

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 18th - 22nd November 2024 Week 2



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Last Friday was our fundraising day for Children In Need, and the final total raised was £1,007.23. Thank you to everyone who contributed, and well done to all those who won prizes in the morning Bingo session!

Last week I mentioned that we were holding standards assemblies for each House. All pupils have now been spoken to, so the change to the mobile phone policy is now in place. This means that phones must be switched off and in bags or lockers; any phones which are in blazer or trouser pockets will be confiscated. The new covered bike storage area is also now open, so all bikes should be stored safely in this new area. It is also good to see that more of our pupils are staying safe and wearing helmets when cycling. I would just like to remind everyone to cycle safely and considerately on their way to and from school.

Last night, we held our annual GCSE Presentation Evening for last year's Year 11. This event is always one of the highlights of the school year. It was lovely to see so many pupils and their families return to collect their prizes and GCSE certificates. There are lots of photographs of the prize winners on the school social media channels.

Last night the English department also took a group of Year 11 pupils to see 'Blood Brothers' at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. This will be really helpful for their GCSE English Literature, as they were able to see one of the set texts in performance. Everybody really enjoyed it, and our pupils represented Parklands well and were a credit to us, as always.

Year 11 mock exams begin on the 4th December, so our Year 11 pupils should be busy revising for those now. They have been given lots of tips and resources for revision, so if you have a Year 11 child and they are struggling with revision, please let us know and we can offer more support.

Finally, Christmas season is almost here and we will soon be starting our annual hamper collections. These hampers are distributed to needy families in the local area to help them to enjoy some Christmas treats. We will be asking for donations to go in the hampers soon, and we really appreciate anything at all that you can donate.

Mrs. Batson

Headteacher

Year 8 - Their review day was held and first tracker reports were issued yesterday. We have changed the reports to provide more information and hope parents and carers will find it more helpful. The reports can also be found on EduLink. We sent an explanatory letter to Year 8 parents and carers yesterday and a copy can also be accessed <u>here</u>.

Year 8 - There is a Respect day on Tuesday for all of Year 8 entitled, 'Personal responsibility'. Pupils will engage in workshops about diverse topics ranging from staying safe online to how to have respectful relationships as well as looking at financial know how. We also have a guest from Smoke free Lancashire who will be talking to the pupils about the dangers of vaping. As always, all sessions pupils attend will be available on their Secure Google Classroom at the end of the day so that parents and carers can view the material, see where to get help if it is needed and extend the conversations at home.

Secure - All pupils will be learning about Men's Mental Health during their Secure session this Monday as November is Men's Mental Health. We hope to raise awareness and tackle any stigma surrounding the idea that men and boys can often need and seek help for these issues.

Attendance

Attendance Prizes

Our first 100% winners this week are the following pupils. They have each won an advent calendar and there are more prizes up for grabs next week! The more you are in, the more chances to win!

Lily M - Year 10

Connor H - Year 9

Millie S - Year 7

Oliver J - Year 10

Brad D - Year 11

Perfect 3s

Excellent Behaviour for Learning goes hand in hand with achievement. It is an excellent indicator of how your child is performing in lessons. Who's had the Perfect 3 since we've been back?

Year 7: 91 pupils to date Year 8: 83 pupils to date Year 9: 62 pupils to date Year 10: 94 students to date Year 11: 76 students to date All: 406 students How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week? Year 7: 160 pupils Year 8: 152 pupils Year 9: 120 pupils Year 10: 152 students Year 11: 134 students All: 718 students

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app.

How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 - 3? Year 7: 160 pupils Year 8: 131 pupils Year 9: 105 pupils Year 10: 135 students Year 11: 112 students All: 643 students

Students, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school <u>Parklands Bulletin</u>

Weekly Learning Support Board - please click here



Message from the RS department

Last Friday, our Year 9 students had the invaluable opportunity to visit the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool. This trip built on their Year 8 studies of racism in Britain and supported their current work on human rights and social justice. The day was a tremendous success, offering students a deeper understanding of the transatlantic slave trade and its enduring impact.

The visit began with a workshop where students handled historical artefacts and explored key topics such as forced migration, life on plantations, resistance, and abolition. They engaged in thought-provoking activities and discussions, linking the historical experiences of enslaved Africans and communities in Liverpool to contemporary issues such as racism.

