



PARKLANDS BULLETIN

6 Dec - 10 Dec 2021 : Week 1



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents, carers and students,

Covid19 Testing: On the 4th January 2022 pupils with parental consent will be taking a Covid19 lateral flow test during their form time. Due to Government updated guidance previous consent will not be used. Therefore we would appreciate it if you could complete the consent form which is available in the forms section of Edulink to allow your child to participate and help us to keep our school community as safe as possible. If you have difficulties logging into Edulink please email adowsing@parklandsacademy.co.uk and he will be able to assist you. **Please note:** the testing is for 12 years and over only. If your child has been Covid19 positive in the 90 days leading up to the 4th January they should not take part in the testing.

The cut off date for your completed consent form in Edulink is Thursday 9th December.

Good Diabetes Care in School Award.

Last week Ms Robinson & Mr Swift received The Good Diabetes Care in School Award.

We feel very proud to receive this for the support Parklands gives our pupils who have type 1 Diabetes. Parklands now appears on the honour wall for Diabetes UK



Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Mitchell



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Year 7 Messages

The Music Department is currently in the middle of recording and filming some special performances just in time for Christmas involving our Year 7 students and many of the committed musicians we have in school. It will be available to watch online in the final few days of the term. Watch this space!

Year 8 Messages

None this week

Year 9 Messages

None this week

Year 10 Messages

None this week

Year 11 Messages

The planned visit to Wigan & Leigh College has been cancelled as they are currently not having any visitors. We will rearrange the visit and let you know of the date.

College applications should be in before Christmas if possible to allow interview schedules to be created. If anyone is struggling with application forms, please let me know. Don't forget, at this stage, you are **only** booking an interview - you can change any of the details on your application form at interview (once you have your mock exam results). CVs should also be shared with Miss Berry - I have sent out a helpful hints sheet and CV template, but if you need any support, please ask!

YEAR 11 PRE-MOCK EXAM PROGRAMME We are pleased to see so many students continuing to at our after school programme. Helping to prepare our Year 11 students for their mock exams after the Christmas break, the programme continues next week. Option B (Dance, Computer Science, Design Technology, Food & Nutrition and French) on Tuesday, Maths on Wednesday and English(Y band only) on Thursday. Sessions run from 4-6pm. The time between school closing at 3pm and the sessions starting can be used to enjoy extra-curricular activities, complete homework or enjoy a break. Refreshments will be provided. Attendance is not compulsory but we would advise that our students take every opportunity to engage in preparing for their mock exams and, in turn, their summer GCSEs. Please click on the link [here](#) for the programme in full.

See the Year 11 Yearbook Message in the Whole School Messages section.

CHRISTMAS

December has begun this week and Parklands has not failed to already initiate the Christmas spirit! Within some classrooms, trees and decorations have started to pop up and teachers are slowly incorporating Christmas jumpers into their work attire. As well as the visual aspect of Christmas becoming prevalent, different groups of students/teachers around the school have started Christmas initiatives that focus on the true values that this season holds. For example, students have been selling gingerbread plush toys for Derian House and the Christmas hamper project is in full swing. The hamper appeal is a true indication that Christmas is around the corner because every year, Parklands students bring in food and treats in order for each form to create a hamper. These hampers are delivered to those who are less fortunate during these times of festivity. This teaches us the importance of giving and generosity throughout holiday seasons. Finally, as well as this, the school has produced a Christmas kindness calendar. This calendar gives the students a kind act that they can do each day. I can't wait to see its positive impacts become radiant throughout December. Finally, some further fun Christmas activities include the 12 days of reading calendar and the staff song quiz.

From Milly, Becca, Jack, Eadie

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: 58 pupils
Year 8: 32 pupils
Year 9: 56 pupils
Year 10: 47 students
Year 11: 41 students

How had the Perfect 3 last week?

Years 7: 146 pupils
Year 8: 110 pupils
Year 9: 139 pupils
Year 10: 142 students
Year 11: 144 students

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

WINTER WEATHER

Please click [here](#) for details about the procedure for when we have to close school due to adverse weather (e.g. snow).

Christmas Jumper Day is Friday, 10th December. Pupils are encouraged to wear a jumper and blazers are therefore not required.

STEM

Dear parents, unfortunately the STEM session with Linda Shave, scheduled for Wednesday 8th December, has now been postponed until Friday 14th January. If your child is interested in attending this session, please ask them to register their interest by sending me an email at mmcavoy@parklandsacademy.co.uk
The theme is 'Technology in business' and places may be limited.

