

King's Park Secondary School Information for Families and Friends



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May 2008

S2 Boys' Football Team



The S2 boys' football team have had a remarkable season this year. They reached the semi-finals of both the league championship play-offs and the league cup. On each occasion they were unfortunate to go out to the eventual champions. They also reached the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup, which is a fantastic feat for the boys. Hopefully they can go even better next year!

An awards ceremony was held for the boys on 28th May.

PRIZEWINNERS

- Top Scorer - Peter Knotts, 2B
- As voted for, by the pupils:
- Best Goal - Peter Knotts versus Hillpark
 - Most Improved Player – Ryan Fraser
 - Best Player – Jointly won by Kyle MacBeth and Ryan Moore.

P Grimes

More Sport

Monday 2 June S1, S2 and S3 at
Glasgow Schools Athletic Championships at Linwood

Tuesday 3 June **School Sports Day.**
Golf Championship to be announced.

Staff Meeting on Friday 20 June

Several of our staff are retiring at the end of the session, and others have also come to the end of their time with us. There will be a special staff meeting on Friday 20 June to thank these staff and to wish them well in their new challenges.

Therefore school will close at 3.00 pm on Friday 20 June.

The afternoon will consist of two shorter periods. If this causes a difficulty for you, please contact Mrs Barr.

The following staff are retiring at the end of the session. We thank them for their long service to our school, and wish them well in the future.

- Mr Bob Cochrane, PT Pastoral Care
- Mr Alex Fleming, Chemistry
- Mr James Mackie, PT Technical Education
- Miss Elizabeth Tytler, Physical Education
- Mr David Williams, Physics



Best Wishes

And Happy Retirement to
Mrs Loretta Kirk, in our
school office, who left on 30
May.

Summer Tea



King's Park Secondary – Social and Vocational Skills class
are holding their

Annual Summer Tea

On FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2008, 10.30 am – 12 noon



A chance to meet the pupils,
see our school and listen to
some live music from

King's Park Band

Tea, Coffee, Cakes, a chance
to play our Raffle with some
great prizes & our kids' corner!!

**All welcome
All free**

Timetable News

Parents should have received a letter regarding our timetable. Next session 2008-09, we will continue to operate the 25-period week – for one session only.

From session 2009-10, we will change to a different timetable, based on a 33-period week. All other Glasgow schools are also doing this. We started a consultation period with staff, pupils and parents earlier this session but it was put on hold. We are now resuming this consultation, which asks about various matters:

- Registration
- Some days will be longer than others, so which should be the long days?
- What about starting and finishing times?

Pupils and staff will complete the consultation before the end of June. The special meeting for parents will take place at the same time as the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Council. A date for your diary:



Plant Sale Raffle Prizewinners 2008

Picnic set - Jill Semple

Wine - Mr Fleming

Wine - Miss Grant

Seal bath set - Catriona Kyle

Chocolates - Amy Kousourou

Chocolates - Caroline Stern

Bath set - Mr Jesmont

**Thanks to all who supported the Plant Sale.
We raised over £750!**

Seonaid MacRae
on behalf of Parent Council
Fundraising team

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

King's Park Secondary Parent Forum

AGM & Consultation Evening

Tuesday Sept. 2nd 7pm

The annual general meeting of the Parent Forum/Parent Council will also be an opportunity for parents to receive information and ask questions about changes to the school's timetable planned to begin in session 2009-10.

All parents and guardians are members of the Parent Forum and are welcome to this evening which will also feature Entertainment and Refreshments as well as a chance to meet staff and other parents.

King's Park Secondary Parent Council, working with the school to make King's Park the best it can be.

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Dear Parent/Carer

There's never enough space to tell you all the good news about our pupils, but I hope that you enjoy this newsletter.

One important point to note is the change to our timetable – not from next session, but from session 2009-10. I do hope that you will be able to attend the annual general meeting of the Parent Forum on Tuesday 2nd September when you will receive further information, and have the opportunity to discuss this.

This newsletter also includes a heartfelt plea from staff – asking parents to support us in making sure pupils come to school properly equipped and in school uniform. We want the absolute best for your children and we do appreciate your help with this.

