

Perton Middle School

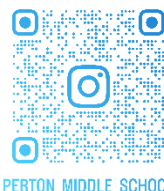
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NEWSLETTER 27.09.24

We are now a month in to the new term and I am pleased to say that our new students across the school are settling in well and we are enjoying getting to know them. We look forward to welcoming parents of prospective students to our open evening on Tuesday 1st October, 6:00-8:00pm. This is your opportunity to see the facilities we have to offer, meet staff and current students and tour the school.

Autumn is definitely now upon us and the trees on the premises are beginning to turn: we will no doubt have some stunning photographs to share with you in the coming weeks. We are very fortunate to have such lovely and extensive grounds and we are always looking for ways to enhance them. We have planted a small orchard near the Music block which was started upon the King's coronation with our two pear trees, Charles and Camilla. This has continued to grow as some of our green-fingered students have planted other fruit trees to keep them company. We are also aiming to smarten up our appearance at the front of school: the planters are expecting a new coat of paint at any moment (weather permitting) and we have a few new plants to spruce them up too. If you ever find yourself with plants to spare, they would be gratefully received as we have many areas that our ARC/ECO club students would like to reinvigorate. This week we are having raised beds installed in the courtyard courtesy of builders, S.J.Roberts of Welshpool and the Jack Moody Group, who have kindly made this donation and will fit and fill them for us.

We want you to feel part of our school community so if you have any queries about school life or would just like to get to know the staff working with your children, we are very easy to contact. You can call reception who will arrange a call back or email addresses are on our website. Many staff are available at the school gate at the end of the day, too. We would really like to hear from you as strong home school relationships lead to better outcomes for all, especially the children who are central to us all.

Michelle Burrington

Headteacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues 1st Oct -Open Evening
- Fri 25th Oct – break up for Half Term

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Please note that the application deadline for Y5 student places is 15th January 2025 and for Y7 places it is 31st October 2024: we urge parents to ensure that their applications are completed in advance of the deadline. For more information, [please visit our website.](#)

OPEN EVENING

Our open evening takes place on Tuesday 1st October 2024, 6pm to 8pm. During the evening you will be able to see our facilities, hear about our achievements and plans for the future and talk to staff and students about the vast range of opportunities on offer.

There will be an opportunity to hear a presentation from the school leadership team at 6pm or 7pm in the school hall. The classrooms will be open for you to get a flavour of the wonderful learning experiences on offer and to meet our dedicated teaching team.

FIRST TECH CHALLENGE



We will be shortly giving out applications for new members in Year 7 and Year 8 to join the Perton Middle School robotics team and take part in First Tech Challenge for the 2024-2025 season.

First Tech Challenge is a robotics club which meets weekly to design and build a robot to take part in national

competitions. This gives children the chance to learn new engineering and coding skills as well as being part of a team and learning to work collaboratively. We have previously competed in competitions at RAF Cosford, Aston University Engineering Academy, Manchester Airport and Cambridge University. If this is something your child may be interested in, keep your eyes peeled for an application form that will be coming home very soon and please help them to complete it to the best of their ability (spaces on the team are limited so priority will be given to carefully thought through applications).

COURTYARD PROJECT

Over the past week, we have seen a transformation of our courtyard area thanks to [SJ.Roberts of Welshpool](#) and the [Jack Moody Group](#).



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Please note that parents/carers must notify the school on the first day of an unplanned absence by 9.00a.m or as soon as practically possible. You should phone (01902758244), text or email the school (office@pms.sslp.uk) on each day of absence unless the school has permitted more than one day of absence due to severe conditions such as broken bones, an operation etc.

Attending a medical or dental appointment will be counted as authorised as long as the pupil's parent/carers notifies the school in advance of the appointment. This should be done via phone call, text or email.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be open between **3:00pm and 3:45pm** on:

Tuesday 1st October for Year 5 students, parents and other siblings,

Thursday 3rd October for Year 6 students, parents and other siblings and

Friday 4th October for KS3 students, parents and other siblings.

All payments for books will need to be made online through the Scholastic website using the following link:

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/page. You can also find the link using the QR code below.



SLEEP HYGIENE

Does your child know that getting better sleep can have a positive impact on all aspects of their life?

From helping the brain retain information to helping us to look better (think clearer skin and shinier hair) and improving concentration and mood - these are just some of the health benefits to sleeping well.

The [Teen Sleep Health Hub](#) provides advice and strategies for young people to get a better night's sleep.