News - NASA dart asteroid spacecraft

If your child is interested in space, consider discussing this article with them and watching the video. Very interesting stuff!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-59327293>





WALK FOR HOME

As a class, 8XAD are going to walk 3KM to raise money for the homeless charity, Shelter.

We will walk around the field during period 1 on Friday 10th December 2021 until we have covered 3KM.

Some members of 8XAD will be coming to your form to ask for sponsorships and all donations will go the charity to help give people a home who are in need.

If you want to donate online, our JustGiving page is linked below:

<https://walkforhome.shelter.org.uk/fundraising/8xad-walk-for-home>

1 JOIN OUR LOTTERY

2 BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS

3 WIN CASH PRIZES

It's As Easy As

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

To start supporting, visit
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Parklands

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY' WINNER

The winning numbers were:

0 5 4 4 5 0

Well done S Golding

The next draw is 4th December @ 8pm

Whole School Messages

It is the time of year again when we encourage our school community to donate items for the annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. Each year we are touched by the generosity shown, and this year it will be lovely to be able to deliver the hampers in person to those in need in our community. It seems very fitting to promote this appeal during our Kindness Week. Thank you so much in advance for any donation you can make.

**It is better to have 2 or 3 smaller ones than one big one.
It is also a good idea for each form to put a
Christmas card on or in the hamper.**



Christmas Hamper Appeal.

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

**You can make a real difference and help give somebody else
an amazing Christmas!
Please give generously.**



**Hampers will be delivered in
the weeks before Xmas to
lonely or struggling local
people.**



Christmas Hamper Ideas



- ★ Tins of vegetables
- ★ Miniature bottle of spirits
- ★ Tins of fruit
- ★ Bottle of cordial
- ★ Tin of ham or any other meat
- ★ Tinned Soup
- ★ Tin of tuna or salmon
- ★ Sweets
- ★ Tin of rice or sponge pudding
- ★ Bag of sugar
- ★ Tin of custard
- ★ Jars of paste (salmon or beef)
- ★ Small Christmas pudding
- ★ Jar of marmite or Bovril
- ★ Christmas cake
- ★ Bottle of wine
- ★ Christmas mince pies
- ★ Bottle of sauce
- ★ Crisps or snacks
- ★ Bottle of beer or stout
- ★ Nuts
- ★ Tea or coffee or Hot Chocolate
- ★ Bottle of salad cream
- ★ Chocolates or bar of chocolate
- ★ Jar of jam or marmalade
- ★ Packet of biscuits
- ★ Jar of pickles
- ★ Packets of cereal or porridge oats
- ★ Jar of honey
- ★ Jellies



End of term reward trip

Year 7-14th December

Year 8- 15th December

Time: 3:30-6:30

Cost: £16.00 to include
Bowling
Golf
and
food



HOUSE COMPETITION 21/22



Year 7 House Quiz	AFR	6	EUR	5	ANZ	4	SAM	3	ASA	2
Year 7 Basketball	SAM	6	ASA	5	EUR	4	ANZ	3	AFR	2
Year 8 Basketball	ANZ	6	EUR	5	AFR	5	ASA	5	SAM	4
Year 9 Basketball	AFR	6	ANZ	5	SAM	4	EUR	3	ASA	2
Year 10 Basketball	SAM	6	AFR	5	EUR	4	ASA	3	ANZ	2
Yr 7 Girls' Football	ASA	6	ANZ	6	EUR	5	SAM	4	AFR	3
Yr 7 Boys' Football	EUR	6	SAM	5	AFR	5	ASA	4	ANZ	3
Yr 8 Girls' Football	AFR	6	ANZ	5	ASA	4	SAM	3	EUR	2



EUROPE	34
ASIA	31
AUSTRALASIA	34
SOUTH AMERICA	35
AFRICA	38

ACTS OF KINDNESS ADVENT CALENDAR



To spread a little kindness over the Christmas season, each member of the form must sign up to at least one of the following activities

1ST DEC

Write a note of kindness for another student

2ND DEC

Pick up a piece of litter and put it in the bin

3RD DEC

Thank the ladies in the office for their hard work

6TH DEC

Write a note of kindness for one of your teachers

7TH DEC

Say something nice to the canteen staff

8TH DEC

Hold the door open for a student

9TH DEC

Give someone outside of your friendship group a compliment

10TH DEC

Bring in some food for the Christmas hampers

13TH DEC

Say something nice to a staff member who you don't normally speak to

14TH DEC

Write a note of kindness for your HAL

15TH DEC

Say hello to a student who is alone at lunch

16TH DEC

Wish someone outside of your friendship group a Happy Christmas

17TH DEC

Spread some Christmas cheer by completing an act of kindness at home



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas, so to spread some festive cheer around Parklands, we are encouraging all forms to follow our Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar. Students will be completing a range of tasks over the next ten days to encourage kindness and good feeling among all of our staff and students.

