



Perton Middle School

In Federation with Codsall Community High School and Bilbrook CE (VC) Middle School

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Christmas Newsletter 2019

As we come to the end of our first term of the academic year it's important for us to take stock of the excellent work undertaken by each of the three schools within our federation. Our students are so fortunate to have staff that will always go the extra mile in ensuring that the students get the very best deal possible. A very brief summary of some of the opportunities our students have this term would include:

Year 8 and Year 10 visits to the World Skills Show at the NEC

Charity "Bake Offs"

Theatre visits to see pantomimes, plays and to speak to authors

"Bikeability" sessions in both middle schools

"Helping Your Child" events at the High School with external speakers.

University visits for 6th formers

Visits to Birmingham Library for 6th formers

"Restart a Heart" training for pupils

Plane building group for pupils at Perton Middle, Bilbrook Middle and Codsall Middle

We also had a fantastic Key Stage 4 Presentation Evening at the High School to celebrate the many student successes of the previous year. Our speaker, Matt Currall, was able to inspire the audience with his own story of success following his education at Codsall High School.

We also celebrated the 30th anniversary of Perton Middle School in December. We were fortunate enough to have Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education (at the time of writing!) as our guest. He was bowled over with the pride and sense of belonging the pupils have for Perton Middle School, especially during an unscripted question and answer session with the students!

As ever, I want to thank all involved in making the term such a success as well as the parents and carers who have taken the time to write to us to thank us for the work undertaken across our schools. We will keep on pushing to be better and better each and every day.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a happy and restful Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2020.

Mr Harding
Executive Headteacher





It has, as ever, been a very busy and productive term. It's hard to believe that our Year 5 students have only been with us for a term. As a year group they are an asset to our school community. We are very grateful for the productive and enthusiastic way they have entered into life at Perton Middle School. Year 6 have been working exceptionally hard and have been impressing their teachers with their attitudes to learning.

In Key Stage 3 students have been impressing us with the quality of their Knowledge Bank work. It was lovely to hear parent's positive comments about these at our recent Y7 parents evening. Please remember if your children have any questions then there are drop in sessions every week on Thursday lunchtime with Mrs Burrington.

As Mr Harding has mentioned in his letter we were very pleased to welcome Gavin Williamson to school on Friday 6th of December to celebrate 30 Years since Lord Lichfield officially opened Perton Middle School. We talk often about being Proud to be Perton. I have to say that in my time here I have never been more proud of our school community as I was during that assembly. It was a delight to showcase the fantastic work of our school community.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to two members of staff. Miss Bowker is relocating to Cornwall and we also say goodbye to one of our longest serving members of staff. After almost 30 years at PMS Mrs Rocket is leaving us. We are so very grateful to both teachers for the care, support and guidance they have offered our students. Our corridors will not be the same without them. Whilst we are very sad to see them go we wish them both all the very best for their future adventures.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Farmer to the Maths department. Mrs Farmer joins us from Parkside Primary in Stafford, she has a passion for Maths and an impressive track record in KS2 SATs. We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Shaw from maternity leave and Miss Harley who has been covering for her will be extending her time with us to continue to teach English and Humanities.

As a community we are constantly looking to evolve. We are very proud of our curriculum and this academic year all staff are working hard to provide exciting opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. We are aware that our parents, grandparents and extended families have some wonderful connections into our local community. If you can offer any expertise please let us know.

At each parents evening we ask parents to complete a survey. We use these surveys to understand what is working well and what we need to improve. Historically homework was always an area for development, however in recent years with the introduction of knowledge banks parents feel much happier about the homework provision now. Our new focus area is keeping you updated about your child's progress. I will be inviting parents in the new year to join members of our team to create a working group to look at how this could be improved.

As we finish this term, I thank you all for your continued support and wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. I look forward to seeing what 2020 holds. Best wishes,

Alex Dodge
Headteacher

First Day Absence

It is important on the first day of your child's absence, to call or leave a message before 9:00am with the school reception explaining their absence. Many thanks.



Water bottle and snack for break time

A lot of students are forgetting to bring in a water bottle and a snack for break time, please could you remind your child.

They can fill up their water bottles at break times and lunch times from the dining room.



Lost Property

A gentle reminder about lost property. We are still having a large amount of lost property in school, could you please make sure that all clothing including coats and general items are labelled clearly with name tags, as this helps greatly with the return of items to the rightful owner.



School Start Time

Reminder that the first bell in the morning goes at 8.35am and all students are expected to be on the premises ready for the second bell at 8.40am which is registration time. There is also concern that some pupils are arriving very late at school, often after the morning bell has gone.

