



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## 21 - 25 November 2022



### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Earlier this week I emailed you all regarding communication with school, a copy of which is on the next 2 pages of this bulletin.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the surprisingly large number of parents/carers who took the time to email me back, giving their full support for our stance whilst also expressing their disappointment that I felt the need to have to send such an email. Thank you so much. We are currently in somewhat of a recruitment crisis within education, where it is not easy to fill vacancies, which many schools are currently experiencing. Children suffer when this happens, and I do not want to be in a position where I cannot find a replacement for a member of staff who resigns due to the level of abuse directed at him/her. I fully acknowledge that none of us are perfect and we all make mistakes; should you have any issues or concern with school, I would urge you not to put your frustrations into an email but respectfully give us the chance to rectify any wrongdoing.

#### Staggered lunches

From Monday next week we are implementing a system of staggered lunches. As a heavily oversubscribed school, we have now reached a point where we cannot continue to have one lunch setting for the whole school and some students are experiencing lengthy queue times before they can get anything to eat from the canteen. Outside space is also limited at lunchtime, especially in wet weather with the field being out of use. We will explain the system to all students on Monday morning during form time.

#### Children In Need

Thank you to everyone for their support with this worthy cause. Today we raised an incredible £930!!

#### School funding

You may be aware from the national press that, thankfully, school funding has not been cut by the Chancellor. This should result in Parklands being able to continue with our current provision. We are also in a very fortunate position of having secured a fantastic fixed deal on our utilities before the huge increase in gas and electricity costs - so our heating is on!

Kind regards,  
Mr Mitchell

## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Please take this communication in the spirit in which it is intended.

I am writing to you today to seek your support regarding communication with school. Recently, we have noticed a large increase in the number of rude, aggressive and inappropriate emails or phone calls into school. In addition to this, we are finding that some parents and carers expect responses late in the evening and are then re-emailing the member of staff when a response has not been received.

As headteacher of Parklands, it is my responsibility to put measures in place to support everyone's wellbeing; this applies to students and staff. We have all experienced a global pandemic; we have all struggled with lockdown, working at home, not seeing colleagues and friends, not being able to do what we usually could do. Now we seem to be on the other side of the pandemic, we have to return to business-as-usual in school. This means we have to reinforce our standards and expectations, so that school can run smoothly and the children are well supported.

In order to support my staff, who will then in turn support your children, I need your support in ensuring communication remains polite and respectful. My staff should not have to tolerate abuse. Whilst the overwhelming majority of phone calls or emails are polite and respectful, a minority are not. At the end of every phone line or email is a mother, father, son or daughter, but above all someone who has chosen to work in a school with children, in order to give children - your children - the best possible start in life. The main receivers of abuse are:

1. Mrs Fish, Attendance Officer, whose role is to implement the national guidance on attendance in school. Last week she had 4 abusive emails and so far this week she has had two abusive emails and one abusive phone call. Attendance is a national priority for the Department for Education as it has reduced significantly following COVID. Whilst Parklands' attendance figures are above the national average of 92.2%\*, the national absence rate of 7.8%\* is a significant cause for concern for the Department for Education. Mrs Fish is simply doing her job regarding attendance at Parklands. Please respect this.
2. The House Achievement Leaders, whose role is to support all children in their respective Houses so that they leave Parklands as successful young adults.
3. The Receptionists, who are the first people to answer the phones and help direct your call to the appropriate colleague or answer any questions you may have.

It is not our intention to come into conflict with any parents or carers. But we must uphold rules and regulations set by the Department for Education and the Local Authority. We must uphold our high standards in order to provide the type of school environment in which your children can thrive.

I am therefore asking for all contact with school to be polite and respectful.

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## Headteacher's Message

Measures I will take if contact is abusive are as follows:

- Reminders regarding polite contact with school;
- Warning letters issued;
- Blocking all emails into school;
- Blocking phone numbers;
- Accepting letters only into school, which will be returned to the sender unanswered if they are abusive;
- Barring people from the school site.

\*See <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/pupil-attendance-in-schools>



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### Year 7 Messages

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### Year 8 Messages

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### Year 9 Messages

No messages this week.

### Year 10 Messages

No messages this week.

### Year 11 Messages

Please remind Year 11s to start getting their college applications in (to at least TWO colleges - you always need a Plan B!) They **do not** need to provide a personal statement at this stage - they can write 'I will bring this to interview', then they have lots more time to think about what they want to say about themselves.

College interviews in school, after Christmas: Preston, Wigan & Leigh and Runshaw - I will remind everyone about the interview dates closer to the time.

