



KHS News

Message from the Headteacher, Mrs Dobson

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to thank the whole school community for the welcome that I received on starting my new role in February. I hope you enjoy reading about our celebrations and successes in this newsletter. Our mission is 'Maximising our Potential' and so it is wonderful to see all the opportunities offered to our young people.

Alongside our mission, this half-term, we have consulted with all students, parents, carers and staff to launch our new Kirkby Child values: Respect, Resilience, Aspiration, Kindness and Confidence. These values are essential to our school's vision: 'A community driven by high expectations and mutual respect providing all individuals with the belief and opportunities to succeed now and in the future'. Alongside this, we are excited to be launching our new Kirkby Child rewards system after Easter. We believe that we should celebrate and reward our Kirkby Children for displaying the values that will maximise their potential. Our students will receive rewards tickets to be stuck in their planners for displaying our Kirkby Child values. These tickets will lead to a variety of prizes ranging from certificates to gift vouchers, and even school trips, to be awarded at the end of each half term. We hope that you will check your child's planner and celebrate their successes regularly, just as we will be doing in school.

Thank you for ensuring that your child attends school each day wearing their full school uniform. In preparation for the return after Easter, I would like to reinforce our high expectations linked to uniform.

As part of our uniform expectations:

- False nails, false eyelashes and piercings are not allowed in school. If your child wears piercings, false eyelashes or acrylic nails over the Easter holidays, these must be removed before your child returns on Monday 17th April
- Flat black school shoes must be worn. Trainers or boots are not permitted
- Hair colour must be a natural colour
- Students must not wear make up
- Students must bring a school bag large enough to carry their school books, homework folder, planner and knowledge organisers.

We want to welcome students back ready to learn and we would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child returns with the above high expectations to avoid a negative start to the new term.

Have a lovely Easter and I look forward to seeing all our students and staff back on Monday 17th April. Don't be late, be here by 8:38 #MakeEveryDay Count

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Dobson
Headteacher

Key Dates up to Summer 2023

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| Monday 3 rd April to Friday 14 th April | Easter holidays |
| Monday 17 th April | Students return to school |
| Monday 1 st May | Bank holiday |
| Thursday 4 th May | Year 10 Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm |
| Monday 8 th May | Bank holiday |
| Thursday 11 th May | Year 7 Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm |
| Friday 26 th May | School finishes for half term |
| Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June | Half Term break |
| Monday 5 th June | Students return to school |
| Thursday 22 nd June | Year 6 Transition Evening 4.00-6.00pm |
| Friday 30 th June | Year 6 intake day 8.45am-2.45pm |
| Thurs 20 th July | Students finish for summer 12.00pm |

Ethical Ambassadors



As part of this term's project, our Ethical Ambassadors are collecting Easter eggs for The Big Issue hub. This is a place for vulnerable adults to get help and support. People who are homeless in Liverpool can go and feel safe, get support and have a meal and refreshments. Thank you to staff and students for their donations.

Drama News

This term has been an exciting time for drama. Year 11 have worked extremely hard on their scripted pieces for Component 3 of their GCSE exam. The focus and dedication of year 11 has been amazing. Year 10 have been looking at the theme of body image and created some thought provoking pieces. Year 9 have looked at status and how one decision can change things for the better. Year 8 have created some outstanding pieces on the theme of fame. Year 7 have looked at evacuation and WW2.

Well done to our musical theatre students. It is great to see so many of you attending every Tuesday. Come along if you are interested, every Tuesday 3-4pm in Drama 2 #musicaltuesdays

Well done to all of our outstanding actors and directors. It has been a great term!



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Personal Development

Lots of exciting learning has taken place in PD lessons this term, with Year 7 students looking at a range of topics including diversity, discrimination and relationships. Year 10 classes have been preparing for work experience. Millbrook, Northwood and Park Brow students took part in sessions all about preparing for transition to high school. These included subject timetables, Kirkby Child values and designing their dream schools. Meanwhile, in Rainbow Club, we welcomed a visitor from Merseyside Youth Association who talked about their new services and we have also looked at a variety of topics ranging from Alan Turing being on the new £50 note, to appearances by transgender stars on Dancing On Ice!