You will appreciate that it is important for all children to arrive at school by the designated time and we would appreciate your help in ensuring punctuality in the future.



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In line with safeguarding procedures, please inform the school of any changes to your child's emergency contact details. Follow our social media page to keep up to date with school news and events.



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Children in Need

On Friday 15th November 2019 students supported Children in Need by coming to school in their own clothes.

A grand total of £223.50p was raised.

Thank you , we do appreciate all the help that parents give us.



Early finish at Christmas

May we remind you that school will finish at the earlier time of 1.30 pm on Friday 20th December, following the lunch break and afternoon registration. Please make arrangements to ensure that your child is either collected or allowed to walk home at the earlier time.

Students will return to school on Monday 6th January 2020.



Year 8 visit to the World Skills event at the NEC

On Friday 22nd November, Year 8 visited the World Skills event at the NEC. This is the UK's largest skills, apprenticeship and careers event. They were able to try hands-on job-related skills across a huge range of careers and experience a wide range of activities like TV production, demolition simulation, virtual welding, floristry, 3D modelling and much more! Pupils also got the opportunity to have one-to-one guidance on career routes as well as the opportunity to explore work experience, apprenticeships and jobs.

Over 130 employers from across the UK including BAE Systems, BMW, Coca Cola, HS2, IBM, Muller, NHS Careers, Royal Mail, Toyota and the armed forces, took part offering top jobs, apprenticeships and training opportunities.

We believe that this was a great opportunity to view the world of work and help pupils to decide on subjects to study when it comes to choosing their options.



Letters

Often students will forget to pass on letters to parents, so we advise you to check the website regularly:
www.pertonmiddle.com



Bikeability Training

Year 5 and year 7 had the opportunity to take part in the Bikeability training. Students brought their bikes into school and were taken out on to the roads around Perton Middle School by qualified and experienced instructors, to show their knowledge of the correct road safety procedures. Well done to all who took part!



Remembrance Day and the Poppy Appeal

On the 11th November, Year 8 students attended a service of remembrance at the Perton memorial Stone.

The service was led by the Rev. Julia Cody and students contributed with readings and the laying of a wreath. The students were a credit to themselves and the school.



Thank you to all that contributed to this worthwhile cause.



Certificate of Appreciation

*Awarded to
Staff and Pupils of
Perton Middle School
For raising the magnificent total of
£134.56
For the 2019 Poppy Appeal*

Clive Rathbone

Poppy Appeal Organiser for Perton

Perton Sport - Autumn Newsletter 2019

It is the season of Football and Netball, with a few extra's. Well we have started the 2019-20 season as we left off in the summer. Extensive after school clubs have been incredibly successful, with many oversubscribed, including cricket, tennis, rugby, multi sports, dance, football and netball. Please keep checking the programme each half term. Due to the sporting seasons and climate the programme is subject to change. Talking of climate and weather, please ensure all our students have both their indoor and outdoor kit in school

Football Year 5 have had some practice matches with the local middle schools with the emphasis on mass participation and all pupils having the opportunity to represent their school.

Year 6 have also been involved in these friendly matches but have also competed in local competitions. The boys team won the school games 6 a-side local competition but did not reach the county final as they came mid table in the district tournament. They started off well in the county cup, but let a 2-0 lead slip away as they lost 3-2.

Year 7 exited the county cup early on as well but have been going from strength to strength in the English Schools Football Association Small Schools Cup and will be playing St Mary's College from Liverpool in the last 16.

Year 7 girls were winners of the District 6 a-side tournament brushing aside 8 secondary schools from Cannock. They were also very unlucky to go out of the county cup to Madeley Academy after extra time.

Year 8 girls team has a hard core group who have really taken to football this year, and although they are still developing, just like the boys team they have been competitive in district and county competitions.

Netball Numerous Year 7 and 8 fixtures have been played at all levels, trying to give all those interested the taste of inter school sport. Fixtures including Codsall, Brewood, Idsall and Girls high.

Year 5 and 6 School Sports Games High 5's Netball

Both years successfully came first and second at the area tournament, qualifying for the level 2 competition in January. Good Luck

X-Country - Rowley Park, Stafford.

Year 7 and 8 competed in the Stafford School County X-Country Competition. With up to 50 runners in each race Perton held their own within a very competitive field of top athletes.

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Year 3 and 4 X-Country at PMS

Yet another excellent event at the school, hosting well over 100 smaller students running round our sports field. A big thank you to our own x-country runners who helped lead and organise the event.

