

King's Park Secondary School



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September 2010

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



WELL DONE HOLLY - THE SKY IS NOT THE LIMIT!



An appreciation of your area
PARTY AT THE SENSORY GARDEN IN OUR LOCAL PARK



KING'S PARK ROWERS TAKE HOME SILVER FROM THE BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS



GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO NEW LANARK

Calendar Dates

1. Additional Inservice Day – Tuesday 19 October 2010

The Scottish Government has given schools an additional inservice day so that teachers may work on preparations for Curriculum for Excellence. In King's Park Secondary, this will take place on Tuesday 19 October 2010.

2. Proposed School Holidays and In-Service Days 2011/12 and 2012/13

The details of the proposed school holidays and in-service days have been posted on the Glasgow City Council web site. Go to:

<http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Resident/GoingtoSchool/Holidays/>

3. Forthcoming

September

Mon 13 – HPV Immunisation – 1st Dose
Tue 14 – AGM of Parent Forum
Fri 24 – HOLIDAY
Mon 27 – HOLIDAY

October

Fri 8 – S1 Interim Reports issued
Fri 8 – school closes at 3.15 pm for October holiday.
Mon 18 – Inservice day
Tue 19 – Inservice day
Wed 20 – Pupils return to school
Mon 25 – HPV Immunisation – 2nd Dose

THIS YEAR'S SPORTS CAPTAINS

House Sports Captains for this year are

Arran John McCutcheon Fiona Shaw	Mull Jamie Booth Cherelle Galt
Lewis Andrew Cunningham Lewis Robertson	Skye Lynsey Brown Taylor Fraser

See their report later in this newsletter



UCAS INFORMATION EVENING AN INVITATION FOR PARENTS



Wednesday 29 September 2010 at 7 pm

Senior pupils who have indicated that they wish to pursue a place at college or university are supported to help them make informed decisions regarding their future place of study:

- Attendance at the Higher Education Fair
- Attendance at University Open Days
- Support in PSE lessons and from their Pastoral Care teacher, to complete their UCAS application, including their personal statement
- Lessons about financial management, and preparation for student life.
- Support from their teachers

To complement this, in recent years, we have held an annual UCAS Information Evening for parents. Letters will be posted to the parents of senior pupils, and we will ask for a completed reply slip.

However, we know that there are many younger pupils who are aiming for university or college, and we would be delighted to welcome their parents also. If you would like to attend, please complete the tear-off slip at the bottom of this page.

The UCAS Evening will be held on Wednesday 29 September at 7 pm (tea/coffee from 6.45 pm). At this event, there will be presentations from Skills Development Scotland staff and members of the University of the West of Scotland schools liaison team.

The focus of the meeting will be to provide families with as much information as possible regarding the UCAS applications process, and to look at practical ways in which you can support your son or daughter through the initial stages of a college or university education.

DRESS CODE

Thank you to parents who support our dress code, which is

BLACK AND WHITE

and must be appropriate dress for school.

- Black trousers
- Skirt
- Sweater
- White school shirt
- School tie.

Sometimes we have a non-uniform day to raise funds for charity.

These take place only on the last day of the term and on Children in Need Day.

So this session, our non-uniform days will be:

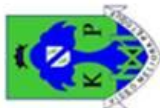
- Friday 19 November (Children in Need)
- Thursday 23 December (last day before Christmas holiday)
- Friday 1 April (last day before Spring Break)
- Friday 24 June (last day before summer holiday)

I would like to attend the UCAS Parents' Evening on Wednesday 29 September 2010

Signed Name of pupil Class

Please return this slip to the school office by Thursday 23 September.

KPSS Parent Forum



Annual General Meeting

will be held on

Tuesday 14 September 2010

at 7.00 pm

Refreshments (soft drinks, glass of wine) will be available from 6.45 pm

WHAT'S THE AGENDA?

There are several projects which would be really beneficial to the school, among these are an outdoor stage area; providing seating and "greening up" the outside area; and providing a new minibus for the school, but they won't happen without the support of the Parent Forum and the Parent Council. It is proposed that we take one of these and make it happen.

YOUR PARENT COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

Without the Parent Forum (that means YOU!) nothing will happen.

We would love to see you on the night but if you cannot make it we really want a pledge of support. If you could give an hour or more of your time over the coming year we would love to hear from you.

If enough parents give their time or support we can make great things happen.

- I am able/unable to attend the Parent Forum AGM on Tuesday 14 September.
- I am able/unable to pledge an hour of my time over the coming year to support the parent council.
- You may/may not contact me to ask for help.
- My contact number is (if able to offer support)
- My email address is

Parent Name

Pupil Name/Class

PLEASE RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER.



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Mrs Margaret Logan
Miss Lillian Marshall
Mrs Maire Thomas



August 2010

Dear Parents and Carers

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARENT FORUM TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2010

I am delighted to let you know that the new Chair of our Parent Council will be Simon Bates.

Overleaf, you will find his invitation to the annual general meeting of the Parent Forum.

The school is always very appreciative of support given by parents, and I do hope that you will be able to come along to the meeting, meet the new Chair and contribute to the discussions.

Kind Regards

M Barr

Mrs Margaret Barr
Head Teacher

QUESTION

What's the difference between the Parent Forum and the Parent Council?