Year 8 News

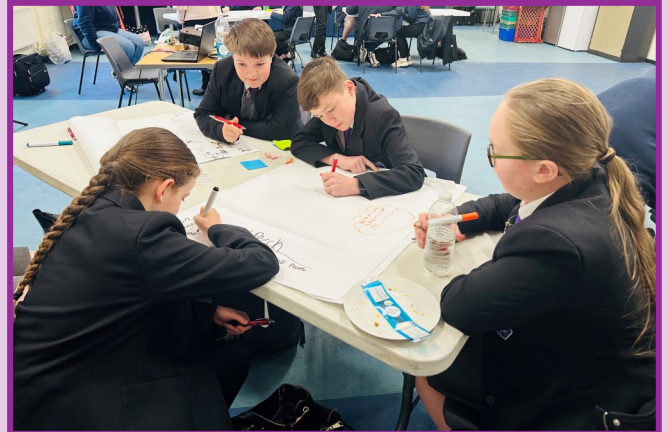


It has been a busy term for Year 8.

Our Respect Ambassadors had the opportunity to work with BullyBusters this term. Our students attended an anti-bullying conference, where they discussed themes around the issue of bullying. Our students will continue to work with BullyBusters during the summer term.

Our Year 8 students also had the chance to visit Merseyside Mounted Police, as part of the county lines project organised by Liverpool Football Club. Our students asked questions about how the horses are trained and what they do. Students met with police handlers and horses.

This term in form we have discussed, 'What is a Kirkby Child?' and considered the Kirkby Child values.



Our Year 8 representatives met with Miss Gill to present their ideas. The meeting was very informative and purposeful.

8LDA and 8AMA have presented their form assemblies this term. Focusing on the themes of ambition and the importance of attendance, the assemblies were informative and very well presented. Well done to all involved.

Have a lovely Easter Year 8 and see you next term.



Knowsley Music Concert

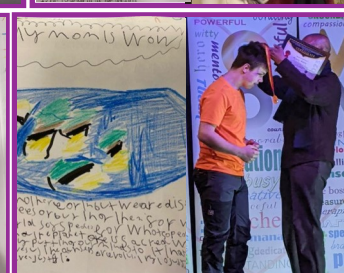
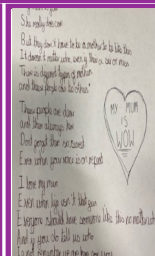
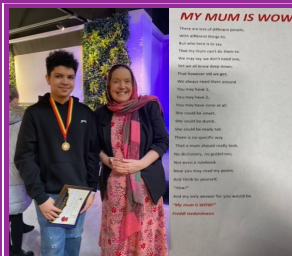
Knowsley Music Service hosted a concert at Kirkby High School last week which included students from KHS and local primary schools. Classes from St Josephs, Westvale, Ravenscroft and Kirkby C of E performed on a variety of instruments. We hope to continue this event annually.

Well done to all schools and children for a brilliant performance

Poster and Poetry Competition

Abdullah Quilliam Mosque in Liverpool arranged a poster designing and poetry competition in primary, secondary and special schools across Merseyside.

Students in all year groups at Kirkby High School participated by preparing a poster or writing a poem titled "My Mum is Wow". The winning students were invited along with their families and were awarded medals in a ceremony in the mosque, which is Britain's first mosque. The guests had the opportunity to have a guided tour of the mosque on the day along with multiple activities.



PE and Dance

Year 9 Dance Leaders

Dance Leader

This term, our Year 9 dance students have been undertaking a Dance Leaders Qualification. Over the past 6 weeks they have completed lessons reviewing skills and qualities that a leader needs and linking them to our Kirkby Child Values. They have planned and developed a dance warm up as well as creating a beautiful piece of choreography. This week they were assessed when we organised for our Year 7 class to be led by them. The atmosphere was amazing with the Year 9s role modelling how to be fantastic dance teachers. The Year 7s enjoyed the experience and all the Year 9s successfully passed the course!!

Netball Club

We wanted to say a big congratulations to all the students who have attended our Netball Club since September. We have had some success gaining first and second place in the Knowsley Netball Tournaments and been impressed with the commitment that the students have shown attending club every Tuesday night.



Congratulations to all our students taking part in sports competitions so far this year.

