



# NEWSLETTER



Wishing all our pupils, parents and staff a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday. We look forward to welcoming pupils back in school on **Tuesday 20th April 2010.**

*1st April, 2010*

*Parkside Middle School*

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Easter marks the end of my first year here at Parkside and I must admit that I have enjoyed pretty much every minute! As wonderful as our school site and facilities are, it has been the level of support that I have received and, as I often point out, the exemplary conduct of our pupils that has made my time here so far feel so rewarding.

I'd like to thank our excellent Governing Body, our recently re-formed and hard-working PTA and committed and professional teachers, teaching support and office staff for all their efforts in working towards our shared vision of making our school the best around. I am extremely proud of the way our pupils behave and how they show compassion for others and I feel they do you proud.

It is not lost on me, nor will it ever be, that we are here to provide the best possible service to all our families and we will constantly strive to improve our performance to ensure that every child's needs are met and that they are taught in a safe, happy and stimulating environment. We want all our pupils to enjoy their time here and to develop as good, successful young people, taking full advantage of the opportunities that life will present them.

I would like to finish by wishing you all an extremely enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you and the children after the holiday.

Mr. Mills.

## PARKSIDE PUPILS IN COURT!

On 20th March five children from Year 8 joined pupils from North Bromsgrove High School and Catshill Middle School to take part in an annual Mock Magistrates Trial competition. Our pupils took on the roles of Defendant - Thomas Felton, Legal Advisor - Dominika Brosenbach, Magistrate - Joshua Greene, Prosecution Lawyer - Bethany Gregory and Witness - Jennifer Taylor. Although we did not win the pupils had both an enjoyable and educational experience taking part. Well done to them all. Mrs. Abbott.



Bethany Gregory, Jennifer Taylor, Dominika Brosenbach, Thomas Felton and Joshua Greene

## YOUTH MOVES DANCE COMPETITION

On Monday 29th March twenty-three Year 7 and 8 boys took part in the Youth Moves dance performance at Pershore No. 8 Theatre. The performance featured a number of schools from Worcestershire, totalling around 150 boys. All boys performed brilliantly and with confidence. We are extremely proud of our Parkside pupils for their performance and professionalism during the long day! The project has lasted around nine weeks and they have all been enthusiastic throughout. This is a fantastic achievement and they are an absolute credit to our school and I hope that they consider the opportunity to continue with dance in the future. Well done boys!  
Miss McGowan.



## MATHS UPDATE ...

Three Year 7 pupils, Ryan Meacham, Tom Main and Ben Allen went to South Bromsgrove High School for a Thinking Skills morning this half term. They worked with Year 9 pupils on a range of code-breaking activities and had an enjoyable morning.



Congratulations to Rachel Pengelly, Isaac Grennan, Tom Fothergill and Mark Cowley who represented school at the UKMT Maths Team Challenge. They enjoyed a very intensive day, full of various mentally challenging rounds and were a credit to Parkside. Well done. Mrs. Brittle.

## NEW TEACHERS

We are fast developing a reputation at Parkside of being a school where the best teachers want to come and work. Recently we were absolutely inundated with applications from young, excellent teachers who applied for class teacher posts here in September. Out of a strong field of no less than 62 applicants, we're pleased to announce that 4 outstanding new teachers will be joining the staff at the end of the summer break. They are: Miss Lamb, Miss Lucket, Miss Seaward and Miss Preece. In addition, at a more senior level, we'd like to extend a typically warm Parkside welcome to Mrs Jenkin, who begins her role as Key Stage 3 Curriculum Manager immediately after the Easter holiday.

## STAFF NEWS

We send our congratulations to Mrs. Henwood now Mrs. Hill who was married on Saturday 27th March 2010. Wishing you a wonderful honeymoon in the Scilly Isles.

We also send our congratulations to Mrs Jukes on her promotion to Key Stage 2 Curriculum Manager. Mrs. Jukes will take up her new position from the start of next term.

## SPORTS NEWS



Year 5 netball won the Bromsgrove High 5 Netball and went on to play in the County High 5 netball tournament in Stourport. Unfortunately they did not win but had a fantastic time playing lots of netball.  
 Year 5 came runners-up to Bromsgrove School in the Bromsgrove and Droitwich District tournament.  
 Year 7/8 played Dodderhill A team. Year 7 lost 13 - 7 and Year 8 lost 13 - 5.  
 Year 7/8 played St. Johns Middle. Year 7 won 12 - 4 and Year 8 won 9 - 5.  
 Year 7 played in the Bromsgrove Invitational Netball Tournament. We won two games and lost three. A hard tournament but great netball.  
 Year 7/8 Orienteering Festival at Lickey Hills. The boys group won and our girls group came joint second. Great effort!  
 Year 6/7 District Netball Tournament at Parkside. Year 6 A team came first, Year 6 B team came third and Year 7 came second - well done to all the girls.  
 Girls Football Tournament at St. Johns Middle, a mix of Years 6, 7 and 8. We won three matches and lost in the semi to come third.  
 Year 8 boys played Aston Fields and won 6 - 2 through to County Finals and District Cup Final - well done!  
 The boys came runners up in a Dodgeball tournament.  
 Year 5/6 played Reaside School in a basketball competition and won.  
 The Young Sports Leaders helped support the OAA Festival for Year 2 pupils.