Following the workshop, students toured the museum to further explore the complex and far-reaching legacy of transatlantic slavery, which forcibly displaced over 12 million people from Africa to the Americas. This unique learning experience not only enriched their historical knowledge but also encouraged them to reflect on how these events continue to shape the world today.

We are proud of the thoughtful engagement shown by our students and how they approached this essential but challenging topic!





Y10 Wigan and Leigh College visit



Forensic Psychology and Criminology masterclass at Wigan & Leigh College

Earlier this week a group of ten Year 10 students visited Wigan & Leigh College to take part in a Forensic Psychology and Criminology masterclass session. They were tasked with discovering who had poisoned poor Jeff Kindle whilst he was in hospital being treated for a head wound. Was it his ex-wife? Or a jealous girlfriend? Or someone who worked in the hospital who had a grudge against Jeff?

Students had to interview all the suspects, sift through DNA evidence and search a room full of clues to get to the truth. Once they had decided who the killer was, they had to create an eye-catching tabloid newspaper front page and present their findings to the rest of the group.



The photos show the teams hard at work interviewing and finding inconsistencies in the suspects' stories, then creating their headlines and stories for the Daily Mail!

Both teams worked really well, although neither team identified the killer!

Staff were very impressed with their maturity, teamwork and excellent behaviour.

PE Update week beginning 18th November 2024

The weather has well and truly turned this week which has meant some fixtures had to be postponed. We will update when these fixtures have been rescheduled. The weather is cold so if pupils wish to wear base layers UNDER their PE kit is absolutely fine. Lessons outside will still continue unless it is unsafe to do so. Remember, there is no need to sign up just look at the extra curricular timetable, choose an activity, bring a kit and attend!

A HUGE congratulations to our newly selected Sports Captains! We look forward to working with you throughout your senior prefect journey.





Under 16 Girls Football Lancashire cup at home against Our Lady's Preston. A tightly contested game with some great skill on display but we unfortunately lost 2-1. Well played.

We're so proud of the level of commitments shown by all of our pupils, well done!



PE Reminders



A reminder for all of the systems in place in PE: Pupils should arrive at PE and change into the PE kit in the changing rooms. If your child has forgotten any kit, they will hand over their tie (we advise you label

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2 marks = break detention, 3 marks = after school.

Pupils who are excused from PE, must have brought a note or a parental email to pe@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Pupils excused MUST still bring their kit.

The PE staff will decide if they need to get changed or not. E.g. if the pupil has a difficult plaster cast that makes it difficult for the pupil to change.

Pupils who do not engage with the lesson/refuse, or who's BfL is not acceptable will receive sanctions.



PE Reminders/Cold Weather

The weather has changed significantly and pupils do still have lessons outside. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for PE. As they will still do the lesson outside unless it is deemed unfit by myself.

We have spare hoodies available if your child does not own one. I am happy to trade a hoodie permanently for a small donation.

We encourage the purchase of the leggings or pants from our suppliers

You can also wear your own base layers, white,black or blue. Underneath their PE t shirts.

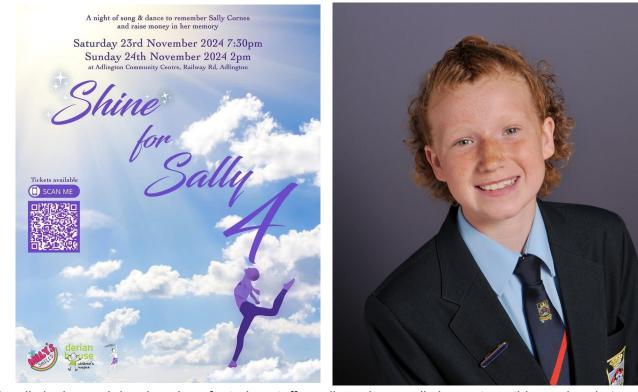
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Our uniform can be purchased from both below. <u>https://iadauniforms.co.uk/product-category/phs-parklands/</u> <u>https://www.nuuniforms.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=60</u> _78