Thank you for your continued support. May I wish you an enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards

Head Teacher

Calendar for the rest of the session

Tue 3 June	SPORTS DAY S3 Reports Issued
Wed 11 June	S3 Parents' Evening
Fri 13 June	Summer Tea
Thu 19 June	2.00 pm – S1/2 Award Ceremony 7.30 pm – S3-6 Prize Giving
Fri 20 June	School closes at 3 pm for Staff Meeting.
w/b 23 June	Reward Week – trips
Fri 27 June	School closes at 1.00 pm for the summer.
Thu 14 August	Inservice day 1
Fri 15 August	Inservice day 2
Mon 18 August	Pupils return to school at 8.55 am

School Holidays for session 2008-09 are attached to this newsletter.

Parents – Your Help Please

We need your help to make sure that all our pupils start the new session properly prepared for work, and giving themselves the best chance of success.

1. Equipment. There is an increasing problem of pupils not bringing pens, pencils and other equipment for class, and sometimes – hard to believe – for examinations. A small number of pupils are expecting these things to be provided for them and are taking no responsibility. This disrupts lessons and is unfair on everyone else.

We are monitoring this regularly with Spot Checks in classrooms. From next session we will take strong action, including detention, the removal of privileges, and parental interviews, with pupils who do not come to school properly equipped. We seek your support in making sure pupils are prepared for school.

2. School Uniform. A reminder of our school uniform, which we expect all pupils to wear. We are very grateful for the help of parents in supporting us. A reminder of the uniform is below.

What should the pupils be wearing?

All pupils from S1 to S6 are expected to come to school wearing the basic items which identify them with the school. These basic items are considered to be

- a **white** shirt or blouse (pale blue or school green still accepted, if the pupils still has those items)
- a **black** skirt or trousers (grey/navy still accepted) (smart black trousers cropped, eg **to the knee**, are accepted, but shorts are not accepted)
- **black** school zipped sweatshirt or v-neck jumper and the school tie. The tie must be easily visible at all times.

What should they not be wearing?

- Tracksuits, clothing made of flammable material, such as track suits, football colours and clothing which is clearly unsuitable for a place of work, e.g. very short skirts, crop tops, leggings, shorts.
- Jewellery and accessories which are unsuitable or constitute a health and safety hazard eg long pendant chains, large hooped earrings, heavy rings, diamante earrings, sequined or gold/silver belts, chains and studs.
- Clothing promoting designer brands, drugs or alcohol.
- Pupils should remove all outdoor jackets in class, as well as anything not conforming to the guidelines for school uniform, eg bright colours.
- Heavy makeup and very bright or black nail varnish is also discouraged.

PE Kit?

- Indoor - Training shoes, navy or pink t-shirt (on sale from school), shorts.
- Outdoor – heavier clothing. Tracksuits permissible from October to March
- PE Kit **MUST** be brought for every PE class.

Improving the School Grounds

A committed group of staff, pupils and parents are working towards improving King's Park Secondary School grounds, creating spaces for working, learning and socialising. The potential for the grounds development is huge and the group are working on a long term, sustainable plan to realise this.

James McMahon of the environmental project group Kelvin Clyde Greenspace, has been involved in developing many school grounds across the Glasgow area. In their search for ideas to develop King's Park school grounds, James took staff and pupils of the Eco committee on a tour of five of his projects.



Whether it was a completely tarmacked playground in Springburn or an open country area in Neilston, clever use had been made of all outdoor areas. This included raised flowerbeds, vegetable, herb and butterfly gardens, fruit tree orchards, outdoor classroom, climbing wall and seating areas and murals.



The group were inspired by what they saw and intend to include some of their ideas in a presentation for staff, pupils and parents. The group will be continually looking for volunteers, interested participants and any business or community connections they can make.



3. If you would like to become involved or can help link the groups with outside agencies then please contact: Mr David Lonie (Mathematics), Mrs Clare Harker (Enterprise and Employability Officer) or Mr David Gladman (Faculty Head Sciences).

Visit <http://www.kelvinclydegreenspace.co.uk/>

Business Education News

VISIT TO COCA COLA

In February all of our senior pupils studying Business Management visited the Coca Cola Plant Education Centre in East Kilbride. This was an on-site factory visit, that gave students the opportunity to view Coca Cola's production process and learn about distribution, marketing and communication.

This provided a valuable learning experience outside of the classroom and helped students see the business concepts learned in the classroom being put into practice in the business world.



STOCK MARKET CHALLENGE

In January, five of our third year Business Management pupils rose to the challenge at a Careers Scotland event at the Mitchell library. They competed against 24 other schools in the event designed to teach teamwork skills, decision-making under pressure and calculated risk-taking.

Our pupils were a credit to King's Park Secondary and all found it a very enjoyable experience. Pupil Ryan Darcy said "I enjoyed the adrenalin rush of the stock market."

