

# Perton Middle School

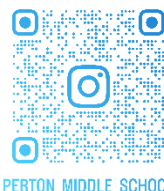
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## NEWSLETTER 31.03.23

Although this has been quite a short half-term, we have had many exciting opportunities and wonderful achievements to celebrate. Year 5 developed juggling skills under the guidance of a visiting circus professional; Year 6 completed their final mock SATS and visited Crosby Beach - sadly swimwear was not the order of the day as it was quite wet and blustery - but they had fun nevertheless; Year 7 and 8 have unleashed their inner thespian working with the 'Rubbish Shakespeare Company' and Year 8 have also visited the Holocaust Centre in Nottinghamshire to learn about key events during WW2.

It is also the end of my first half term as Acting Headteacher and I would like to thank students, staff and parents/carers for their support. I have worked at Perton Middle School for many years and I am very proud to undertake this role. I look forward to working with our school community in this capacity for the next two terms. I would also like to take this opportunity to urge you to get in contact with us if you have any questions regarding your child's education and experiences at school. We can be contacted via email or telephone through reception and we are present at the school gate at the start and end of the day. We also communicate information about school events via this newsletter, Twitter and Facebook and we are looking to increase the opportunities for parents and carers to engage with us to develop school and home links further.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy and restful Easter break and I look forward to working together in the new term.

*Michelle Burrington*

## CHANGES IN THE SUMMER TERM

Due to a number of staffing changes, there will be a few alterations to timetables for the summer term. Lessons will remain the same, but there will be some staffing changes - most noticeably in maths. Children will be issued with new timetables showing the revised staffing on the first day of term. I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Dr. Ademosu who has been teaching in our maths department for the last few terms. We wish him well in his new post.

## BLUE PETER APPEARANCE



Year 5 had a wonderful time and met lots of celebrities during their trip to Blue Peter. They had a fabulous time. If you missed it, check it out on [BBC iPlayer](https://www.bbc.com/iplayer).

## EASTER RAFFLE

Thanks very much to Mr & Mrs Davey for donating this magnificent Easter egg for our Easter raffle.



## FIRST TECH CHALLENGE



This week, we attended the First Tech Challenge Regional Finals at RAF Cosford. The team competed really well and reached the semi-finals which means we are through to the national championships at Cambridge University in June! Well done to everyone involved.



## CROSBY BEACH TRIP



Year 6 had a great day out at Crosby Beach, Merseyside. Whilst the sculptures were hiding under the unusually high tide, we did see some heads appearing from under the waves and the children had lots of fun on the beach.

## NATIONAL HOLOCAUST CENTRE TRIP

On Thursday 30th March, the whole of year 8 went to the National Holocaust Centre in Tuxford, Nottinghamshire to enhance their learning in both History and RE. The students were given the opportunity to look at the memorial gardens, have a tour of the museum as well as hear a first-hand survivor's account. The students' behaviour and the respect which was shown made us very Proud to be Perfon!



## SCHOOL GARDENING PROJECT



ARC club have started a school gardening project and would be very grateful for donations of perennial plants, compost and gardening equipment. If you feel you can help, please email Mrs.Marsden: [LJM@SSLP.COM](mailto:LJM@SSLP.COM)

If your child is taking part in the gardening project, they can use this as evidence to apply for a green Blue Peter badge. [Find out more here.](#)

## KS3 SHAKESPEARE DAYS

Years 7 and 8 were treated to two standout performances by the [Rubbish Shakespeare Company](#) who presented 'Romeo & Juliet' and 'Macbeth' in our school hall. Students then participated in two workshops throughout the rest of the school day. These workshops allowed our pupils to explore how to create characters using a range of performance skills before delving into traditional Shakespearean text. They were then able to take on the role of a director and make staging decisions, using the given circumstances and context of a scene. Our visitors commented on the amazing engagement and sheer quality of the work both Year 7 and Year 8 produced in the sessions.



After the workshops, the students were asked for their feedback. Some of the comments so far include:

*"I would love to participate in this activity in the future again as it just made the emotion of joy spread across my face."*

*"I loved the workshops as they were very interactive. The performance was amazing. I loved how they used different elements of drama."*

*"Thank you for working with us Rubbish Shakespeare Company! You really made sure everyone took part and had a great time."*