Sport 4 All Festival at CCHS

Due to the excellent manner of our sports leaders at the years 3 and 4 x-country, our leaders were asked to deliver the Sport 4 Event at CCHS. A quick training session in school and they were soon organising games such as Bocca, sitting volleyball and new age curling.

They really are a credit to the school and community.

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School Sports Games GOLD 2019

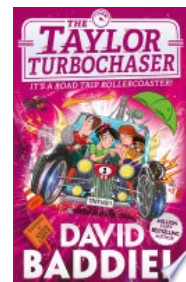
Once again Perton Middle School are proud to achieve the Gold Award for Achievement and delivery of sports at all levels.



Year 6 Visit to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre: David Baddiel

On Friday 15th November 2019 year 6 had a very exciting opportunity to see the children's author David Baddiel at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton. The students listened to David talk about his passion for reading and writing, they also received a free copy of David's new book 'The Taylor Turbochaser'.

A great morning had by all.



Library

Wolverhampton Children's Book Award

We are getting quite excited at Bookworms Book Club.

Just before Christmas we should hear which books have made the short-list for the Wolverhampton Children's Book Award.

For weeks now, we have been reading new titles and voting for our favourite from the long-list, which one would you choose?



Next term we will be reading like mad to get through as many on the short-list as we can and then it's off to Wolverhampton Grammar School for the big celebration!

Music

Students have been very busy in Music this December with performances in assemblies and community events. The festivities began on Saturday 7th December when the school choir opened Perton Christmas Fair in Anders Square. 30 students and their families sang Christmas carols and songs outside the Church and the spirit of Christmas was definitely in the air!

Little Big Band will be hosting an informal concert to family and friends on the 18th December to showcase the progress they have made learning their instruments.

In January 2020, 120 students look forward to participating in the Young Voice's concert at Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. More details to follow in January!

Grandparents Day

On the 26th November we welcomed in grandparents of our Year 7's to have tea and cake and play a few games of bingo. Our pupils are always full of stories of activities that they have done with grandparents after school or at weekends and so this was our way of saying thank you to all of them for the roles that they play in helping to raise our Year 7 pupils. Everyone had a wonderful time and there were six lucky prize winners. If any grandparents or extended family are able to offer any time to help out in school, Mrs Shelley and the Year 7 team would be extremely grateful. Contact Mrs Shelley via csh@ch-pb.com

Dates for your Diary.

Dates correct at time of going to print— latest information is shown on the website.

Monday 23 rd December - Friday 3 rd January		Christmas Holiday School Closed to Students
Wednesday 15 th January		Deadline for Online Applications for Perton Middle School for September 2020
Monday 20 th - Thursday 23 rd January	9.00 - 12.00 am	Y6 Mock SATs Tests
Monday 27 th January	11.30 - 10.30 pm	'Young Voices' Concert at Resorts Arena Birmingham
Wednesday 29 th January	9.00 - 11.00 am	Midland Photographic Y6 and Y8 Individual and Family Group Photographs
Thursday 30 th January	4.00 - 7.00pm	Year 5 Parents Evening
Tuesday 11 th February	9.00 - 1.00pm	Year 8 Careers Fair at CCHS
Thursday 13 th February	4.00 - 7.00pm	Year 8 Parents Evening
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February		Half term School Closed to Students
Monday 24 th February		Inset Day School Closed to Students
Thursday 12 th March	6.00 - 8.00pm	Year 8 Options Evening at CCHS
Monday 23 rd - Thursday 26 th March	9.00 - 12.00 am	Y6 Mock SATs Tests
Thursday 2 nd April	9.00 - 11.00 am	Midland Photographic Y8 Classes and Sports Team Photographs
Thursday 2 nd April	4.00 - 7.00pm	Year 6 Parents Evening
Monday 6 th - Friday 17 th April		Easter Holiday School Closed to Students
Friday 8 th May		May Bank Holiday School Closed to Students
Monday 11 th - Thursday 14 th May	9.00 - 12.00 am	Y6 SATs week
Tuesday 19 th May	10.00 - 12.00 am	Y8 Boys and Girls HPV Vaccinations
Wednesday 20 th May	8.30 - 12.30 am	Y7 Grand Theatre 'Holes' Visit
Wednesday 20 th - Friday 22 nd May		Y6 Chasewater Residential Visit
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May		Spring Bank Holiday School Closed to Students
Friday 17 th July		School Finishes at 1.30 pm
Monday 20 th July - Monday 31 st August		Summer Holidays
Tuesday 1 st September		Inset Day School Closed to Students



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Merry Christmas

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