



NEWSLETTER

Wishing all our pupils, parents and staff a relaxing and enjoyable half term. We look forward to welcoming pupils back in school on **Tuesday 23rd February 2010.**

11th February, 2010

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by sharing with you the excellent news that we will be oversubscribed with our intake for next year's Year 5. A total of 143 families chose Parkside Middle School as their first preference (a rise of 43 from the previous year) and with a maximum pupil admission number of 120 in each year, unfortunately some families will not be able to get in. The general trend across the town is one of falling pupil numbers. This news is particularly satisfying therefore and further evidence that people are recognising that Parkside is a school that will provide children with excellent opportunities to develop as young people and to fulfil their potential. I would like to thank you all at this point for your continued support. Mr. Mills.

Parkside Middle School

Community Arts Project

Congratulations to pupils past and present whose artwork is on public display in Bromsgrove. Parkside pupils were selected to take part in an art project with North Bromsgrove High School called 'Window on Bromsgrove.' You can go and visit the display opposite Asda on 'The Old Drill Hall.' Parkside's display depicts scenes of Sanders Park. *Year 8 pupils Katie Small and Dominika Brosenbach with the displayed artwork.*



PTA NEWS

The next event on the PTA calendar is an Arts and Crafts Exhibition to be held on Wednesday 24th March 2010 in school. Grandparents will be invited to attend from 2.00 pm- 3.00 pm and from 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm parents, family and friends are welcome. More details to follow

The PTA are also setting up a "Mom knows best" cooking leaflet and are appealing for recipes that have been handed down over time within families. Please forward your recipes to Mrs Aston as soon as possible and the leaflets will be available to purchase at the exhibition.



PUPILS ENJOYING THE SLOPES IN ITALY

Mrs Mancini reports our Year 7 and 8 pupils are having a fabulous time on their ski-ing trip in Pila, Italy. She also commented that the weather is great, there is plenty of snow and pupils are really enjoying the ski-ing. We look forward to welcoming them back on Sunday 14th February.



HAITI APPEAL

We are pleased to announce that an amazing £1,051.97 has been raised for the above appeal to date. We are extremely proud of our pupils who have put lots of energy into raising money from holding cake sales, sponsored events, second-hand sales etc.

Science Appeal

Miss McQuillan is appealing for donations of plastic pots (e.g. ice-cream/butter containers) for a science project. Please bring items into school after half term. Thank you.

**Charity Fayre
Friday 12th February**



Our annual Charity Fayre takes place tomorrow in school from 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm. Pupils will be running their own stalls and aiming to raise money for our nominated school charity Save The Children Fund. Parents, grandparents, relatives and friends are all invited to the fayre and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

Drop-in for a chat ...

A new service is available within Bromsgrove schools offering Early Intervention Family Support for families with children aged between 5 - 13 years. Information and advice is offered regarding family support, childcare, parenting, housing, benefits and other agencies. Drop-in sessions at Sidemoor First School have been arranged for Tuesday 16th March from 1.30 - 3.00 pm and Tuesday 20th April from 9.00 - 10.30 am. Other sessions will take place at Sunnyfields Childrens' Centre at Charford, Alvechurch Middle School and Catshill Methodist Church. If you would like further information regarding the drop-ins, please contact Nicola Robinson on 07507 497617.



SPORTS NEWS



Girls Sport

Netball results: Year 6 vs St. Johns. The A team won 12 - 0 and the B team won 19 - 0.
 Year 6 vs Dodderhill. The A team won 12 - 0 and the B team won 6 - 1.
 Year 5 played their first netball tournament at Bromsgrove School and played five matches drawing one and losing four.
 Year 7/8 played Alvechurch. Year 7 lost 11 - 8 and Year 8 lost 12 - 3.

