

KIRKBURTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Christmas 2011 Newsletter



Well, what a fantastic Autumn Term we have had and how hard the staff and pupils have worked. The number of extra-curricular and enrichment activities have been too numerous to mention, and the hard work going on in classrooms has been incredible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all

pupils and staff for making our school what it is and to thank all parents and carers for the incredible support you give us day in, day out.

This support was typified recently on Children in Need Day and the following day at our Winter Fair. For Children in Need the children really organised themselves well, creating games, stalls, baking buns, organising competitions and making products to sell, as well as a whole host of other activities. Not only was it great fun but the staff and pupils raised a magnificent £1250! The following day over 40 pupils and many staff manned stalls and helped us raise over £1000 for school funds (which will go towards the costs of this week's cinema and theatre trips). None of this would be possible without the help and support of all parents, carers, pupils, staff and friends of the school – a big thank you to you all.

CHONS DA! (Cornish = 'good luck'!)

As many pupils know, Mr Iredale is leaving us today to move down to Cornwall as a Mathematics teacher. We wish him every success in this new chapter in his career and welcome Mr McKay back who will be covering his class until July.

POSITIVE ATTITUDE AWARDS

Once again each member of staff has nominated one pupil each to receive one of our Positive Attitude stars for being an excellent ambassador for our school through their mature approach to their work, their willingness to try new things and through their extremely positive attitude to themselves and others.



I am delighted to report the following pupils have been nominated for their approach to work and school life this term: Nathan Penrose, Daniel Nilsson, Matthew Hanson, Joe Nixey, Connor Margaglione, Rebecca Reddiough, Charlie Marriott, Mason Hollyman, George Hepplewhite, Jake Green, Eleanor Burgin, Emma Spivey, Olivia Filak, Juwayriyah Aslam, Katharine Ward, Tom Clarke, William Early, Lucy Metcalf, Emily Radcliffe, Isobel Moran, Lucy Blackburn, Andrew Astbury, Hannah Driver, Emily McKinnell, Finlay Nettleton, Ellie Fosbrook and Brandon Rose.

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

WE ARE ALSO PROUD OF . . .

Freddie Smith who has been awarded Bronze Grade in Torchon Lacemaking by 'The Lace Guild'. The intricacy of his work has to be seen to be believed!

If your child has achieved anything out of school that we might not be aware of please let us know, we want to celebrate all the achievements of all our children.

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING . . .

SHEPLEY FIRST SCHOOL VISIT

We were delighted to have the Year 5 pupils from Shepley First School visit us recently. The children worked with chemicals to create 'silly putty' in Science and made their own clocks using the laser-cutter in Design Technology. They were a real pleasure to have in school and we look forward to the children from Emley First School visiting us next term.



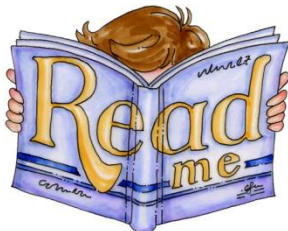
CAROL SERVICE

What a way to move into that warm that Christmassy feeling. A beautiful service was held down at All Saints church with over 80 children singing carols, reading from the Bible and playing a wide variety of instruments, including some superb solo pieces. A truly high standard of performance from everyone – thank you to everyone involved for making those cold Winter nights melt away.

LITERACY QUIZ REVIEW

Written by Matthew Stacey and Lewis Sharp

On the 11th November eight members of the Carnegie group (Nick Lane, Nat Brown, Matthew Stacey, Hannah Driver, Lewis Sharp, Olivier Bull, Rebecca Reddiough and Charlie Marriott) entered the Kid's Lit Quiz held at Cleckheaton Town Hall. Two teams competed and all had a great time. Unfortunately, we didn't get through to the championships but it was a valiant effort and we tried our hardest to get as many points as we could.



One of our teams won a round with seven points, our specialist subject being 'trees' (we are so sad!) and all four in the team won a book. The teams came 14th and 26th overall with the winning team being Halifax Grammar. A special mention to Scissett Middle who came 3rd.

Nat said it was a very enjoyable experience and I would recommend it to anyone my age and Rebecca said I enjoyed it but most of the questions were really hard.

Mrs Jewitt commented that we had a fantastic time and our teams were an absolute credit to the school. The national heats will be held in Coventry with the world finals in Auckland, New Zealand – may be next year KMS!

MUSIC NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

Isabelle McEwen and Eleanor

Thurlbeck who both passed their Grade 1 Piano exams with merit; Katie Howarth who passed her Grade 2 Piano exam with merit and Scarlett Kaye who passed her Grade 4 Piano exam. Well done girls.



SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our Year 8 Boys' Football Team who came runners-up in the league, losing only to the team who beat them in the very first game of the season. A great season boys, well done. We now look forward to the cup competition in the Spring.

Congratulations also to the Year 8 Boys Cross Country Team who competed in South Yorkshire in the North of England Cross Country Cup. All the boys ran incredibly well and finished joint 7th out of 12 teams. However, they were very unfortunate with one member of the squad having to drop out poorly and another spraining his ankle in the mud. A great team performance however from Mason Hollyman,

James Capewell, Tom Clarke, Olly Burhouse, James Capewell and Eoin Schofield.

Boys in Years 6, 7 and 8 have been taking part in hockey training on Tuesday evenings after school with our coach Kelly Fillingham. On some sessions they have played mixed hockey with the girls teams and on others Young Leader Matthew Stacey has coached. On Thursday 17th November the boys in Years 7 and 8 played in a Hockey Festival at Newsome against teams from Newsome, Scissett, Huddersfield Grammar, Honley and Royds Hall. As we only had five players in our team we have to borrow two players from each of the other schools but in spite of that the Kirkburton Team won the festival. Well played boys. If other boys would like to join the group then next time we may have a full time.