- * Year 9 boys 1st (Charlie Kuiper) and 2nd (Alfie Andrews) place in the Knowsley Cross Country competition.
- * Year 7 boys 3rd place (Noah Tyndall) in the Knowsley Cross Country competition
- * Year 7 girls 2nd (Crystal Blackshaw) and 3rd (Parker Sandison) place in the Knowsley Cross Country competition
- * Year 7 boys indoor athletics Merseyside finalists (7th place)
- * Year 7 girls indoor athletics Merseyside finalists

Sports Clubs April to July 2023

| | Break | After School | | | |
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| Monday | Basketball/ Netball Sports Hall | | | New Clubs after May Half Term Trampolining Club Cricket Club Times to be announced In May | |
| Tuesday | Basketball/ Netball Sports Hall | <u>Lunch</u> Inclusive club in sports hall | | Rounders/Netball All Years 3.00-4.00 Sports Hall | Dodgeball Club 3-4pm Sports Hall |
| Wednesday | Basketball/ Netball Sports Hall | Girls football 3.00-4.00 Astro | | Dance Club 3.00-4.00 Dance Studio | Table Tennis Club 3-4pm Sports Hall |
| Thursday | | KS3 (7,8,9) Football 3.00-4.00 Astro | | Gym Club Beth Tweddle Gymnastics Sports Hall 3.00 – 4.00 | GCSE Dance support 3.00-3.45 |
| Friday | | GCSE PE /Sports Studies Intervention Classroom TBC | | | New Clubs for this term |

LFC Foundation



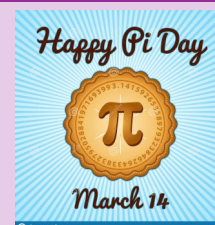
As part of our ongoing partnership, LFC Foundation asked specifically if some of our students would be willing to participate in a promotional video to highlight the work they do in schools across Merseyside.

The video was shot in school by a film crew from AXA insurance who are sponsors of LFC. The students had a fantastic day and the weather was perfect to show off their football skills.



International Pi day

On Tuesday 14th March we celebrated international Pi day. Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14) around the world. Pi (Greek letter “π”) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant - the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter - which is approximately 3.14159. Pi Day is an annual opportunity for math enthusiasts to recite the infinite digits of Pi, talk to their friends about math, and eat pie. The maths faculty delivered assemblies and our wonderful canteen supported Pi day with us by cooking up an amazing scouse pie!



Trips and Visits

Dolly Hall

Last weekend Dolly Hall opened its doors and welcomed a group of our Year 9 students for a weekend of making memories in Wales. Our students had a great time on the sunny Welsh coast, visiting the beach and Barmouth town as well as enjoying lots of fun and games at Dolly Hall. Our students did us proud and were excellent ambassadors for the Kirkby community at Dolly Hall and enjoyed looking at messages in the visitors



book from past students, as well as leaving messages of their own for future visitors! Thank you

to Mr Harvey and Miss Cowley for organising such a fantastic event for our students.

New York

In February half term we visited New York City. The 30 students visited many local site seeing locations such as the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Centre, Statue of Liberty and Central Park. The students were fantastic! We all had such an amazing time. We can't wait for next year! Miss Cowley, Miss Mather, Mr Byrne and Mr Harvey have already started planning next year's trip so keep a look out for the announcement.



Gifted, Able and Talented



Some of our Gifted, Able and Talented students have recently been to visit their old primaries schools to deliver talks on careers and help with transition. We have so far visited Parkbrow Primary School, Westvale Primary School, Eastcroft Primary School and Northwood Primary School. We are looking forward to visiting Kirkby COFE, Millbrook and Ravenscroft in the summer term. Year 9 and 10 have had sessions working with local company Shaping Futures. There is lots more planned for the summer term, with lots of trips to local colleges and universities.

Aspiration: Cambridge University Taster event



In March a group of Year 10 students attended an exciting event at Liverpool Maritime Museum hosted by Cambridge University. Our students enjoyed attending seminars about subjects studied at the University and spending time

discussing what it is like to attend Cambridge University with people who had attended this prestigious university from our area. Our students did us proud and were excellent ambassadors for the Kirkby community at this event.



Attendance



Congratulations to all the students who have had good attendance this term. As we know, our school target is 96% and a large number of our students have worked hard this term to improve their attendance. As a school, our attendance has improved from where we were this time last year and we aim to keep improving it as we move into the summer term.

We have celebrated our attendance this year and given away Nintendo Switches, Amazon Vouchers, Mrs Butler's Biro's and for this term, we have given away five pairs of Beats headphones. Congratulations to our winners:




'Every day counts'

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| Year 7 | Emma Louise Barnes |
| Year 8 | Samuel Moss |
| Year 9 | Harrison Bailey |
| Year 10 | Chloe Brown |
| Year 11 | Ellie Hailwood |



vibe Easter HAF

 Westvale Community Centre next to ABC boxing

 4th, 5th & 11th, 12th of April

 4:30 - 8:30pm

 Easter arts and crafts
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