# Whole School Messages

Weekly Learning Support Board - click [here](#)

## 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: 68 pupils since September  
Year 8: 52 pupils since September  
Year 9: 35 pupils since September  
Year 10: 68 students since September  
Year 11: 49 students since September

## How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 145 pupils  
Year 8: 129 pupils  
Year 9: 66 pupils  
Year 10: 148 students  
Year 11: 115 students

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

Please note that we are having a huge drive on punctuality to lessons at the moment, which ties in with the new guidelines issued by the Department for Education regarding attendance. The figures below show the number of pupils who have received just one 2 for BfL since September. Our policies are currently being updated to reflect the changes; we will share this with you once finalised.

## How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 - 3?

Year 7: 142 pupils  
Year 8: 91 pupils  
Year 9: 63 pupils  
Year 10: 111 students  
Year 11: 90 students

**Students**, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school [Parklands Bulletin](#)

## Y11 Boys Football Chorley Cup Final

Unfortunately we lost the cup final on penalties after a great game that ended up 0-0.

Congratulations go to Southlands on their win.

The boys have represented Parklands at football superbly over the years and we hope they continue to play for years to come after they leave.

Please be aware that a new Online Safety Policy has been published on the school website: [Click Here](#)

## Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 94.6%

Overall school attendance for the week 93.4%

National Attendance as of 7th November 92.1%

Parklands attendance as of 7th November 94.2%

Attendance by House since September:

**Europe 95.5%**

Africa 94.9%

Australasia 94.5%

South America 94.5%

Asia 94.4%

Attendance by House since last week:

**Europe 94.5%**

Asia 94.1%

Africa 93.8%

Australasia 93%

South America 92.8%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

**Africa - South Africa 98.9 %**

**Europe - Denmark 98.9%**

Asia - South Korea 98.2%

Australasia - Fiji 97.6%

South America - Paraguay 97%



Please find a link to our local clubs and teams [here](#).



# PARKLANDS SPORTING LINKS



# PARKLANDS BOOT ROOM

If you have any boots/trainers/shin pads in great condition that no longer fit your child or you, then please donate them to our PE department.

Please ensure all shoes/trainers have been washed/cleaned before you hand them in.

Please bring to the PE office.





# Whole School Messages

Miss Cosgrove has made it to the top of the leaderboard for the first time!

Each time you appear on the languagenut leaderboard your name is placed in a hat and prize draws will be made in the last week of term. Exciting!



## Language Nut Leaderboard

**18/11/2022**

### School World Ranking

22	Archbishop Temple School	23061300
23	Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College	21938900
24	Parklands High School	21445000
25	Ely College	21165900
26	Lister Community School	21037500

### Class League

1	1733900	BC - 7YK - French
2	1547700	JD - 8YY - Spanish
3	1337600	JD - 9YK - French
4	1268800	KE - 7XC - French
5	1236000	KE - 8YK - Spanish
6	1230900	WR - 8XB - Spanish
7	1145700	JD - 7YY
8	1136000	JD - 7XN
9	1080100	KE - 7YV - French
10	945000	WR - 7XB - French

### Students School Ranking

1	142400	H	Wade
2	126300	D	Emma
3	117200	A	Stephanie
4	102400	N	Thomas
5	101400	F	Grace
6	93900	K	Nico11
7	92400	J	Hermione
8	89600	R	Joshua
9	89500	A	Rayaan
10	88900	B	James





We celebrated Positive Noticing Day on Wednesday. Every student and member of staff was given a label and asked to write something nice and pass it on. There was a lovely atmosphere around school and it was great to see so many members of our school community actively contributing to the wellbeing of others.





PGL Football @ Boreatton Park  
Open to girls and boys in years 7-9.



Departing 5th May returning on Sunday 7th May

Pupils will take part in training sessions over the weekend and mini matches as well PGL activities.



Price: £150 Deposit £50 on SCOPAY -  
Deadline: Friday 25th November 22

Letters are [here](#) (please note it is the 2nd letter -  
2 trip runs at the same time Netball and Football)



PP discount available.

