

King's Park Secondary School Information for Families and Friends



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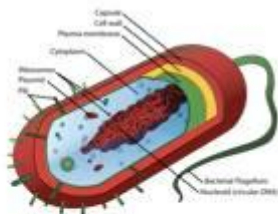
Check out our website (News pages or Gallery pages)
for stories and lots of photos about the following:



Vote for Nicole – Vote The Box!



S1 Geography Trip



**King's Park's
Standard Grade
Biology website**

www.mrmackinnon.com

Available from the front page of the
school website

Thanks to Mr MacKinnon!



August An Lùnastal



Well done Lynsey!
Glasgow Schools Calendar 2010



Lockers

There are still some spare lockers. Any pupil wishing a locker should pay £10 to the school office for a key.

The key must be returned in June, and £5 will be refunded.



Please support Chris Ruddy – Peru
Challenge for MacMillan Cancer
Support



Our Eco Group is starting a Food Co-op, selling Fairtrade and environmentally-friendly products. Well done to the group, and thank you to Mr Lonie who is supporting them.

CALENDAR (also on school website)

Tue 9 Feb	S2 Cross Country
Wed 10 Feb	S4 Reports issued
Thu 11 Feb	S1 and S3 Cross Country
Thu 11 Feb	Course Planning Evening for parents of next year's S5/6
Fri 12 Feb	Additional Inservice Day for Curriculum for Excellence – School closed to pupils
Mon 15 Feb	HOLIDAY
Tue 16 Feb	HOLIDAY
Wed 17 Feb	Inservice Day
Fri 19 Feb	SVS trip to Blairvadach
Mon 22 Feb	Parent Council Meeting
Tue 23 Feb	S4 Parents' Evening 4.15-6.15 pm
Wed 3 Mar	S5/6 Reports issued
Thu 4 Mar	P7 Science event
Mon 8 Mar	HPV Immunisation
Tue 16 Mar	S2 Reports issued
Thu 18 Mar	Course Planning Evening for parents of next year's S3
Mon 22 Mar	Parent Council meeting
Wed 24 Mar	S2 Parents' Evening (1) 3.30-5.30 pm
Tue 30 Mar	S2 Parents' Evening (2) 4.15-6.15 pm
29-31 Mar	Football and Netball Competitions
Thu 1 Apr	Last day before Spring Holiday
Mon 19 Apr	School re-opens to pupils and staff
Tue 27 Apr	SQA examinations begin

WANTED

Parents Wanted!

If you can help with the events below, please email Mr Capaldi scapaldi@kingspark-sec.glasgow.sch.uk or phone 0141-582 0150

- Tue 9 Feb - S2 Cross Country Competition
- Thu 11 Feb - S1 and S3 Cross Country Competition
- Mon 29 Mar - S1 Football Competition at Goals, Shawlands and S1 Netball Competition in school
- Tue 30 Mar - S3 Football Competition at Goals, Shawlands and S3 Netball Competition in school
- Wed 31 Mar - S2 Football Competition at Goals, Shawlands and S2 Netball Competition in school
- Tue 8 June - School Sports afternoon (if rained off, will be rescheduled for Tue 15 June)

If you are interested in offering your time or ideas to support our extra-curricular sports activities, please contact Mr Capaldi.

FOR SOME OF THESE ACTIVITIES, PARENTS MAY REQUIRE AN 'ENHANCED DISCLOSURE' CHECK FROM DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND.

HOWEVER, THE SCHOOL CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENT FOR THIS, AND PARENTS WILL NOT BE ASKED TO PAY THE FEE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DISCLOSURE CHECKS, AND WHETHER YOU WILL NEED ONE, PLEASE CONTACT MRS BARR.



Parents of S1 pupils please note – different from Primary School Thursday 1 April 2010

The arrangements for the last day of term are:

- 8.55 am – School starts
- 12 noon – Pupils wishing to have lunch in the Fuel Zone may do so at 12 o'clock. Other pupils remain in class.
- 1.15 pm – Extended lunch break for all pupils until 2.30 pm. Pupils may leave school at 1.15 pm.
- 2.30 pm – School closes.

Some years ago, parents expressed concern that, on the last day of term, pupils might go home for lunch, then have to return to school for only an hour. They felt it would be safer if the morning were to be extended instead. We responded to their requests with the above arrangement.

So, the lunch break will be from 1.15 pm until 2.30 pm, when school will close. As well as giving you this information in the newsletter, we will explain the arrangements to pupils. They are very welcome to remain in school until 2.30 pm, because school does not close until then. Please let your child know whether they may leave school during the lunch break, or if you want them to remain in school until 2.30 pm.

Any pupil who wishes to have a school lunch will be released from class at 12 noon to have lunch, then will return to their class.

Quality Review of King's Park Secondary School

You may remember that there was a Quality Review of our school last term. We now have the report, and were awarded the following ratings:

VERY GOOD - Partnerships with learners and parents; Leadership of improvement and change.

GOOD – Improvements in performance, Learners' experiences; The curriculum; Teaching for effective learning; Care, welfare and development; Improvement through self-evaluation.

The Quality Review highlighted many strengths of the school, including the wide range of opportunities for broader achievement, the strong positive ethos and the school's open and welcoming climate, and continuous improvement in performance in many areas. Our agenda for action is to improve performance even further, and to make sure that the very good practice which the reviewers observed, is consistent in every single area of the school. The staff of King's Park are absolutely committed to improving the educational experience of your children.

families for children

glasgow cares for their future... could you?

It's down to you!

Glasgow urgently needs more foster carers and adoptive parents!

Have you considered fostering or adoption?

Glasgow City Council places a high value on the care and support, which ordinary families can provide to children and young people.

All types of people can become foster carers and adoptive parents: you must be over 21 but can be single or in a partnership with someone of the same or opposite sex, be with or without children.

You don't need to be employed, wealthy or own your own home to be a foster carer or adoptive parent. The main skill that an adult interested in supporting a child needs is the ability to look after children safely and well.

We need foster carers who are warm, confident, flexible people who can help children feel safe and bring some stability into their lives.

What makes a good foster carer or adoptive parent is the ability to offer a stable loving home to a child who, for whatever reason, is unable to remain with their own family. Jeana and Mark, foster carers from Glasgow, decided to become carers "to make a difference, to give the children family life experiences"

Mark said "We get as much from the children as we give them. One of our foster children had no language when she was younger as no-one had spent time speaking with her. Over time her speech came on and she came in to her own and blossomed."

All carers have a professional support network and Mark pointed out that he always has support from his worker who is always at the end of phone. Other carers are also there to offer support as well as family and friends.

It's easy to take the first step in becoming a foster carer or adoptive parent, it's easy to contact us and take the next step.

Phone: 0845 270 0609 between 8.45am to 4.45pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am to 3.55pm Friday.

Email – families.children@sw.glasgow.gov.uk

Web – www.glasgow.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering

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Links from our website:

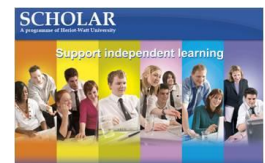
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SQA
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