We can adapt this for your family to use at home. If you would like a copy, please email aodolan@parklandsacademy.co.uk



JOIN US FOR OUR
Christmas Day
Dinner

St. Laurence's Church,
Union Street, Chorley

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2021

SITTINGS AT 12.00, 1.30 & 3.00

A free, traditional Christmas Dinner for
anyone who would appreciate some food
and company on Christmas Day.

To book a place

Ring the Parish Office on 01257 231360
or email stlaurenceschristmasday@gmail.com

St. Laurence's Church, Chorley

ANNUAL TOY SERVICE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Saturday 5 December at 5pm and
Sunday 6 December at 9am and 11am.



The St Laurence's Church Annual Toy Services are taking place on Saturday 5th December at 5pm, and on Sunday 6th December at 9am and 11am.

Please bring along a new **unwrapped** toy to any of the services that weekend.

These will then be used by Chorley Council to provide toys for families in need over Christmas.

Thank you for your support!



YEARBOOK



Parents and carers, please send,

- A 'baby' photo
- 1st day of year 7 photo (not the official photo we already have these).
- Any other Parklands photos to the email address below!

Please ensure that we can tell it is your child so no newborn photos please.



Deadline to pay 25/02/22



yearbook@parklandsacademy.co.uk

UK PGL WATERSPORTS HOLIDAY 2022

You may or may not be aware but due to the current situation the France Watersports Holiday for 2022 has had to be cancelled.

However, I am pleased to say PGL has offered an alternative that I think will still provide great enjoyment and experiences to our pupils. I have attached the PGL leaflet in this email.

The dates for this trip are Sunday 7th August - Friday 12th August 2022. This trip will come at a reduced cost of £635.

The offer I have is for us to attend the Jurassic Coast, at PGL Osmington Bay, Dorset. It is a beautiful coastal location with stunning views with direct access to the beach. It has everything to offer our thrill seekers from coasteering and a visit to a giant inflatable park. The children will still take part in various sailing activities including, dinghies, catamarans and sea kayaks. They will take part in exploring sea caves, climbing and axe throwing. We also have evening entertainment and day trips to Weymouth and Bournemouth. This all coincides with the typical PGL adventurous activities.

Food and accommodation is all still included. As we have cancelled the overseas holiday I now have spaces for pupils to join this trip. I have included a leaflet [here](#) but please note PGL are giving us an extra night/day as we have had to cancel the overseas trip with extra activities..

If you wish for your child to attend this trip, please pay the deposit on SCOPAY 'NG 2022 UK WATERSPORTS', for your child to be secured a place on the new UK trip. A deposit of £100 is required. I am obviously very aware that it is close to Christmas so if you have any issues please email me directly ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk.

Please also note full payment is required by PGL no later than 1st April 2022.

Any questions please email ngreaves@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Whole School Messages

Sally Day 2021

We raised a total of £1725.18 for The @sallycancerfoundation which is wonderful and will help cushion the blow for families with children who are diagnosed with cancer. Thank you to the talented Mr Wood for his amazing angel wing mural in memory of Sally Cornes. Thank you to Miss Marr and all the pupils that helped make and sell things at the Christmas Market and to all the staff that gave up their break and lunch time to help supervise. It was a lovely day remembering Sally. We now have a memorial bench which has been placed in the eco garden which is a beautiful area of school and accessible to all.





AUDITIONS

WEDNESDAY 8th DECEMBER
from 3.00pm, in the Pavilion

SHOW DATES: 2nd, 3rd and 4th March 2022
you must ensure you are available for all the dates

**Singers/dancers welcome - your chosen song/artist
MUST be British.**
Check with Miss Marr or Ms Robinson to ensure your choice
is not already being used.

SIGN UP FOR AUDITIONS IN THE PAVILION

Career News



Lots of exciting and useful information in this week's Career News - everything from art and design taster sessions to virtual work experience!

There is a brilliant competition for any budding economists or politicians in Year 10 or 11 - the Foreign Office is inviting students to submit a response to one of two questions - see inside for full details. Deadline for entries is January 12th, so don't miss out.

For younger students (and their even younger siblings) the IET have launched a Christmas STEM resource page, with ideas to keep everyone occupied (and learning) over the festive season. Design a super sleigh, a trap to detect Santa, create edible snowmen and make eco-friendly decorations.