Home Economics News

The Scottish Daily Record Award for Probationary Teacher of the Year Miss Grant reaches the finals

Miss Kirsty Grant, a probationary teacher in our Home Economics department, has reached the finals of the Scottish Daily Record Award for Probationary Teacher of the Year!

Two staff from the University of Edinburgh visited the school to speak to Miss Grant, to other staff, and to pupils. They were very impressed with Miss Grant's skills and commitment and said that they very much enjoyed visiting our school and meeting our pupils and staff.

Miss Grant, and the other two national finalists, will attend the ceremony on 13 June, when the winner will be announced.

Good Luck Miss Grant!



Miss Grant with class 2.7

Geography News



S3 pupils enjoyed a trip to New Lanark on Wednesday. They braved the rain and wind for a walk up to the waterfalls of the Clyde and some falcon watching. Pupils enjoyed the day and also got an opportunity to visit the Robert Owen School and the Annie McLeod Experience. Many thanks to Ms Mullaney and Mr Capaldi for their help with organising and planning the trip.



S2 pupils on a trip to dynamic Earth in Edinburgh. Pupils enjoyed the day and also got an opportunity to view the Parliament building and Holyrood Palace. Many thanks to Ms Michie, Ms Mullaney and Ms Whiteside for their help with organising and planning the trip.

Music News



Claire Philip's charity CD 'My Love Is Like a Red, Red Rose', being sold in aid of the Royal Marines Loss and Legacy Appeal, has raised almost £300 from sales in school. It is still available from school, price £3.50, and from the website of Glasgow the Caring City.



Talent Show

Well done to everyone who competed or assisted in the Talent Show, which was held just before the Spring Break. Thank you to all parents who supported this event, where some very fine acts displayed the fantastic talent of King's Park pupils.

Judges – Archie Dickson from Stow College, Gavin Pearson from Clyde1, Mr Feasby and young Euan Feasby – were most impressed with the high standard of the acts.



Record Companies

Believe it or not - King's Park Secondary has NOT ONE, BUT TWO record companies!

Imagine Records is run by a group of senior pupils working with Stow College, and they will launch their CD at an event in school on Tuesday 17 June. All artistes are King's Park pupils and staff. Details about ticket purchases will be available soon.

Riot Van Records is also run by a group of senior pupils working with Stow College. Their CD of local bands will be launched at an external venue on Thursday 12 June. Details available on their website

<http://www.myspace.com/riotvanrecordsrvr>

Trip to Valkenburg, Holland



On Sunday 18th May at 9am, 40 pupils S2 pupils and 5 members of staff (Mr Capaldi, Mr Haddow, Mrs Frater, Mrs Pryde and Miss Mullaney) left for a 6 day trip to Holland. With high spirits we hit the motorway and drove until we reached York. Stopped there for a few hours and had a lovely walk around the wall. On arrival at the ferry we had a very quick check in and were shown to our cabins.

After a "fairly" smooth overnight crossing we disembarked in Rotterdam. We stayed in a Hotel called Heinekin Hoek in Holland and this was our base camp for the next three days. From here we travelled to Germany and Belgium for various activities. Great weather every day. Our return journey took us to Brugge and we had a couple of hours to stock up on real Belgium chocolate – yum! The ferry crossing from Zeebrugge was better than the outward sailing and everyone had a very entertaining evening on the ferry.

As always, the motorway journey from England to Scotland was very quick – almost too quick as nobody (not even the staff) wanted the trip to end. It was a most enjoyable experience and every pupil was a credit to the school.



School Holidays 2008 to 2009

Dates of School Holidays and In-Service Days

	2008
Inservice Days for teachers	Thursday 14 August 2008 Friday 15 August 2008
Return Date for Pupils	Monday 18 August 2008
HOLIDAY	Friday 26 September 2008 Monday 29 September 2008
Inservice Day for teachers	Tuesday 30 September 2008
HOLIDAY	Monday 13 October to Friday 17 October (inclusive)
Christmas/New Year	Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January 2009 (inclusive)

	2009
2009 Return to School	Monday 5th January 2009
HOLIDAY	Monday 16 February and Tuesday 17 February
Inservice Day for teachers	Wednesday 18 February
HOLIDAY	Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April (inclusive) Note: Good Friday is 10 April and Easter Monday is 13 April
HOLIDAY	Monday 4 May
Inservice Day for teachers	Tuesday 5 May
HOLIDAY	Friday 22 May and Monday 25 May
School Closes	Friday 26 June 2009