



Ponteland Community Middle School

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Newsletter 9 – March 2019

'We take our vision from John 10:10 'that they have life and have it abundantly'

Dear Parents

PCMS is open for Y5/6/7/8 for 2019/20. The Y6 children unsuccessful in gaining a place at Ponteland High School are most welcome to complete their KS3 education for Y7 and Y8 at PCMS. We have strong relationships with the North East Futures UTC and Newcastle private schools. A number of current Y6 parents have signed up for Y7 knowing and exploring links with these schools, sporting academies and local high schools. North East Futures UTC have said they would take in Y9 children and are fully aware of the 'bulge' in current Y6 meaning a Y9 entry to NEF UTC in 2021/22.

We are currently arranging open days and transitional activities for all children and their parents considering bringing their children to PCMS. We are in confidential conversation regarding our future with the DfE and MAT and promise to inform you of any decision as soon as we have news.

A polite reminder please to parents that children are not to be dropped off or picked up at the front of school unless we have a prior arrangement.

With kind regards, Caroline Pryer

Key Dates for Diary

- 9 July - outdoor athletics Sports Day 1pm
- 12 July - Year 7 and Year 6 will have an assembly, 1.45-2.45pm to celebrate. This will be a whole school assembly.
- 15 July - Year 8 Light water Valley, all day
- 15 July - Year 7 will have a day out at the cinema and bowling
- 16 July - Year 8 Colours assembly 9.15
- 17 July— Leavers assembly for Year 8 9.15
- 17 July - Disco for Year 6 and Year 7, 6.30pm
- 18 July –Y8 Prom 6.30pm



Castle Project
We have lots of castles in school as part of our living and edible history! Here are 2 boys busy with their castle project.

Staffing Changes

Two members of staff will be leaving us at Easter half term. Mr Peter Cass will be taking a post as Lead Maths practitioner at Walbottle Campus and Mrs Wendy Fairweather will be joining Westfield School For Girls as Director of Music. We are sorry to see these teacher leave PCMS but proud their appointments reflect their calibre and also that of the school.



Attendance percentages to date for each class– Target for school is 98%
Percentages taken 1 March 2019

| Total | 5JH | 5MG | 5MB | 5CW | 6KS | 6OT | 6LC | 6DB | 6VR |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 96.3 | 97 | 97.3 | 97.8 | 96.8 | 96.1 | 96.6 | 97.5 | 97.3 | 96.3 |
| 7MP | 7TB | 7MW | 7EP | 7BN | 8BF | 8DR | 8NM | 8PC | 8CC |
| 95.2 | 94.6 | 96.3 | 95.6 | 95.8 | 96.3 | 95.9 | 96.7 | 96.6 | 94.9 |

Sports News

Rugby

Congratulations to the Year 6 rugby team who played their first ever tournament at 7s on Friday. The team were magnificent against other schools that play a lot of rugby and a lot of 7s. In the first two games, they scored 16 tries without conceding. That ensured they finished top of their group and went into the winners pool. Against NSB the eventual winners, we were 3-1 up and conceded a last play try to draw. In the next game against Dame Allan, we were drawing 2-2 and conceded a last play try once more to lose 3-2. The boys will have another chance to play 7s on Saturday 23rd March at Mowden Hall.

Basketball

Well done to the boys' and girls' basketball teams from Year 7 and 8 who have played Ovingham, Gosforth and Mowden Hall recently. Overall, we have won 9 games drawn 2 and lost 2. On Wednesday this week the Year 8 basketball team kept their recent unbeaten run intact by Beating Mowden Hall. Both Mowden and our two teams were an absolute pleasure to watch and referee. The team are playing NSB this Tuesday .

Year 5/6 Hockey Success at NHSG

The Key Stage 2 girls attended a hockey fixture at NHSG last Wednesday. The A team won 3-1 with fantastic performances and effort from the whole team. The B team were defeated 4-2 but their spirits were high throughout the entire game and their determination was exemplary. For some students this was the first time they represented the school in sport and they had a wonderful time. Mrs Nixon and Miss Langstaff were incredibly proud on the side lines. A day to remember to say the least.

Year 7/8 Netball Success at Mowden Hall

The Year 7 and 8 netball teams visited Mowden Hall for a friendly fixture on Wednesday 6th March. The Year 8 team won 14-9 with stand out performances from Erin Buckland, Charlotte Morrow and Jessica Robinson. The Year 7 team did extremely well to play against Mowden's Year 8 squad which resulted in a 5-5 draw. The girls enjoyed juice and biscuits and headed back to the bus feeling very accomplished! A lovely afternoon for the Key Stage 3 girls despite the rain and cold conditions. Mrs Nixon and Miss Thurrell are delighted with the recent efforts in netball from Key Stage 3.

Under 13s Girls indoor cricket

The Under 13 girls travelled to Ashington Leisure Centre last week to compete in the first round of the indoor cricket competition. The A team came away unbeaten, comfortably beating Richard Coates in the final. Special mention must go to Amy Geddes who bowled 4 players out in 4 bowls to seal the victory.

Year 7/8 Girls Football

Year 7/8 Girls showed their class once again by winning their 3 football fixtures against Duchess High, NCEA and Churchill Academy 4-0, 8-1 and 4-0. The Year 5/6 girls also won their games against Chantry and Rothbury 10-0 and 3-1.

Girls football continues to thrive at PCMS!

Year 5/6 girls football

Year 5/6 girls football maintain their unbeaten streak in the League, 4 games, 4 wins and the only goal conceded was a very unfortunate own goal. This week we hosted and peaked with a 10-0 win. The Year 8 boys also did a phenomenal job refereeing. Good work all round!

Congratulations to Zara Naughton who has been selected for the Northumberland u14 Cross Country team, despite being a year young. She will be competing in the National Finals in Leeds on Saturday 16th March.



Year 5/6 Hockey Success at NHSG

Year 5 cookie and origami sale

A group of Year 5 girls have raised over £50 for Macmillan Cancer Trust by selling cookies and origami. Well done to Lily Wallace, Anya Tumia, Lily Anderson, Emily Graham, Serat Kaur, Daphne Diaz, Molly Hoffmann, Isobel Saunders-Young and Nancy Elsaghier. Very well done girls, we are very proud of you all.



KS2 assembly

Last Friday the key stage 2 children had an assembly about Oasis community housing, a charity set up to help homeless in the northeast. A lot of children expressed an interest in exploring ways to help or raise money for an extremely good cause. If you or your children would like to know more please click on

<https://oasiscommunityhousing.org/>

Y6 Cake sale

Several Y6 girls kindly held a cake sale on Wednesday 6th March to raise money for the homeless charity 'Oasis.' The girls were inspired to carry out this good deed after the charity was brought to their attention during an assembly. They have all worked incredibly hard on this and managed to raise £100 in ten minutes! A huge well done girls - the cakes were delicious.



Mini and Junior Great North Run

Did your child get a place in the Mini or Junior Great North Run? If you were lucky enough to get your own place, we would love you to join our team! Our runners receive a customisable t-shirt, fundraising pack and all the help and support they need in the run up to the event. Tynedale Hospice at Home provides hospice care in the home, a hospital transport service and family support services to children and adults in the local community, all free of charge. To find out more, contact Megan on 01434 606444 or fundraising@tynedalehospice.com

Missing Jacket

On of our students at PCMS has lost his black 'Messi' jacket before half term. It is a popular style of coat and we fear another child may have taken it home in error. Please could you check your child's coat to ensure they have the right one!