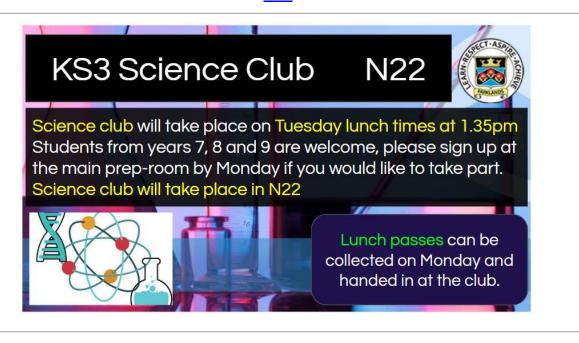
Shine for Sally



An all singing and dancing show featuring staff, pupils and ex pupils is on stage this weekend at Adlington Community Centre Raising money for Derian House and Milly's Smiles in memory of Sally Cornes who passed away in February 2021 after being diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. Sally was just 14 years old.

Tickets are available at

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/lancashire/adlington-community-centre/shine-for-sally-4/e-dm reve





Y7 Christmas Disco

Tickets are available on SCOPAY. This year the disco is in aid of Parklands' Peru Crew. So, put on your dancing shoes and your party clothes and join us for a fabulous festive evening of fantastic fun



£1.00 entry fee 6pm-8pm Tuck shop, Music, dancing & games A fun night guaranteed.



Year 7 Christmas Trip



TRAFFORD CENTRE CHRISTMAS TRIP

£10 Thursday 19th December 3pm - 9pm

Tickets available on SCOPAY.





Peru Crew Raffle

Win this Deadpool Mask

- The Mask is not a toy and would normally be sold for £150.
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- Tickets £1 each from Mr Johnston or pay on scopay. Buy as many as you want.
- The draw will be made at break on Dec 20th







Parklands High School presents an amateur performance of

ARGONUTS:



A Comedy of Tragic Proportions by Scott Lynch-Giddings



Performed on THURSDAY 28TH AND FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER FROM 7PM

TICKETS:

£3 Concessions, £5 Adult, £10 Family (up to four people) Available on Scopay or outside Reception at break and lunch

This amateur production of 'Argonuts: Jason & the Quest for the Golden Fleece' is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd., on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk



PUTTING YOU IN YOUTH WORK

WHY?

Inspire's mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for young people to learn, develop, grow, have fun and get the support they need.

By joining our team, you'll be helping the young people of Chorley build their confidence and learn new skills.

WHO?

Anyone! Get involved from age 18+ You just need a passion and interest to motivate youngsters and ensure sessions are made fun, interactive and safe!

JOIN THE GREEN TEAM!

We're hiring and want YOU at our recruitment day! Saturday 23rd November 10am-12pm

We want to showcase what it takes to be in this amazing role and it's a great opportunity to have a walk around the building. Our GREEN TEAMs mission is inspiring and empowering young people in Chorley to fulfil their potential.

We have a role for everyone as everyone has something to offer. Our building covers so many branches of activities and your skills are needed.

Inspire isn't just a place to go, it's a place to grow. And that's as much about young people as it our staff team.

EMPLOYEE PERKS

- Free Meal Each Shift O Learn New Skills
- G Free Uniform
- O Support Young People
- Beneficial Experience O Birthday Leave



Christmas Hampers

It's that time of the year that we are again asking for donations towards our Christmas hampers. This year we will be supporting our older members of the community and also some of our neediest families. We ask for all donations to be in school by Friday 15th December.



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have immoned and ego opproprise conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

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Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions obout how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive packet möney are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a gol ao

PRACTISE 3 BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or buy now, pay later's chemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

ENCOURAGE OPEN 22 4 CONVERSATION

Chattling about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to got everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

DISCUSS THE 5 PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 hor' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to reelst impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

Meet Our Expert

Gottenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO louise till is a gassionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-soving

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TELLING 'NEED' 6 FROM 'WANT

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs lifst." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their aduit Iffe. Suggest that they set something acide every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel mativitated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a finerd's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

1 11 SPARK INTEREST 8 **IN INTEREST**

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Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving maney. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that the doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately 210 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer. It depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be samed and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