New activities after the holiday will include rounders, cricket, athletics and tennis with Richard Lawton. A new timetable will be issued on the first week back in each classroom. Mrs. Jukes.

<p><b>SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT</b></p> <p>This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.</p> <p>The Safeguarding Policy is available to view in the School Main Reception.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ECO UPDATE</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Our Malvern sustainable garden is currently being built ready to be exhibited at The Malvern Spring Flower Show. We still need more two litre plastic bottles and lids for our plastic bottle greenhouse. Details of our garden can be found at <a href="http://www.threecounties.co.uk/springgardening">www.threecounties.co.uk/springgardening</a>.</p> <p>Mr. Thurston's Group 8 curriculum pupils recently took part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch. They report that the most common bird at Parkside is the Black Headed Gull and nationally it is the Magpie.</p> </div> <div style="flex: 0 0 40px; text-align: center;"> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NETBALL CLUB</b></p> <p>Ryland Netball Club would like to invite Year 5/6 pupils to their training sessions on Wednesdays from 5 - 6.30 pm taking place at Parkside from 7th April - 21st July.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BAM KITCHEN</b></p> <p>We have been advised by BAM that there will be a price increase to £2.00 per meal for our pupils from 20th April 2010.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR</b></p> <p>Meadows First School are seeking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor. The hours would be 12.15 - 1.15 pm Monday to Friday. Meadows is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Therefore, this post would require an enhanced CRB disclosure. If you are interested in applying for this position, please collect an application pack from the Meadows' School Office.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHARITY EVENTS</b></p> <p>A fantastic £683.64 was raised at the Charity Fayre on 12th February, 2010 for our nominated charity "Save The Children Fund."</p> <p>A raffle was also held in assembly this half term for "Children with Leukaemia" and £116.35 was raised. Thank you for your support.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PTA UPDATE</b></p> <p>The PTA Arts and Crafts Evening was really well attended and over £250 profit was made. A BIG thank you to everyone who came and helped. The next meeting of the PTA will take place on Wednesday 28th April 2010 from 6 pm - 8 pm in the Staff Room - all welcome. More details to follow on the school website.</p>
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<p><b>SPRING TERM 2010</b></p> <p>Thursday 1st April</p> <p><b>SUMMER TERM 2010</b></p> <p><b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>  <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>                  Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April  <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>                  Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May  <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>                  Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May                  Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May                  Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May  <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b></p> <p><b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>                  Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June                  Thursday 1st July                  Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July                  Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July                  Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July                  Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July                  Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</p> <p>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</p> <p>Date to be confirmed                  Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</p> <p><b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b></p>	<p>School closes for Easter break</p> <p><b>School closed - TE day</b>  <b>School re-opens</b>                  PTA Meeting 6 pm - 8 pm  <b>School closed for Bank Holiday</b>                  Year 5 Stackpole residential trip  <b>School re-opens</b>                  Year 6 SATS week                  Year 7 Malvern residential trip                  Year 6 London residential trip  <b>School closes for half term</b></p> <p><b>School re-opens</b>                  Year 5 Bikeability training                  Parents Evening 5pm - 8 pm                  Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30 pm                  New Parents Evening                  Year 8 Prom                  Year 8 girls 3<sup>rd</sup> HBV vaccination                  Rising Stars talent show, evening performance, time tbc.                  Year 7 trip to West Midlands                  Safari Park                  Year 8 trip to Drayton Manor                  Rising Stars talent show, morning performance, time tbc.  <b>School closes for Summer break</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AUTUMN TERM 2010</b></p> <p>Wednesday 1st September                  Thursday 2nd September                  Friday 22nd October</p> <p>Monday 1st November                  Tuesday 2nd November                  Friday 17th December</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPRING TERM 2011</b></p> <p>Tuesday 4th January                  Wednesday 5th January                  Friday 18th February</p> <p>Monday 28th February                  Friday 8th April</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUMMER TERM 2011</b></p> <p>Tuesday 26th April                  Wednesday 27th April                  Monday 2nd May                  Friday 27th May</p> <p>Monday 6th June                  Friday 22nd July</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> There is an additional TE day still to be allocated for 2010/2011.</p>	<p>School closed TE Day                  School re-opens                  School closes for half term</p> <p>School closed TE Day                  School re-opens                  School closes for Christmas holiday</p> <p>School closed TE Day                  School re-opens                  School closes for half term</p> <p>School re-opens                  School closes for Easter break</p> <p>School closed TE Day                  School re-opens                  School closed for Bank Holiday                  School closes for half term</p> <p>School re-opens                  School closes for Summer break</p>
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