Require further information [email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

Parklands High School  
presents an Amateur Production of  
**TERRY PRATCHETT's**

# Wyrd Sisters

Dramatised by Stephen Briggs

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
from 7pm

Tickets £5 adults, £3 concessions, £10 family



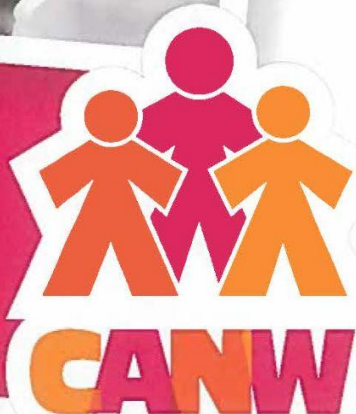
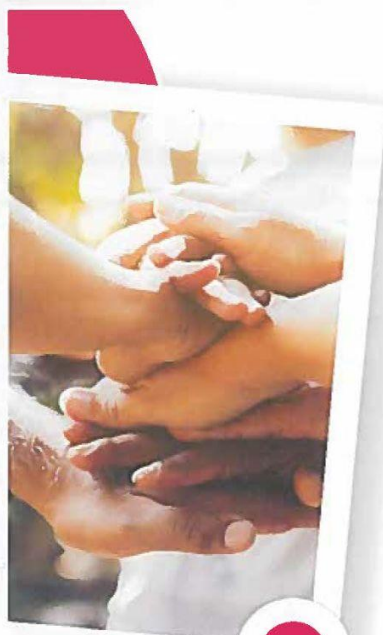
*A Discworld Play*

*'Alle Thee Dysk's a Stage'*

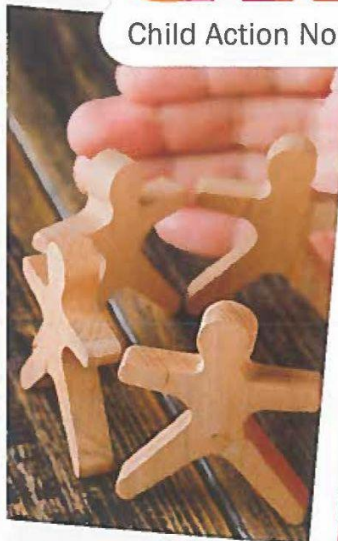


If anyone is interested in auditioning a song or dance for this year's dance show, sign up sheets are now in the pavilion. It must be from a musical stage show and no more than two minutes long. You can work individually or with a group of friends on your piece. Please check your song with Miss Marr or Mrs Sullivan-Brown first to ensure that it is not already being used.





Child Action Northwest



# S.P.A.C.E @ CANW

**Supporting Parents And Carers Emotionally**

**Are you a parent/carer with a child or young person who is experiencing emotional or mental health issues?**

**Anxiety**

**Low mood & Depression**

**Self-harm**

**Eating Disorders**

**Sleep Problems**

**Suicidal Thoughts**

**Obsessions/Compulsions**

We are offering a friendly, supportive, peer support group led by an experienced parent where you can share experiences, develop skills and strategies, and gain access to other support.

**There is support for everyone**

Join us for a brew, biscuit and a chat at one of our face to face groups, or online in one of our virtual sessions in the comfort of your own home and log onto our Facebook page for further support and signposting.

 **GROUP**  
**S.P.A.C.E@CANW**

[www.facebook.com/groups/s.p.a.c.e.canw/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/s.p.a.c.e.canw/)

**01254 244596**  
**EHWB@canw.org.uk**

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# Whole School Messages

LEARN RESPECT ASPIRE

Year 7 Early Lunch Pass



Congratulations on receiving  
the most Achievement Points  
last week

ACHIEVE

LEARN RESPECT ASPIRE

Year 8 Early Lunch Pass



Congratulations on receiving  
the most Achievement Points  
last week

ACHIEVE

Please collect your  
Early Lunch Pass for  
the week ahead from  
Miss Johnson in S26  
on Monday Morning

Congratulations to the  
following pupils who received  
the Most Achievement Points  
this week:

Y7: Abdulrahman A (WAF)

Y8: Rhiann J (MAG)

Y9: Sophie C (NZL)

Y10: Summer D (GER)

Y11: Joe L (EGY)

LEARN RESPECT ASPIRE

Year 9 Early Lunch Pass



Congratulations on receiving  
the most Achievement Points  
last week

ACHIEVE

LEARN RESPECT ASPIRE

Year 10 Early Lunch Pass



Congratulations on receiving  
the most Achievement Points  
last week

ACHIEVE

LEARN RESPECT ASPIRE

Year 11 Early Lunch Pass



Congratulations on receiving  
the most Achievement Points  
last week

ACHIEVE



Tuesday 13th  
December  
Year 7-  
1:00-3:00  
Year 8 - 4:00-  
6:00



Year 7 & 8  
Christmas  
Disco,  
and, year 1  
Santa  
Sleepover

End of  
Term  
Events



Thursday 15th  
December  
Years 9, 10 & 11  
Trafford Centre





From the 1st December the charity prefects will be visiting forms selling the Derian House Christmas Furry Friends, festive cuddle cups with keyrings. They are £4 each. All proceeds go to Derian House Children's Hospice to help them continue the incredible work they do helping children and young people, whose lives are too short, to make happy memories in an environment of fun, respect and above all, outstanding care.

