Ted L (Year 7)

He did fabulously well and came 3rd in his year group for singing solo, 2nd place for his monologue and 1st place and cup winner for his humorous verse speaking. He was invited back on Saturday night for the finale as one of the best performers of the whole week and stood on the stage and performed his act in front of a very large audience at the Town Hall.



Mabel B (Year 8) entered three girl's solo singing classes. She was awarded THIRD place, gained a 'COMMENDED' grade, 'a convincing performance technically and artistically' and awarded a 'MERIT', 'a capable performance showing some artistic appreciation and technical ability'.

More news of pupils who took part to follow.



Could you be a KMS Performing Arts Star?

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH VIDEO](#)

Please encourage your child to make the most of the opportunities and experiences that our Extra-Curricular Music and Drama Clubs have to offer.

Vacancies at KMS

English Teacher

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and inspirational practitioner to join a strong English team of specialist teachers. You will be joining our friendly and forward-thinking school at a very exciting time; a school that genuinely values the well-being of all staff and that will invest in your ongoing professional development.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone to develop a strong understanding of the journey from KS2 to KS3 and beyond, working alongside experienced Primary, Middle and Secondary teachers.

For more information please visit our website [here](#)

Admin Support

We will shortly be advertising for an administration role in the school office. If you or someone you know might be interested please check the website in the coming week.

Sport

Middle School Cup

Well done to all of the Year 6 boys who took part in the Middle School Cup on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 5SCORE in Waterloo. This was a great opportunity for the boys to represent school and to play competitive matches against our local rivals Scissett. There was some great football on show and the boys did themselves and the school proud.



U11 Football League

The boys' football league got underway on Thursday 3rd March with fixtures against Honley and Scissett. The boys made a good start to the league campaign. The next set of fixtures will be held the week beginning 14th March 2022. Good luck!

The girls' football league matches will start the week beginning Monday 21st March 2022. Good luck!

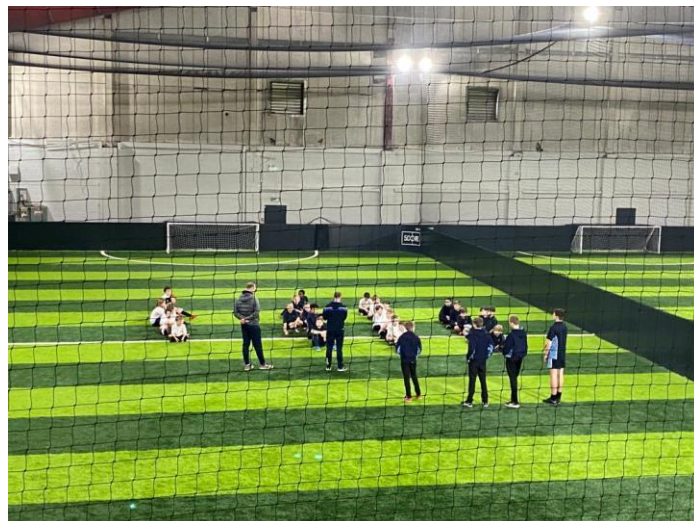
Road to Wembley!

Good luck to the eight U11 boys representing KMS and Huddersfield Town in the Regional Finals Tournament on Friday 11th March in Sheffield. If successful they will play against the champions of the South of England in a curtain raiser match before the Championship Final at Wembley!

Strictly Pennine

The KMS dance squad performed in the 7pm show on Wednesday 2nd March at The Lawrence Batley Theatre. They were one of 14 dances on the night and performed to The Greatest Show from The Greatest Showman. All of the dancers were amazing and the performance was exceptional. They have been working very hard to learn and practice this routine since September and really did themselves proud. Special mention to Izzy and Kayleigh from Shelley College who choreographed the dance and who have been working with the dance squad from the beginning.

Well done!



School Safeguarding Contacts

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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

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

