

PARKLANDS BULLETIN 28 Nov - 02 Dec 2022: Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

We have now completed our first week of split lunches; whilst we have had some teething issues to iron out, I have to acknowledge how wonderful our students have been in getting used to the new system. We've had a couple of wet weather lunches to contend with too, which have prevented students from being able to go outside and get some fresh air, but at least they have remained dry and warm. The atmosphere now during both lunch sittings is much calmer, and the students themselves have been telling me how much of an improvement this change has made on their lunchtime experience. One aspect we have to look into is our offering of clubs at lunchtime. Please bear with us whilst we work out what we can offer due to the staggered lunches.

Bullying

I have been involved recently in a couple of bullying issues in school, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind all our students and their parents/carers of our stance here at Parklands. Firstly, it would be ridiculous of me to suggest that no bullying takes place at school; bullying takes place in all walks of life, even within our own government allegedly. Sadly, bullying is something many of us experience, myself included when I was at high school. However, it is worth remembering that our approach to bullying is clear. If we are made aware, we will deal with it; as I say at every Welcome Evening for our new intake, please **do not suffer in silence**. I fully appreciate it can be very scary for a child to raise a bullying issue for fear of backlash, but we cannot support the children in our care if we do not know. I will take a very firm stance with those individuals who fail to respond to our interventions and sanctions; our Anti-Bullying Policy (click here) is clear on how we address bullying at Parklands.

School website

We are currently streamlining our website in order to make it more user-friendly. If you are interested in looking at our curriculum and what the students learn each year, please click here. This section of our website contains information for all subjects studied and may be of particular interest to students in Year 9 who will be choosing their options for GCSE later on this academic year. If you look at the SECURE curriculum, you will see how we approach personal development, SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural development) and the skills agenda.

Parliament visit

Yesterday a group of Parklands students attended Parliament and met with the Speaker and Chorley MP, Sir Lindsay Hoyle. This was a wonderful experience and I'm delighted that we had an invite from Sir Lindsay himself. There is an article in this week's bulletin about it, plus pictures too.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages
No messages this week.
Year 8 Messages
No messages this week.
Year 9 Messages
No messages this week.
Year 10 Messages
No messages this week.
Year 11 Messages
No messages this week

Head Students' Page

Hello everyone,

It has been a while since you have heard from us! So let's catch you up.

On Sunday 13th November, we attended a Remembrance Sunday service where we reflected and looked back on all that our soldiers have done and continue to do for our country.

In addition, everyone in school has voted for their newest head pupils so possibly, this could be the last time you hear from us.

All their videos were amazing with an insight into their lives and what they can do for our school, pupils and the community.

Next Thursday and Friday, I will be starring as lead role in the production of Wyrd Sisters which we have worked tremendously hard on for the past 4 months. Everyone would appreciate it if you would come along and watch the show. More information in the bulletin about ticket prices and times. Thank you to those who have already bought tickets!

Thank you everyone,

Alannah



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: 65 pupils since September Year 8: 49 pupils since September

Year 9: 32 pupils since September Year 10: 67 students since September

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How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 162 pupils Year 8: 118 pupils

Year 9: 91 pupils
Year 10: 123 students

Year 11: 113 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 very few 2s since September.

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

Year 7: 132 pupils Year 8: 87 pupils

Year 9: 58 pupils
Year 10: 110 students

Year 11: 87 students

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

Please see the link below for a Ukraine shoebox appeal if you would like to get involved. All information is on the link.

https://www.wishingwellcharitv.org/chorlev--district-ukraine-support-group.html

Cost of Living Support – Guidance for parents and carers from the Local Authority
Find out the most up-to-date information about what help is available for households and
businesses in Lancashire on the <u>Cost of living support website</u>, which builds on the information
shared last week in the Cost of Living Support document. This website summarises some of the
most useful information from Lancashire County Council.

Stranger Danger

It has come to our attention from a parent who has contacted school to say that his daughter was followed home by a man last night near the Devonshire Rec area. As the nights are drawing in, it may be advisable to ask your child to walk in pairs or more when walking home and have an app on their phone so you are aware of their whereabouts at all times for their own safety and your peace of mind.

Attendance matters!