The Year 7 Girls Hockey Team have played two league matches at Lockwood Park. Although we went down 2-0 to Holmfirth High School and despite a few bumps and bruises, the girls came back to defeat Scissett Middle 1-0 in a game which had the whole crowd on the edge of their seats.

Our Under 12 Girls Football 6-a-side squad played in a very exciting Huddersfield Schools tournament recently. They played with great skill and commitment, drawing four of the games against Royds Hall, Honley, Colne Valley and Huddersfield Grammar and then beating Salendine Nook 2-0. These scores meant that we finished second overall, without conceding a single goal. Well done and thanks to all the girls.

Our Year 6 Sports Hall Athletes put in a commanding performance to win the Newsome Partnership event. Boundless amounts of energy, exhilarating efforts and enthusiasm saw the team earn a very impressive 218 points! Well done to all for exemplary behavior and sportsmanship.

SPECIAL SPORTS DAY

Eleven of our pupils from Years 7 and 8, James Connelly, Ellouise Davies, Emma Dewhirst, Leo Fountain, Nathan Howe, Sam Osborne, Thomas Pinder, Luke Rogers, Harry Storrs, Matthew Wait and David Wilby took part in a day of sports at Newsome High School and Sports College. They were coached by teaching staff and young people from Greenhead



College in Field and Track Athletics, Volleyball, New Age Kurling, Unihoc, Table Cricket and Bocca. All pupils were in mixed teams working alongside pupils from five other schools including Shelley College, Royds Hall High and Scissett Middle, taking part in every sport. They and the staff who accompanied them had great fun, met new friends and improved their skills. They received certificates and water bottles from SPIN as mementos of the day.

“It’s not winning but being part of the team that counts” a quote from one of our pupils, David Wilby. Well done everyone!

YOUNG LEADERS

Thank you to all those pupils who applied to be Young Leaders this year. We had some very good applications and thirty-six Young Leaders were selected, twelve from Year 7 and twenty-four from Year 8. Having completed their training with Mr Morris from Shelley College, they have already begun their work with first and primary schools in Kirklees. They have undertaken a range of activities – athletics coaching at Rowley Lane, Highburton and Farnley Tyas – a community afternoon and a French Boules morning for Kirkburton First School plus Sports Hall Athletics for Year 6’s at Newsome High School.



“Challenging – but I really enjoyed it”;
“Teaching the French as well as the boules was difficult at first but fun”;

“We had to give really clear instructions and work as a team with other Young Leaders” were some of the comments from the Young Leaders.

Very well done everyone, an excellent start to your Young Sport Leadership Programme.

DATES FOR NEXT TERM

All the dates for the rest of the year are on our web-site. However, key dates of note are:

- 02.02.12 - Year 8 Parent/Pupil Review Evening
- 07.02.12 - Year 7 Parent/Pupil Review Evening
- 10.02.12- INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)



I would like to point out one important change – we have moved our **Year 6 Parent/Pupil Review Evening** from 10th July to earlier in the year – Wednesday March 7th 2012.



BURTON COMMUNITY FUN RUN AND 5K RACE

Need an incentive to get fit after Christmas? Why not train for the Burton Community Fun Run or 5k Race on Sunday March 25th? This is a new event suitable for all ages and one in which we hope to involve as many of our pupils (and parents!) as possible. It is being organised by Chris Littlewood for the benefit of our village communities. There will be a 2k fun run for all ages at 10a.m. and a 5k for 15 year olds and over at 10.45a.m. starting from Burton Village Hall. Details are available from c.littlewood@sheffield.ac.uk

RELIEF LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

If you would like to become a Relief Lunchtime Supervisor, with the possibility of becoming a permanent member of staff, please telephone the school office for further details.

P.E. SWEATSHIRT ORDERS

The final page of our Newsletter contains an order form for parents to complete and return to school should they wish to order a PE Sweatshirt for their child. These are proving very popular and as the cold weather bites during PE lessons, the pupils are benefiting from wearing the very warm hooded sweatshirts.

The form and appropriate remittance (cheques payable to KMS please) should be returned to school before the 18th January and orders will be placed immediately following this date.

And so, as we end another calendar year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year (and we will see the children back in school on **Tuesday 3rd January!**)



Gary Johnson
Headteacher.

P.E. DEPARTMENT SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM

LUNAR JACKET- Black-White



CRONUS HOODED SWEAT - Black-White



Key design features:

- Contemporary styled Tracksuit
- Soft touch Poly/Tactel outer shell
- Poly/Cotton lined
- Chin Guard
- Two zipped pockets for added security
- Elasticated waistband and adjustable Velcro cuffs
- Concealed inner pocket
- KMS embroidery to front and back

Key design features:

- High density soft touch fabric
- 65% Poly 35% Cotton
- Lined hood
- Ribbed waistband
- Branded taped seam to back neck
- Double stitched contrast piping
- KMS embroidery to front and back

Size	XS Youth	S Youth	M Youth	L Youth	XS Adult	S Adult	M Adult
Chest (inches)	24/26	26/28	28/30	30/32	32/34	34/36	38/40
Lunar Jacket	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£16.50	£16.50	£16.50
Cronus Hooded Sweatshirt		£15.50	£15.50	£15.50	£17.00	£17.00	£17.00



P.E. SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM:

Name of Child _____ Form _____

I would like to place an order for: _____ no. of Lunar Jackets – Size _____

I would like to place an order for: _____ no. of Cronus Hooded Sweatshirts – Size _____

I enclose £_____ in cash / cheque made payable to KMS.

Signed _____ Parent / Carer