PROTECT CHILDREN 10 121 00 FROM SCAMS

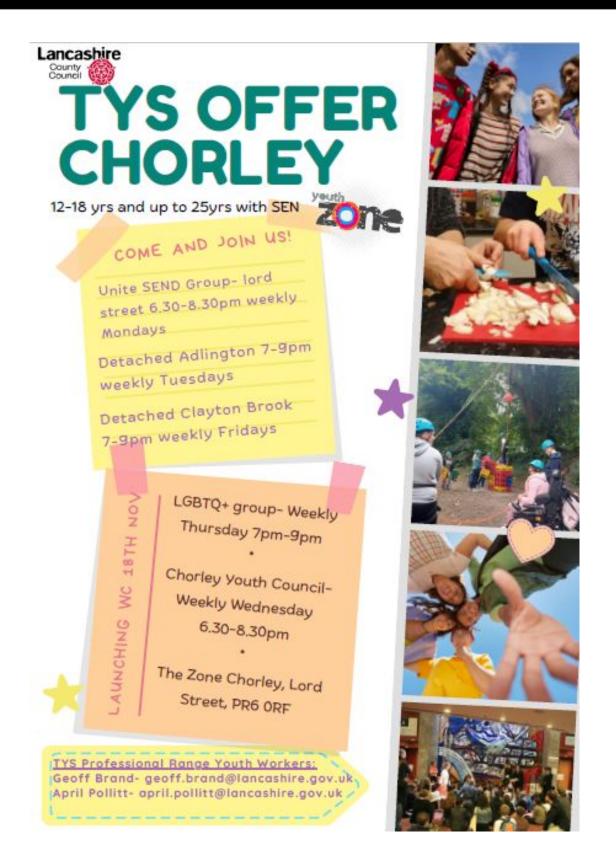
Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose mone and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lock of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to - by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trustad adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.



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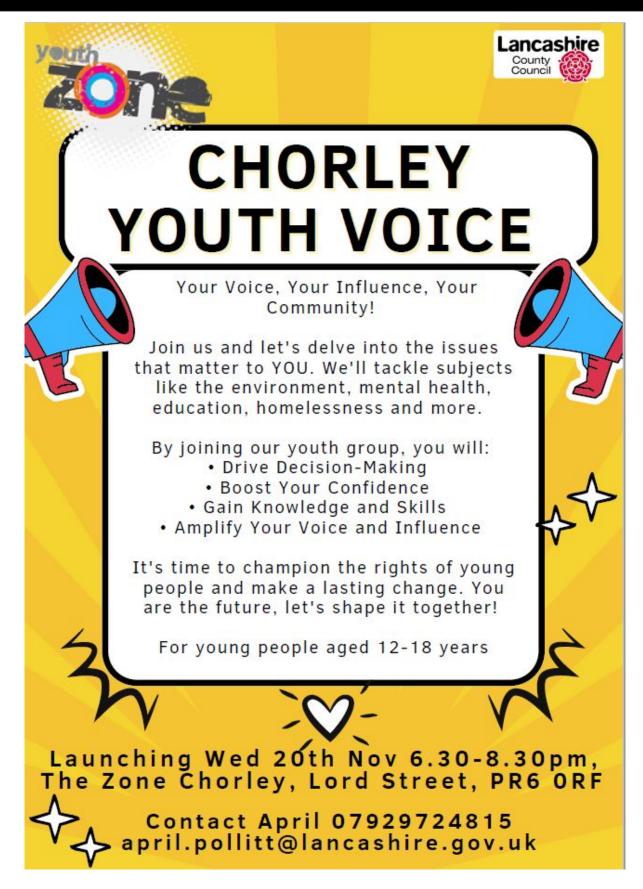
NEW GROUP LGBTQ+

For 12-19 yrs (up to 25 with additional needs) This ia a safe space for young people from the LGBTQIA+ community to share, learn and grow.



Launching Thurs 21st Nov, 7-9pm The Zone Chorley , Lord Street, PR6 0RF

Contact Geoff- 07977 043567 geoff.brand@lancashire.gov.uk



Mental Health Crisis helpline

If you need urgent crisis support, please ring the Mental Health Crisis helpline: 0800 953 0110.

If you have harmed yourself, call 999 emergency services.





Careers

Click here for this week's career news.



As always, lots of useful content in Career News. There are just a few remaining open events at local colleges coming up - there will be a couple after Christmas, but for some that's it. Interviews for college start in the New Year, with Runshaw, Preston and Wigan & Leigh College interviewing in school. Year 11 will also have Mock Interviews with employers in the next half term.