

# King's Park Secondary School Information for Families and Friends



March 2008

## Charity Work Continues

King's Park pupils continue to support local and national charities.



## Dear Everyone

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another very busy term.

I want to thank staff and pupils for all the hard work, and parents for your continued support. Thank you also to neighbours in the local community for working with us.

I hope you all enjoy reading about our pupils' achievements in this newsletter and on our new website.

Wishing all parents and families a Happy Easter and an enjoyable Spring Break.



*M Barr*

Mrs Margaret Barr  
Head Teacher

**Welcome** . . . On 31 March we will welcome Mr Mark Symon as Acting DHT until June 2009. Mr Symon is currently PT Pastoral Care in Bannerman High School and is delighted to be joining King's Park.

## Calendar

Thu 20 Mar	School closes at 3.40 pm for Easter weekend
Fri 21 Mar	GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY
Mon 24 Mar	EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
Mon 31 Mar	S1 Assessments week
Fri 4 Apr	School closes for Spring Holiday. Change of class times: 8.55 am – 1.15 pm: Pupils in classes 1.15 pm – 2.30 pm: Lunch break 2.30 pm: School closes
Mon 21 Apr	8.55 am Return to school
Tue 22 Apr	S2 Parents' Evening (1)
Thu 24 Apr	S2 Subject Choice Forms due (1)
Mon 28 Apr	S3 Assessments – until 9 May
Wed 30 Apr	S2 Parents' Evening (2)
Thu 1 May	SQA Std Grade exams – until Tue 27 May
Fri 2 May	S2 Subject Choice Forms due (2)
Mon 5 May	HOLIDAY
Mon 12 May	Leavers' Do – afternoon
Wed 14 May	SQA Higher/Int exams – until Fri 6 June
Fri 16 May	S1 Reports issued
Sat 17 May	<b>ANNUAL PLANT SALE</b>
Thu 22 May	INSERVICE DAY
Fri 23 May	HOLIDAY
Mon 26 May	HOLIDAY
Thu 29/30 May	P7 Induction Days
Tue 3 June	S3 Reports Issued
Wed 11 June	S3 Parents' Evening
Thu 19 June	Afternoon – S1/2 Award Ceremony Evening – S3-6 Prize Giving
w/b 23 June	Reward Week - trips

## A Message for our Senior Students

As we approach the time when you will sit important SQA examinations, please continue to work as hard as you can. Keep focused on what you need to do. Use your time wisely and accept the support which is available from your teachers and your parents.

Submit all homework on time and meet all deadlines. Listen to the advice given to you.

Remember the challenges you were set. Boys, the girls are gaining better examination results than you. You don't want to let them away with that, do you? Girls – keep going, the boys are planning to catch up!

An important point – Come to school in PLENTY OF TIME for your examination, and remember – it is strictly forbidden to take a mobile phone or other similar item into the examination room. This could lead to an automatic fail in the examination.

**Good Luck!**

Education Scotland



## Our Website

Our website has been revitalised and is up and running again! Go to

[www.kingspark-sec.glasgow.sch.uk](http://www.kingspark-sec.glasgow.sch.uk)

Suggestions and offers of help will be very welcome.



## Plant Sale

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



**King's Park's Annual  
Plant Sale**

**Saturday 17 May**

**10 am until 1 pm.**



## Safety of Our Children – Zig Zags

Please be assured that, in order to improve the safety of our children and minimise dangerous congestion around the school, we will continue to report to the police, any drivers who stop on the zig zags outside our school, no matter how briefly.

The screenshot shows the website's header with the school name and navigation menu. The main content area features a 'Welcome' section with a photo of students in a music room, a 'Forthcoming Events' list including 'S2 Course Planning Evening' and 'HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY', and 'Study Links' for 'Glasgow School of Business' and 'Plant Plus'. Below this is an 'Easter Revision Courses' section with logos for Cardonald College, Anniesland College, and Metropolitan College, and a 'Latest News with Summary' section for a 'Talent Show on 3 April'.

## On our Website

- EASTER REVISION COURSES AT FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGES
- Sport Relief – well done to the Charities Committee supported by Miss Dougan . . .
- Freestyle Dance and Ice Competition – achievements of our pupils – Taylor Brown, Ashley Sweeney and Samantha Sweeney . . .
- King's Park hosts the Glasgow Schools' Indoor Rowing Competition . . .
- Talent Show on 3 April . . .
- Dutch visitors impressed with King's Park . . .
- Castle Toward – Social and Vocation Skills – Residential Stay. Also photos in the Gallery . . .
- Annual Plant Sale – 17 May . . .
- Kits for Kids tokens wanted . . .
- Riot Van Records – senior pupils working with Stow College to produce an album of songs by unsigned talent .
- Shares4Schools
- GALLERY – Senior pupils meet the Princess Royal, Nicola Benedetti; SVS Residential Stay; Saatchi Gallery ..
- AND MUCH MORE . . .