Boys Sport

Congratulations to Alex Masih and Liam Rowe who were in the winning team at the recent extreme golf tournament.
 The dodgeball tournament was cancelled due to snow and will be rearranged for a date in March.
 The Boys Dance Alliance is ongoing with pupils involved producing fantastic work - well done boys.
 Year 8 young Sport Leaders supported Andrea Paice from Bromsgrove Gym Club and delivered a gymnastics festival to Years 3 and 4 pupils at Parkside.
 Congratulations to Tom Fletcher and Georgia Jones from Year 8 who have been selected as Silver Ambassadors for Sport and join a select committee of Silver Ambassadors from all Middle and High Schools within North Worcestershire.

Safeguarding Statement

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.
 We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Lorraine Caswell is our new Safeguarding Governor.

School Jumper for sale ...

One of our parents has a size 32 school jumper for sale, only worn once for £12.00. Please contact the school office if you would like more information.

Pupil Absence

If your child is absent from school please phone in on the first day of absence to confirm the reason and then either phone on subsequent days and/or send in a written note on the child's return to school.

News from the English Department ...

Congratulations to all the Year 7 pupils who had their mini-saga published in the Young Writers Anthology. Young Writers are in the process of choosing school winners, fingers crossed.
 Watch this space for news...

Congratulations to Sophie

We would like to say a big well done to Sophie Cornelius, 5AG who is now ranked 10th in the County for tennis. Sophie is a member of Bromsgrove Tennis Club in Aston Fields and has been training since she was seven, winning many trophies, medals and certificates for her achievements. Fantastic news Sophie! If you have any news regarding the achievements of our pupils please forward your stories to the school office for a future newsletter.



A New Arrival!

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Jo Tonks, Teaching Assistant, and her husband on the safe arrival of baby Kenzie born in December. A new sister for Sydney and Grace.



Disabled Parking

Would visitors to school during the day kindly refrain from parking in the disabled car parking spaces if not needing to use this facility. Several complaints have been received regarding the misuse of these spaces. Thank you for your help.

Welcome

We welcome Mrs. Lorraine Lunnon to our team of Lunchtime Supervisors.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING TERM 2010

Friday 12th February
 Sunday 14th February

Monday 22nd February
 Tuesday 23rd February
 Thursday 25th February
 Wednesday 24th March

Thursday 1st April

SUMMER TERM 2010

Monday 19th April
 Tuesday 20th April
 Monday 3rd May
 Monday 3rd - Friday 7th May
 Tuesday 4th May
 Monday 10th - Friday 14th May
 Monday 10th - Friday 14th May
 Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th May
 Friday 28th May

Monday 7th June
 Wednesday 21st July
 Thursday 22nd July

Friday 23rd July

School closes for half-term
 Ski-ing Trip 2010 returns

School closed - TE day
 School re-opens
 Year 8 girls 2nd HBV vaccination
 PTA Arts and Crafts Exhibition
 2pm - 3 pm/6 pm - 8 pm
 School closes for Easter break

School closed - TE day
 School re-opens
 School closed for Bank Holiday
 Year 5 Stackpole residential trip
 School re-opens
 Year 6 SATS week
 Year 7 Malvern residential trip
 Year 6 London residential trip
 School closes for half term

School re-opens
 Year 8 girls 3rd HBV vaccination
 Rising Stars talent show

School closes for Summer break

AUTUMN TERM 2010

Wednesday 1st September
 Thursday 2nd September
 Friday 22nd October

Monday 1st November
 Tuesday 2nd November
 Friday 17th December

SPRING TERM 2011

Tuesday 4th January
 Wednesday 5th January
 Friday 18th February

Monday 28th February
 Friday 8th April

SUMMER TERM 2011

Tuesday 26th April
 Wednesday 27th April
 Monday 2nd May
 Friday 27th May

Monday 6th June
 Friday 22nd July

Please note: There is an additional TE day still to be allocated for 2010/2011.

School closed TE Day
 School re-opens
 School closes for half term

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 School re-opens
 School closes for Christmas holiday

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 School re-opens
 School closes for half term

School re-opens
 School closes for Easter break

School closed TE Day
 School re-opens
 School closed for Bank Holiday
 School closes for half term

School re-opens
 School closes for Summer break