ANSWER

- Parent Forum - Everyone who has parenting/caring responsibilities for a child/young person at our school is a member of the Parent Forum.
- Parent Council - This is a small group of parents who meet regularly to help the school. There is a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Treasurer.

PARENT FORUM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 14 September 2010

6.45 pm Refreshments

7.00 pm

1. Annual Report of the Parent Council
2. Selection of the new Parent Council
3. Approval of the Accounts
4. MAIN ITEM - discussion

PE REPORT

WANTED

The P.E department are currently seeking a senior pupil to fill the vacancy of Sports journalist left by Michael Dall.

We are happy to say that Michael has gone on to study journalism at University and are sure that his title as Glasgow's young sports journalist of the year- won while honing his skills as school sports journalist- was vital in securing his place.

Pupils who are interested would be responsible for writing match reports for senior football games as well as writing overall reports of P.E events such as Sports day and the swimming gala.

Any pupil who feels they could take on this role should speak to Mr Capaldi ASAP.

Events:

- S1 Football Training on Wednesday in PE department after school till 5:00pm
- S2 Football Training on Tuesday in PE department after school till 4:30pm
- Girl's gymnastics club on Thursday in girl's gym at lunch time.
- Lunch time fitness for all, every day in fitness room.

The Senior Boys football opened their pre-season with an away loss against Scottish Cup holders St. Andrews and St. Brides of East Kilbride on Monday the 30th of August.

The Game ended 5-1, in which it was evident that it was the squad's first game together, as communication and squad harmony were the deciding factor between the 2 teams in a game that was closer than the score line suggested.

One positive to take from the game however was the man of the match performance by goal scorer Scott Jarvie.

We wish them luck for the season and hope they can improve on last year's run which saw them reach the first play off round.

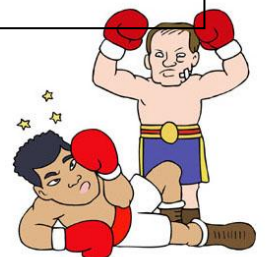
Muay Thai or "Thai boxing" is a sport that has seen an increase in popularity over the recent years. It is also a sport in which ex-pupil Kyle Stewart and Jonathan Cunningham are currently competing.

Through his six years of participation in the sport Kyle has been fortunate enough to experience numerous trips to Thailand and train with some of the most experienced and skilled fighters the world has to offer. Unfortunately due to recently contracting glandular fever Kyle has been forced to withdraw from fighting in the Scottish Championships on October the 29th.

Jonathan however has only taken up the sport more recently and revealed during his interview with current sports captains Cherelle and Taylor that his first fight is expected to be sometime in December.

Both agreed that Muay Thai was a really good way to keep fit and also has a great social side to the training. And said that there is always a friendly atmosphere in and around the gyms and any interest in the sport is definitely worth pursuing.

We wish both all the best in the future and hope to see them return to the School some day as world champions.



2nd year football

King's Park vs Castlemilk High.

1st period – King's Park 1-1 Castlemilk

2nd period – King's Park 1-6 Castlemilk

3rd period – King's Park 3- 1 Castlemilk

Man of the match - Calum MacLaren

Scottish cup 1st round

U14's King's Park vs Bearsden Wed 15th Sept at Bearsden

U15's King's Park vs Inverclyde Thurs 16th Sept at Inverclyde

PE REPORT

King's Park Sec School Activities Programme 2010-11

Day	Lunch time	Staff	After School until 5pm	Staff
Mon	Fitness	Mr Callaghan	Rugby from October	Mr Feasby
Tue	Fitness	Mr Callaghan	S2 Boys football	Mr McMillan (Tech)
	Trampoline	Mr Capaldi	Girls Football	Mr Capaldi
Wed	Fitness	Mr Callaghan	S1-6 Badminton	Senior Pupils
	Table Tennis	Ms Mundell	S1 Boys Football	Mr Grimes/ Mr Donnelly
Thu	Fitness	Mr Callaghan	S3-S4 Dance	Instructor Kay
	Gymnastics	Senior Pupil		
	Badminton	Mrs Mundell		
Fri	Fitness	Mr Callaghan (PE)	Senior Football	Mr Capaldi

About Lockers ...

We have approximately 200 lockers available for pupils. Every year, we work hard to make sure that the allocation of lockers is fairly done.

Some pupils have priority, for example if they have a medical condition where a locker would be helpful.

After that, the names of pupils who wish a locker go 'into a hat', and the lucky pupils are asked to bring £10 deposit for their locker key. However, every year, many pupils who are allocated a locker never bring the £10 deposit (£5 refundable in June, on return of the key), so there are always available lockers for anyone who pays the deposit.

This year, we will try to speed things up by allocating lockers in a different way.

On the allotted day for each year group, lockers will be allocated on a First Come First Served basis, to pupils who:

- Collect a Locker Form from the school office
- Complete the form, and take it, with £10 deposit
- To the school office **at the interval or at lunch time on the correct day**

Monday 13th September – S5/6 pupils – up to 60 lockers

Tuesday 14th September – S4 pupils – up to 35 lockers

Wednesday 15th September – S3 pupils – up to 35 lockers

Thursday 16th September – S2 pupils – up to 35 lockers

Friday 17th September – S1 pupils – up to 35 lockers

Monday 20th September – All year groups – any remaining lockers.

All keys must be returned by Friday 10 June 2011, and £5 will be returned to you. If you lose your locker key, you can buy a replacement for £5.