Overall school attendance since September 94.1%

Overall school attendance for the week 90.1%

Attendance by House since September:

Europe 95%

Africa 94.5% Australasia 94.1% South America 94.1% Asia 93.8%

Attendance by House since last week:

Africa 91%

South America 90.7% Europe 90.6% Australasia 90.4% Asia 88.4%

Highest form attendance per House for the week:

Europe - Portugal 97.3%

Asia - Hong Kong 95% Africa - Egypt 94.8% Australasia - New Zealand 94.7% South America - Paraguay 94.4%

Cards for Kindness Christmas Campaign

The Christmas countdown is now on and the festive Cards for Kindness campaign will once again be running across Lancashire, Blackpool, Blackburn with Darwen and South Cumbria from Thursday 1st December, run by The Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Board and Lancashire County Council. All schools are invited to take part. This campaign aims to tackle loneliness in our care homes by encouraging people to send a festive card to a local home to brighten up someone's day. Cards for Kindness is now in its fifth year and each Christmas, pupils across the area send in fantastic cards and gifts that they have made at school. This is a chance for pupils to use their artistic skills to help others in the community. There is a serious side too, as campaigns like this help to tackle loneliness, which can have

the same effect on people's health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Opening the cards and discussing the messages also prompts conversations among residents and brings back memories, bringing many health benefits, particularly for people living with dementia. To find out how Cards for Kindness works, visit:

https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/CardsForKindness.

Use of your photos

We'd love to see your Cards for Kindness creations so we can use them on social media to help promote the scheme. If you're happy to share photos, please send them to CardsforKindness@lancashire.gov.uk. Please send them by Thursday 15th December stating you are happy for us to share your image. In sending your photo you are confirming that you do not object to the photograph of you being published by Lancashire County Council on its internet and intranet pages, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, or being shared with the media. In doing so, you acknowledge that images shared on social media are open to comment by the general public and may be circulated by third parties. If you change your mind about using the images, please email to let us know, though please be aware that Lancashire County Council will have limited ability to remove photographs shared through social media channels. Please view LCC's Privacy Notice for further information.

New form names

Our pupils recently asked us if we could change the names of some forms* because of the human rights violations of countries they were named after. We have spent the last term researching, pitching and voting and this week our new form names were officially launched in House assemblies. Our new form captains received the flag for their form alongside their new captain's badges. Each house has also voted for a charity to support. Please ask your child what charity their house chose.

*All pupils will remain in the same house with the same HAL - some names did not change.

Reward Trips - Please note when paying via SCOPAY for these trips, consent will need to be given first by completing an online form and ticking the box on the next screen. You will then need to go back into Trips & Events and pay for the trip.

Until payment is made the pupil's place is not secured. Please note, the House Leaders will decide whether the pupil will be able to attend the trip. If a pupil is removed due to attendance or poor behaviour, a full refund will be offered.

PE boots/trainers: message from Mr Rimmer

As a parent of three children myself, I have recently been buying a lot of boots and trainers for school PE. I understand that there is no way of opting out of this (especially being a PE teacher), but as a department we have been thinking of ways that we can lessen the burden of continually buying boots or trainers that pupils grow out of quickly and hardly use.

We are going to set up a 'Boot Room' in the department so that boots or trainers that have been outgrown and would ordinarily sit in your house or be thrown out can be reused by pupils in school. When we get a few trainers in school there will be the option of bringing them in and swapping them for a larger size so that there is no need to buy new ones.

This is how it will work,

- Any trainers or football boots that are suitable for PE can be brought in to Mr Rimmer.
- If there are trainers or boots that have already been brought in by other pupils in the size you would want, you are more than welcome to take them.
- Trainers or boots must be of a condition that another pupil could use (PE staff discretion on this). We cannot take old boots/trainers that nobody else would want, which also means that you could not take any away.
- If a pupil brings in an item and there are none to swap with, they can take their original item home again (although the reason they've been brought in is they don't fit so I imagine this won't happen).

This is purely to help parents/carers out who are continually buying and throwing away perfectly good items.

Any items can now be brought into Mr Rimmer. If there are no items in stock for you to swap we will take your name and you can check in the coming weeks.

Please remember we are setting this up as a helping hand for parents/guardians/pupils who are struggling with the cost of living. If we can all help each other out that would be great. Thanks for any support you can give on this. Mr Rimmer



Parklands High School presents an Amateur Production of

TERRY PRATCHETT's



A Discworld Play

Wyrd Sisters

Dramatised by Stephen Briggs

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd December from 7pm

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

'Alle Thee Dysk's a Stage'

A notice for the cast of the show:

- Monday 28th Nov DRESS REHEARSAL ALL CAST ESSENTIAL 3-5PM
- Tuesday 29th Nov DRESS & TECH REHEARSAL ALL CAST ESSENTIAL 3-6PM
- Wednesday EMERGENCY REHEARSAL IF NEEDED TBC after Tuesday rehearsal
- THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER SHOW NIGHT IN SCHOOL FOR 6.30pm
- FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER SHOW NIGHT IN SCHOOL FOR 6.30pm





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 <a href="mailto:em

It is better to have 2 or 3 smaller ones than one big one.

Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Many people struggle at Christmas and often can't afford to heat their homes and eat well.

Some people spend Christmas all alone. Imagine if these were your loved ones.

You can make a real difference and help give somebody else an amazing Christmas!

Here are a few ideas for your hampers?

