



## Christmas Holidays

School will finish on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at **12noon** for the Christmas holidays. Normal arrangements for lunches will apply with students having lunch before they leave school.

School will reopen on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** for a normal school day.

## Football

Well done to the Year 8 5-aside football team. The students performed really well and showed a great attitude in their first competition representing Park School.

A draw with Rosstulla, was followed by a single goal defeat to Castle Tower and then a superb 1-0 victory over our rivals Harberton!

Park provided the performance of the day against the eventual competition winner Beechlawn, holding out heroically until the last minute, going down 1-0. All students involved were a credit to the school and gave 100%



## After School Clubs

We are hoping the after school clubs will commence the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November. A letter will be sent home detailing what will be on offer.

\* Please remember if students are attending after school clubs, there is no school transport available.

## Charity

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, we held our first Macmillan Coffee Morning.

The school raised a fantastic **£430**

We would like to thank all the parents, students and staff who came along to support this event and who donated cakes, buns and money.

## Prefects

We would like to congratulate the following Post 16 students who have been chosen as the new prefects for Park: Chelsea Spence, Chloe Wilson, Erin Armstrong, Rebekka Roy, Jackson Hanna, Nathan Lundy, Ryan Toal and Tiernan McAuley.

We would also like to congratulate Lauren Dickson and Niall McCann who are Head Girl and Head Boy this year.

They will be great ambassadors for Park School.

## Rugby

Well done to all the year 8 & 9 students who participated in the Ulster tag rugby festival at Donaghadee Rugby Club. A really good time was had by all and plenty of skills developed. A great day of rugby finishing with a win against Rosstulla.



## Students

We would like to welcome three student teachers from Stranmillis University College who will be working in T&D, Science, and Key Stage 3 this term.

## Important Dates

**7<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 8 Kurling Tournament  
**8<sup>th</sup> November** – Boys’ Badminton Tournament  
**12<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 10-12 Football Tournament  
**13<sup>th</sup> November** - Prize Day at 10am  
**13<sup>th</sup> November** - Careers Fair at 1.40pm  
**20<sup>th</sup> November** - P7 Open Morning at 10am  
**11<sup>th</sup> December** - School Christmas Dinner  
**12<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Fair at 2pm  
**13<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Jumper Day  
**16<sup>th</sup> December** - Carol Service at 11.30am  
**18<sup>th</sup> December** - Key Stage 3 Cinema trip  
**December** - Wreath making workshop (TBC)  
**20<sup>th</sup> December** - school closes for Christmas  
(arrangements on front of newsletter)

## Prince's Trust

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Year 12 & Post 16 Achieve Groups organised a fantastic Halloween disco, tuck shop and hamper to raffle, for all the pupils.

Everyone had a ‘frightfully’ good day and the costumes were amazing.

Congratulations to those who won the fancy dress competition and to the organisers.



## Community Outreach

As part of our community outreach programme, each class will prepare a hamper to go to a resident in Richardson Court, a sheltered housing scheme situated close to school. Form teachers will be asking pupils to bring in different items. This is a great opportunity for our school to help out in the local community. A big thank you in advance for helping to support this local cause.

## Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to all the students who have met their AR target for September and October.

This term **78%** of our students reached or exceeded their targets.

Please remember to read with your child at home each day, as this will help them reach their next target and become independent readers.

## Careers Fair

Our annual Careers fair is on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** from 1.40 – 2.50pm. Parents are very welcome to attend. All pupils will be attending this event.

We have a number of training agencies attending, as well as some organisations that offer enrichment opportunities for our pupils. Exhibitors include:

Kids in Control	Prince's Trust
Rutledge	Disability Action
L'Arche	Ulster Rugby
Prince's Trust	NOW Group
USEL	Mencap
Special Olympics	Combined Cadets Force
Impact Training	Irish Football Association
Hair Academy	Orchardville Society

## Christmas Jumper Day

We will be taking part in the Christmas Jumper Day, in aid of Save the Children. Pupils are asked to pay £1 to wear a Christmas jumper or non-uniform. More details will be given nearer the event.

## Action Cancer

Supervalu has sponsored Action Cancer £3million to promote a healthy eating programme for schools. They came into Park at the end of the summer term to speak to our KS4 and Post 16 pupils and have chosen our school to be part of the advertisement campaign.

