

Perton Middle School

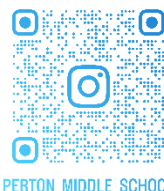
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NEWSLETTER 10.02.23

Last week, we were delighted to share our Ofsted report with you. One of my lasting memories of the inspection will be at the end of the first day when one of the inspectors, who was only with us on day one, was leaving. He stopped by the door to tell me how lovely it had been to be in our community for a day. He talked about how welcoming the staff had been and how much he had enjoyed being in the lessons. His lasting memory however, was how wonderful our students are. He talked about the fact that he couldn't move around school without a student checking if he was ok or stopping to tell him something wonderful about our school. Mrs Burrington and I told him that we were lucky enough to experience that every day. Perton Middle Students really are a pleasure to be around. They make us proud every day and we look forward to seeing all of the great things they will achieve this academic year.

In the letter that accompanied our Ofsted report you will have seen that I am joining the Learning Partnership central team for 2 terms on secondment. I wanted to make sure that as I hand over to Mrs Burrington for the next two terms I said thank you to our wider school community for your support. Perton is special not just because of the students and the staff, it is special because of all the families we are lucky enough to work with. I am very grateful for your support.

Have a lovely weekend - enjoy watching some of our Y5 students on Blue Peter later!

Alex Dudge

CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Earlier in the week, we had Stu the Circus Man from [Team Sensible](#) in school all day, running circus skills workshops for our Year 5 students. The purpose of these sessions (apart from having fun!) was to improve concentration and focus through resilience and the determination to succeed. According to scientists at [Oxford University](#), learning complex new skills, such as juggling, can produce significant changes to the structure of the brain and can increase white matter - the network of nerves in the brain.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues 21st March – Year 8 parents' evening, 4pm-7pm
- Thurs 23rd March – Year 6 trip to Crosby
- Thurs 23rd March – Year 8 options evening at Codsall High 5:45 – 8:00pm
- Thurs 30th March – Year 7 Shakespeare day
- Thurs 30th March – Year 8 visit to Holocaust Memorial Centre
- Fri 31st March – Year 8 Shakespeare day

LOCAL NEWS

Perton Library & Wild About Perton Presents

SCIENCE FAIR

Saturday 18th March 10am - 3pm

- Think Tank Shows
- Lapworth Museum of Geology
- STEMbotics Robot workshops
- Medical Mavericks
- Warwick University STEM Outreach
- Forensics with Staffs Police
- Astronomy
- Climate Change
- Waste Savvy Staffs
- Kingswood Trust
- Fire Engine
- Wild About Perton pond & river survey
- Archaeology

Much more to be confirmed

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AUTHOR EVENT

Some of our students in Year 5 were invited to Grand Central Station in Wolverhampton to attend a wonderful event, where we got to see the fantastic author Cressida Cowell. She told us all about her childhood, her inspiration for being an author and her path to realising her dreams. She also gave us lots of exciting information about her new book 'Which Way to Anywhere', which is going to be made into a film! All of the students who attended this event were each given a signed copy of her exciting new story!



AWARDS THIS WEEK

Due to the mock SATs, there was no congratulations assembly this week.



STUDENT NEWS

HOUSE POINTS

Challenger - 453

Discovery - 549

Endeavour - 471

Enterprise - 471

WELL-BEING

Our second group of KS3 students have now completed their well-being intervention run by the Wolves Foundation. Last week marked the end of the programme and the students were lucky enough to have a tour of the stadium. They learnt all sorts of facts about Wolves and got to visit the press studio, changing rooms and director's box.

We will be offering a similar intervention to another group of students, starting after Easter.



In ARC club, the students have been exploring ideas for future activities. They are keen to start a gardening/environmental project in order to encourage more wildlife, grow fruit and vegetables and make the school grounds more attractive. We will be asking for parent/carer support for this in the near future.