The care they provide is free for families, but services cost **£5.7 million** to run every year with only **17%** of funding they need coming from the government.



## LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



- The average value of a stolen bike is over £250. A bike lock costs as little as £8.00.
- The school has 2 bike rack stands. One behind the Music Block and one by the Pupil Entrance.
- All pupils **must** place their bikes in the stands provided and securely lock the bike to the stand.
- No bikes or scooters should be placed near the Refectory fire doors. This is a serious breach of Health and Safety and bikes will be removed from this area.
- It is in your interest to follow the procedures and use the facilities provided by the school.
- Fact—Just 1 in 5 bike owners are able to provide their bicycle frame number to the police when reporting their bike as stolen.







# Autism in Schools project

## COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE EVENT for Fylde & Wyre

As part of the Autism in Schools project, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB is holding a community of practice event in **Thornton-Cleveleys on 13 October from 12.30pm – 4.30pm**. The event is designed to promote positive autism support and practice in our local schools.

### Are you interested? Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-in-schools-project-fylde-and-wyre-tickets-414025179457>

*Places are limited so book quickly to avoid disappointment.*



SECONDARY SCHOOL  
TEACHERS AND STAFF



MENTAL HEALTH  
SCHOOL TEAMS



PRIMARY MENTAL  
HEALTH WORKERS



PARENTS AND  
CARERS



### Sessions on:

- Reasonable adjustments
- Positive support in schools
- Effective communication
- Engaging parents in person centred planning



### You will leave with:

- Access to bitesize training, shared resources and information
- Examples of good practice
- A better understanding and greater knowledge of autism within the school setting
- Peer support and useful connections

**Venue:** Briardene Hotel Cleveleys, 56 Kelso Ave, Cleveleys, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 3J

**Room:** Restaurant room

*Refreshments served at 2pm - 60 delegates*

*Due to limited capacity, it is recommended one or two people attend from each team*



**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY**

**It's A  
WIN-WIN  
Situation!**

★ **BOOST School Funds**  
★ **WIN up to £25,000**

**TICKETS  
£1 EACH**



To start supporting, visit:  
**[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](https://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)**  
and search for: Parklands

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.





# Barcelona Football Tour



Saturday 27th (Sunday 28th) May - (Thursday 1st June) Friday 2nd June 2023

Pupils in years 7-9 who play and attend school football club are welcome to attend!

- 2 professional coaching sessions
- Festival Matches against other schools
- Nou Camp stadium tour and museum/shop visit.
  - Visit to Las Ramblas
  - Visits to the Lloret De Mar Beach
- Bowling on one of the evenings included in price
  - Sightseeing in Barcelona
- All meals during the trip are included in the price. Breakfast and Tea and a packed lunch for days when out of resort
  - Waterpark Excursion on the final day.
- 2 x Tour tops including 1 x football top for matches.

**Total Cost estimate £725.**

**Deposit of £100 required ASAP**

**NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY**



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# Barcelona Dance Trip



Saturday 27th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Pupils in years 7-10 who dance inside and outside of school are welcome to attend!

- 4 professional coaching sessions
  - Visit to Las Ramblas
- Visits to the Lloret De Mar Beach
- Bowling on one of the evenings
  - Sightseeing in Barcelona
- All meals during the trip are included in the price. Breakfast, packed lunch and Tea.
  - Waterpark Excursion on the final day.
    - 2 x Tour tops.

**Total Cost estimate £725.**

**Deposit of £100 required by 1st JULY 2022**

**NOW TAKING DEPOSITS VIA SCOPAY UNDER BARCELONA DANCE TRIP**



# Careers

Lots of great events and opportunities in this week's Career News. There's conferences and virtual work experience, webinars and online talks, open evenings and advice mornings, quizzes and competitions .... in fact, something for everyone!

Click [here](#) for this week's Careers Bulletin



Don't forget - the BAE Systems apprenticeship window is open. You need to be prepared to video yourself answering interview questions - if you get through the first stage of completing your application form!

Leyland Trucks apprenticeships will go live in January - keep an eye on the bulletin and Career News for more details. These are usually four year apprenticeships and are well worth applying for.

Airbus are offering Craft Apprenticeships for school leavers. There are two options: Craft Manufacturing Aero Apprenticeship and Engineering Technician Apprenticeship. Applications close on 19th February 2023. Further information at: [www.airbus.com/careers](http://www.airbus.com/careers)

Aspiring Vets have their own Get into Veterinary Medicine conference next Saturday - full details in next week's Career News, but in the meantime have a look here: <https://airtable.com/shrs1hEiPfdSSgnL2>