## Timetable Next Session

Apologies to all parents for the delay in letting you know about Timetable arrangements for next session.

We realise that you need information so that you can plan ahead, and we hope to be in touch as soon as possible.



## Eco Group – Parents Please!

Parents - King's Park's Eco Group needs your help!

Over the past few months, some of our pupils and staff have been involved in developing an Eco Plan for King's Park Secondary. Pupils have been reducing, reusing and recycling, and looking at other more environmentally-friendly lifestyle changes.

Part of the long term plan is to develop the outdoor spaces of the school. We hope to include a working garden, an outdoor learning space, a weather centre and some seating and social areas.

To achieve this and make these projects sustainable, we need your help. We need volunteers to work with the pupils to develop the grounds, maintain grounds and help us to apply for funding.

There are several community organisations interested in becoming involved.

Please get in touch if you would like more information on the level of commitment required. Please contact David Lonie (Mathematics department) or Clare Harker (Enterprise and Employability Officer).



## Sport Relief

Well done to the Charities Committee supported by Miss Dougan for a very successful fund-raising day on Friday 14 March. Lots of fun sporting activities took place in the gym, and the assembly hall at lunch time was home to Hoopla, Hook a Duck, Tombola, Coconut Shy and many more. Miss Dougan says that the profit so far is £488, but there will also be a raffle and a sponsored cycle ride round Millport during the Spring Holiday. The target is at least £700. Once again King's Park does its bit for charity!

## Primary 7 Transition Party

THANK YOU AND WELL DONE TO MRS PRYDE'S S4 SVS CLASS.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February 64 primary 7 pupils from Croftfoot Primary came up to the school in response to an invitation from Mrs Pryde's S4 Social and Vocational Skills class. The purpose of this event was for the SVS pupils to finish off their last challenge for their Standard Grade and also to give the pupils a taster of the delights of King's Park Secondary.

At this party the pupils were organised into groups and attended three workstations. At these stations the pupils made window stickers, Easter baskets/Mother's Day Cards, and participated in a quiz. All these stations were organised by the S4 pupils. Home-made Mars Bar cake was given out at the interval. The pupils both S4 and P7 had a great morning.

The P7 pupils filled in evaluation sheets. Here are some of their comments:

**"I thought I was going to do written work but it was a fun day and I really loved it."**

**"I had fun and enjoyed it and look forward to seeing you all after summer."**

**"I had a great day and the snack was good and tasty."**

**"I would definitely come back because I think the school is great and the activities, but the most bestest thing out of it all was the fourth year children because they were all so pretty and gorgeous."**



## Bronze Certificate Winners

- Congratulations to our Merit Bronze Certificate winners.



- Well done!

## Football News

The S2 boys football team are having a really excellent season so far. The team reached the Quarter-Finals of the Scottish Cup where they were very unfortunate to go out to Kincorth Academy from Aberdeen in Extra Time (after conceding a goal with ten seconds to go in normal time). The game finished 2-3.

We are now in the semi-finals of the League Cup where we face Bannerman High.

The boys are also top of their section in the Southside league and we are hopeful that we can get through to the playoffs though we face tough competition from current champions Bellahouston and Holyrood.

*P Grimes*



## S6 Active Citizenship Report

S6 pupils take part in an Active Citizenship programme. They choose which committee(s) to join, and meet at lunchtime. A Chair and Vice-Chair are elected and minutes are taken of decisions made. Recently pupils spoke at the S5/6 Assembly, reporting on their achievements this session, and encouraging S5 pupils to participate next session. The committees are:

### Yearbook Committee

- Making sure that a yearbook will be published this year!

### Social Committee

- Arranged the Senior Ceilidh.
- Arranging a disco for S1/2 pupils. Other social events.

### Leavers' Do Committee

- Arranging the Senior Graduation Ceremony for S5 and S6 leavers on Monday 12 May.

### Eco Committee

- Making the school more environmentally friendly – recycling, reducing waste and planning a new garden.

### Prom Committee

- Working hard to organise this year's Prom at the Marriot Hotel, Glasgow

### Charities Committee

- Raising lots of money for charities in a fun way for all pupils. For example - £2,500 for Children in Need!

### Public Relations Committee

- Doing lots of good work to promote the good things happening in the school – local press and in school

### Community Committee

- Supporting the community – Glasgow the Caring City, Carol Singing, and lots of other projects

### Prefects' House Point Competition Group

- Devised a points competition for house groups
- Run the competition.