

Dear Parents

We are very excited to soon announce our J4 leaders; they are presently thinking about the positions that they would like to apply for and how they can showcase their skills and talents in relation to these roles. This year, we will be asking our J4 pupils to present to a small number of staff, a select audience chosen at random from the Infant and Junior classes, our School Council representatives (also soon to be selected), and our Senior School Sixth Form prefects. They have been given key pointers as to pertinent points to include, with a presentation length capped at 3 minutes. We look forward to this process commencing, and wish all those involved the best of luck.

This week has been awash with numerous sporting events with the U10 and U11 AJIS (Association of Junior Independent Schools) Cross Country Championships taking place on Wednesday. This has been a real highlight of our sporting calendar with our pupils performing at an incredibly high level. Our J4 girls were phenomenal and showed determination throughout, with our J4 boys also doing well and achieving 3rd place. Our J3 girls achieved 2nd place, which was astounding given the number of schools taking part, and our J3 boys came first in a select competition. Many congratulations to all involved – how wonderful for them to have demonstrated such prowess so early on in the academic year.

The U9 and U11 rugby representatives gave us a tremendous outline of the highly successful matches from last week during our Achievement Assembly, where they achieved outstanding results particularly given the long summer holidays and them only beginning to play again as a KGS team. This weekend, I am very much looking forward to hearing how our pupils get on at our U10 Rugby Festival tomorrow. I am sure that they will do themselves and KGS proud! In order to keep up-to-date with the daily highlights and happenings of Kirkham Grammar School life, including sport, I recommend that you follow our social media pages on Twitter: @KirkhamGrammar, Facebook: @kirkhamgrammarschool and Instagram: @kirkhamgrammar.

The annual Harvest festival yesterday was a superb gathering with our Infant pupils treating us to an entertaining song all about a 'Big Red Combine Harvester'. I know that our Pre-School pupils have enjoyed learning this upbeat tune too! Our Junior pupils sang a moving rendition of Praise to the One. It was wonderful to once again listen to our pupils express themselves through song during this important event, as we reflected upon being thankful, and the positive impact that we can have on those less fortunate than ourselves. It was lovely for our pupils to listen to our guest speaker talk about the work that Fylde Foodbank and the The Trussell Trust carry out. Thank you again for the most generous donations and the many beautifully-presented boxes of a variety of items. It was very apparent that all of our families had thought carefully about how they could contribute, with the volunteers from the foodbank having to make multiple trips to School in order to take the items back to their base.

Our Macmillan charity event has raised over £400. £115.80 was kindly raised by our Senior School Duke of Edinburgh pupils who volunteered their time to sell refreshments at Saturday sport fixtures. Thank you to you all for your kindness in relation to both of these recent events.

A reminder for next week that the whole school photograph will take place on Tuesday, so please do ensure that your child arrives at School in their full winter uniform. A polite reminder that headbands and accessories should be plain navy, black or hair colour with no additional adornments. Earrings should also be plain gold studs only.

Finally lost property has almost become a thing of the past at School; we have noticed, however, a few items being misplaced this week. I know some parents have posted on their child's parental contact group, but if we could kindly ask all parents to double-check their son's/daughter's bags to ensure that they have their own uniform and equipment then that would be really helpful. Our staff will continue to ensure that our pupils check their School trays regularly to ensure that missing items aren't misplaced whilst in school. Each Friday, we will now place any unnamed items of lost property on a table/rail by the playground entrance door. Please do feel

free to have a look through these items. We do hope that this proves useful.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

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Headmistress