

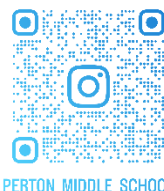
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NEWSLETTER 20.12.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

As 2024 draws to a close, I am sure I am not alone in wondering where yet another year has gone. In my open evening speech for prospective parents back in October, I talked about the changing face of education and how different schools have become since the events of the early 2020s. However, one of the constants is that there is always so much to celebrate in school in terms of both academic achievements and the personal successes that we are privileged to share with our students and their families. This is, without a doubt, the best part of my job. I have given out countless certificates, badges and acknowledgements so far, this academic year, all hard earned. It makes me incredibly proud to be able to do this as it reflects our ethos of working hard, being kind and respectful.



We have also managed to cram in lots of enrichment activities and trips this term and I would like to thank staff for the effort that goes in to arranging these opportunities and parents and carers for supporting us with them. Experiences such as visiting the Pantomime, The Think Tank and sports fixtures create memories that will last a lifetime.

We have a few changes for the new year that I would like to share with you. This term, we have offered Wellbeing sessions in place of Drama whilst we have tried to recruit a replacement for Mr Pritchard. Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to do so, but we will continue our quest in the new year. For the forthcoming terms, we will, instead, offer additional Music and PSHE in KS2 (Y5 and 6) and KS3 (Y7 and 8) will pick up with a lesson of Sports Science which will focus on practical and classroom-based learning around physiology, mental health, nutrition and health and wellbeing. This subject is offered at the High School and we have tailored our curriculum to feed in to this provision and to support the Science and DT curriculum here.

Mr Jones will deliver these lessons. KS3 should continue to wear their PE kit on those days; KS2 will no longer need to wear their kit to school. On another note, we are delighted to have appointed Miss Fellows as Lead Teacher for Maths and we thank Mrs Cadwallader for leading the team this term. She will continue to work closely with Miss Fellows in her new role.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri 20nd Dec - Finish at 1.30pm last day of term
- Mon 6th Jan – back to school
- Weds 22nd Jan – Year 5 Chester Zoo visit

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Finally, I am very pleased to say that Synergy, our new communication tool, has been installed and we are currently undergoing training so that it can be launched to parents during the next half term. This will make our communication system much more effective and streamlined and will mean that we can share more information with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support – remember that we are only a phone call away if you have any queries or information you wish to share with us.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful new year.

Michelle Burrington
Headteacher



BOOK FAYRE & YOUNG TEEN FICTION LIBRARY VISIT



A group of our Year 8 students went to Perton Library to take part in shortlisting books for the young teen fiction awards

Thanks to your amazing fund-raising efforts and the generosity of Laburnum Books, all these fabulous new books will be on our library shelves next term.

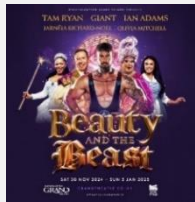
Remember that the library in Perton is open over the school holidays and has a great range of teen and young adult books to borrow.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Last week, we took Year 6 to the Grand Theatre to see *Beauty and the Beast*. They had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

If there are any parents/carers who would like to volunteer to help out on future trips, please contact the school office.



THINK TANK TRIP

Earlier this month, Year 5 went to Think Tank. They all had a great time watching the planetarium show about the solar system, looking at vehicles past and present and learning about medicines of the future, space exploration and the human body!

They also had the chance to play in the science garden where they got to pull themselves up a pole using a pulley system and make water vibrate!

FOODBANK APPEAL



We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has sent in foodbank donations over the last couple of weeks. We are absolutely thrilled by the amount of food we have had donated by staff and families.

It will be distributed to people and families in need this

December and into the new year via Perton Kingsway Foodbank. It's good to know that Perton Middle School is helping so many people in our community.

In partnership with the foodbank, Cafe 29 in Perton are providing kids' meals for £1 all throughout the festive period. Check website for opening hours,

SUPPORT AT CHRISTMAS

Whatever you're facing this holiday season, Samaritans are there to listen.
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ONLINE SAFETY WARNING

Talkie AI App

Talkie is an AI chatbot app with explicit content, potential for grooming and in-app purchases ranging from £4.99 - £49.99.

Bark reviews this app here and recommends that children should not be using this app.

Discord

Discord is another app you should be aware of. On Discord, children can be added to group chats with hundreds of strangers - which presents the possibility of online predators posing as children.

For more information and advice, visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

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SPORTS NEWS

Our sports clubs have been well attended this term. We would like to say a big thank you to Wolverhampton Hockey Club for their introductory session in the Autumn term. Netball club with Mrs. Taylor has been a great success and will continue. Georgie Keys Dance, restarted in November and once again is very successful. Club activities will be re-set for the Spring 1 half term - more information will be released very soon in the new year.



CHRISTMAS AT PERTON MIDDLE