- * Tins of fruit, veg or meat
- ★ Tinned desserts like rice pudding
- * Tea, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate
 - Pickles & crackers
 - * Cakes or biscuits
- * Toiletries like soap, bubble bath, toothpaste
 - * Crisps, snacks or Sweets
 - * Cordial
 - * Jars of honey, marmalade or salad cream



Make a différence Monday

Menu

Sweet potato falafel with ratatouille, served with cous cous £1.90

Spinach and ricotta cannelloni served with mixed leaf salad & garlic bread £1.90

Spinach and chickpea curry served with rice £1.90

Grab & Go

Vegan sausage rolls £1.15
Cheese and tomato pizzini £1.90
Nachos with salsa & guacamole £1.50
Cheese and onion pasty £1.15
Onion bhaji tikka burrito wrap £1.90



28th November



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.



Lots of our pupils and ex pupils took part in "Shine for Sally 2" on Saturday night to remember Sally Cornes who sadly passed away in February 2021. Sally would now have been in Year 11. The evening was a wonderful collection of songs and dances, raising money in Sallys memory for the charities that helped her and her family,

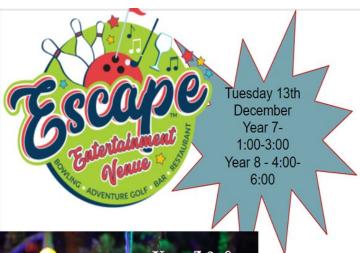
Shine for Sally II

The Teenage Cancer Trust, Derian House, Milly's Smiles and Molly Ollys.

Over £3000 was raised. Thank you to everyone who helped light up the stage for Sally

Languagenut Bulletin - How many times will your name appear in the prize draw??? Make it into the top ten to get your ticket!







End of Term Events









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.

Please find a link to our local clubs and teams here.



On Thursday 24th November, our aspiring writers, journalists and politicians from the Newspaper Club got the chance to visit Parliament and our own MP, Sir Lindsay Hoyle. Sir Lindsay invited Parklands pupils to London as part of the Speaker's Day ceremonies and in preparation for this weekend's Lancashire Day celebrations.



Pupils were able to watch a debate about Human Rights in the Middle East from the gallery in the House of Lords, then compare this with a debate about Children's Care in the Commons. After a tour through the Palace, that included Westminster Hall, we were then treated to a Q&A with the Speaker. Parklands pupils asked a series of intelligent questions to the Speaker, who talked about the importance of democracy and about representation in Parliament.

While it was a long day, maybe the next Prime Minister just took their first trip to Parliament.











SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY







To start supporting, visit:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

and search for: Parklands

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

£1 EACH



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





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





Health & Safety - Road Safety

This week we have had 2 incidents of pupils in danger both entering and leaving the school grounds. We cannot let these near-misses continue and ask for your support.

Quote from the highway code with regards to double yellow lines: 'Car parking in banned areas can lead to hefty bills from police officers or council officials and could even see points placed on a driving licence for serious offences. Motorists are not allowed to park in a series of places because of the increased road risk to themselves or other road users'.

Parking on the bays directly outside the school is fine however YOU MUST consider the 1,100 pupils and staff that are walking in this area at busy periods and crossing the road.

There is public parking at the bottom of the playing fields next to Parklands View Estate. This is used for the general public who wish to visit Astley Park and surrounding areas. If you must drop off or collect your child to/from school please use this car park.

If your child is walking to the carpark or home please ensure you speak to them regarding road safety:

The Golden Rules for Crossing the Road Safely

- Stop at the kerb or edge of the street.
- Look left, right, left and behind you and in front of you for traffic.
- Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
- Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
- Walk, don't run across the street.

Thank you for your support in keeping our community safe.

SAVE THE DATE:

Children and Young People's THRIVE Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Framework Events

Hosted by the Lancashire and South Cumbria Children and Young Peoples Mental Health Programme team - help us understand the services you deliver to support Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health.

Monday 28th November 09:30-13:00 Kendal Rugby Club LA9 6NY Tuesday 29th November 09:30-13:00 The Village Hotel, Blackpool FY3 8LL Wednesday 30th November 09:30-13:00 Leyland Football Association, Preston PR25 2LF

Friday 9th December 09:30-13:00 Burnley Rugby Club BB10 2LS

To reserve your place, please email healthyyoung.minds@nhs.net with your name, job title and organisation. The event is repeated so please attend the most Lancashire and convenient session for you.



Careers

Lots of great opportunities in Career News this week - particularly for anyone considering a career in health (both human and animal!) There are a series of FREE virtual conferences from the Medic Mentor family, which are essential viewing for aspiring vets, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics in fact just about any healthcare profession is catered for.

There are also open events, webinars, Q&A sessions, traineeships and, of course, Career of the Week, which is Community Pharmacist.

Click here for this week's career bulletin

