



Ponteland Community Middle School

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

Dear Parents

All our staff are outstanding. Amazing. We have said farewell to a long list who have found their new forever school as we are moving from a very large middle school with 620 children to a smaller school of 200 children. Over 2018/19 we have had a really enriched CPD year for the teaching team. We all understand restricted school budgets. There have been amazing jobs advertised which our staff would never have considered normally as this is their forever school. As they have been appointed we can celebrate their success and the PCMS legacy shared with equally brilliant schools. Mr Baggett has taken the opportunity of this last newsletter to thank everybody who has been associated with PCMS – this amazing school – over the last 23 years. 'I have been fortunate to experience things that some teachers never experience during a career and have enjoyed coming to work every day. I will still keep in touch and am absolutely confident that the school is in great hands to move in to its new life. It is time for Mr Burgess, Mrs Nixon, Mr Crane and Mr Walker to take over the PE reins and I couldn't think of a better team that I would leave the physical education department with. Good luck to all in the future and I know the school will continue to be amazing with its facilities, passionate staff, supportive parents and most importantly amazing, pupils.' Mr Baggett will keep in touch as we remain a teaching school.

Over the summer we have the refurbishment of classrooms 1-4 creating the nursery and reception spaces with facilities, meetings places and outdoor play spaces. We are really looking forward to showing our holiday project to parents in the Autumn term as we open the school for open days, evenings and Saturdays.

We have very positive, productive conversations with NCC Officers and have been able to confirm, but not guarantee, a named pathway to Ponteland High in the new NCC Admissions booklets due to be released in the Autumn. This has been helpful to the current Y5 children and our new Y5 children in September. We have met the Kier project manager to confirm mutual liaison and commitment to the ongoing projects.

The SATs results last week were testament to the fact that every member of staff has been galvanised by recent challenges and are even more determined to make the new school a massive success. We will continue to offer the amazing education provision, including clubs, sport, trips and visits. The ski, London and Barcelona trips are booked and well underway. Our inspirational and aspirational staff are looking forward to next year being a middle school and the final preparation for the new primary school. We are confident in all curriculum areas and completely committed to carrying on the legacy Mr Baggett and our other dear friends leave behind. We will transfers from an outstanding middle school to an outstanding primary school. We have every faith in the new school to continue to uphold the traditions that we all hold so dear and the door is always open. We have celebrated the large numbers of children successfully entering the private schools, gaining bursaries and scholarships with these schools which is always very impressive. Our intention is to further collaborate with these schools to develop activities utilising the site and facilities.

Huge congratulations to Ashton Scott and his team of cake bakers who raised over £100 for the PDSA. Ashton was particularly keen to raise money for unwanted dogs and cats in need of veterinary treatment and new homes. Well done!

We close for the summer holidays at 1.15pm on Friday 19 July. We have two teacher training days Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September with the school resuming for children on Wednesday 4th September. We wish you and your families a very happy holiday. If there are any queries and concerns over the holiday please email admin@ponteland.academy and I shall pick them up over the holidays.

Kind Regards
Dr Caroline Pryer



Sports News

Golf

After winning the Northumberland Schools Championships, in early June Zara won the North of England U18 Schools Championships at Denton Golf Club, Manchester. As a result she qualified for the National U18 Schools Championships, held at Sherwood Forest Golf Club, Nottingham last weekend. Zara performed really well finishing in the top six. The best news is that Zara has been selected for the England Schools Team. She will compete for England in an international match early September. A fantastic achievement for a middle school pupil.

Ponteland Rotary Club Invitational Golf Competition - Charlotte Naughton won the girls competition and Joe Alderson won the boys competition which was a great result for PCMS. Had Zara been available PCMS definitely would have won the team competition.

Football

Ponteland Year 6 A Team won! A fantastic way to finish their two brilliant years at the school; they won the league by staying undefeated and without conceding a goal. Also, a fantastic achievement for the Year 5 team who held their own throughout the league and finished a respectable 4th. The PCMS KS2 girls team were extraordinary throughout, playing against all the boys teams; they showed amazing energy and courage, never giving up and produced some brilliant performances. A special thank you for the Year 8 referees for officiating professionally, being proactive in their tasks and making the afternoon run so smoothly.

Player of the Tournament: Newminster A No. 4

Top Golden Boot: Jay Mason

Golden Gloves: Willson Gray



Giants

After another successful year of completing a range of sports the Giants club attended a bouldering session at Climb Newcastle. There really is no sporting activity that these talented students can't turn their hand to.

Orienteering

Congratulation to the year 7 girls for winning the area orienteering competition at Plessey Woods. Particularly well done to Poppy Woods and Isabella Russell who won overall.



Summer Reading

"I have been really impressed with my class's enthusiasm for reading this year. If anyone would like a suggestion for a book to read over the summer, here are some of their favourite titles!"



Mrs Weare

School Transport

NCC School Transport have undertaken a routine review and re-tendering of school transport that is in place for children attending PCMS. New contracts will be put in place with transport providers and these will commence when PCMS re-opens immediately after the summer holiays. Parents will be informed of the details of their children's new transport arrangements during the early part of the holidays. NCC will provide schools with details of the new loading lists towards the end of the holiday period. If there are any queries please contact Mark Cusack, Passenger Transport Manager, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF. Tel 01670 624081

Prom Times

Y7 Prom

Tonight 6.30pm—8.00pm

Y8 Prom

Tomorrow 6.30pm—9.00pm

