

King's Park Secondary School Newsletter for Parents and Families

March 2007

School Dates

Working Party for Parent Council
Mon 26/3/07 7pm

Last day of term Fri 30/3/07
CLOSE AT 2.30 pm

Spring Holiday Mon 2/4/07
to Fri 13/4/07
Pupils return Mon 16/4/07

Course Planning Evening – Parents
of S2 pupils
Thursday 19/4/07, 7 pm

'Help Your Child to Learn' –
evening hosted by School Board for
all parents
Mon 23/4/07

S2 Parents' Meetings
Thu 26/4/07
Tue 1/5/07

S2 Options Forms deadline
Thu 3/5/07

Holiday Mon 7/5/07

Inservice Day Thu 24/5/06
Holiday Fri 25/5/07
Holiday Mon 28/5/07

P7 Induction Thu 31/5/07
Fri 1/6/07

Prize Giving Mon 25/6/07

Last day of session Fri 29/6/07
CLOSE AT 1.00 pm



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Working with Parents

As we move towards the end of another busy term in King's Park, I am delighted to give you information about the ongoing achievements of our pupils. Once again we have space for only a small selection, but we welcome suggestions for items to be included in future newsletters.

Parent Council

Janie Munro, Chair of the School Board, and I have been working towards the introduction of Parent Councils, and I hope that you have received the invitation to join a working party in school on Monday 26 March at 7 pm. This working party will prepare a draft constitution for the Parent Council, which will be put to all parents (the Parent Forum) for approval.

Safety and Security

Thank you to all parents for your support in ensuring that pupils follow our dress code. Not only is this vital for security reasons, it also maintains a positive working ethos in school.

As you know, parking near the school is difficult, and our neighbours in local streets are very understanding. However, I must ask that the yellow zig zags outside the school are kept clear at all times.

Information for Parents

The SQA examinations will be with us soon, and this newsletter includes vital advice and information for parents and pupils.

Many parents will be interested to know that the South East CHCP (Community Health and Care Partnership) are running Parenting Groups which have been a great success.

Formative Assessment is a means of focusing learning and teaching on what matters – what does the learner need to do to get better? This newsletter contains information about how this is being developed in King's Park.

Wishing all parents and families a Happy Easter and an enjoyable Spring Break.

King Regards

Mrs Margaret Barr
Head Teacher



Spotlight on Science and Technology

S3 Science - Technology Challenge

On the 14th of November, as part of National Enterprise Week, a special S3 Sci-Tech Challenge took place at Glasgow Science Centre.

Representing King's Park were Craig Armstrong 3A1, Gemma Bryce 3L1, Laura Cowan 3M, Caroline Ho 3B1 and Chris Thomas 3L1. Mr McMillan of the Technical Department accompanied the pupils.

The team were faced with three separate challenges. First a number of complex puzzles had to be solved. Next, using K'Nex, a land yacht had to be built and finally, a bridge constructed.

And what a performance by our team it proved to be as they finished second out of the 18 schools taking part! They fully deserved the 2 gigabyte memory stick which they each received as a prize. There was also a teacher challenge with Mr McMillan coming in third!!!!



S1 visits Glasgow Science Centre

In October, all S1 classes were taken to the planetarium at Glasgow Science Centre to see a show 'Our Place in Space'. This was part of our first year course topic 'The Cosmos'. The planetarium re-creates the night sky as seen above Glasgow - which, of course, is not very much - just an orange glow (also known as glasglow!). But then we saw what the sky would be like if all the streetlights were switched off. There was a great gasp from our city-dwelling kids when the beautiful starry night was revealed. We couldn't take any pictures inside the planetarium but after the show pupils had a little time in the Science Mall getting their hands on the many experiments set up there.



Environmental Matters



Carpet Bed of Flowers to be planted in Local Park

The S3 and S4 Intermediate 1 Biology classes were involved in a competition to design a carpet bed for King's Park (the public park at the other side of Carmunnock Road). The winning design was by ... and ..., S3. The designs were judged by the local organisation 'Friends of King's Park', and the carpet bed will be planted in May.

Green Flag Award

Pupils are also involved in application for the Green Flag Award, as part of the work to improve the green spaces around the school grounds.



Eco Committee

Our new Eco Committee has been formed. They are working on plans to begin improving the school grounds, and we would like to apply for a grant to fund this.



In order to receive this grant, we need to obtain donations in kind.

Does any parent have a skill or unwanted garden item to donate to our cause?

Please get in touch with Ms Sarah Stobie, Biology.

<http://www.ecoschoolsscotland.org/home/index.asp?linkID=6>

Fit and Funky...

Pupils of King's Park Secondary are getting fit for the New Year while learning some new moves for the dance floor. At the start of the new term the senior dance class opened its door to all S1-S3 girls. The class offers a range of dance styles to current pop and r'n'b tracks. Not only does the class offer an opportunity to develop their dance skills, the pupils are encouraged to develop their creativity and participate in the choreography of routines.

Want to Join?

Come along to the PE department and try it for yourself
every Thursday 3.45 – 4.45pm

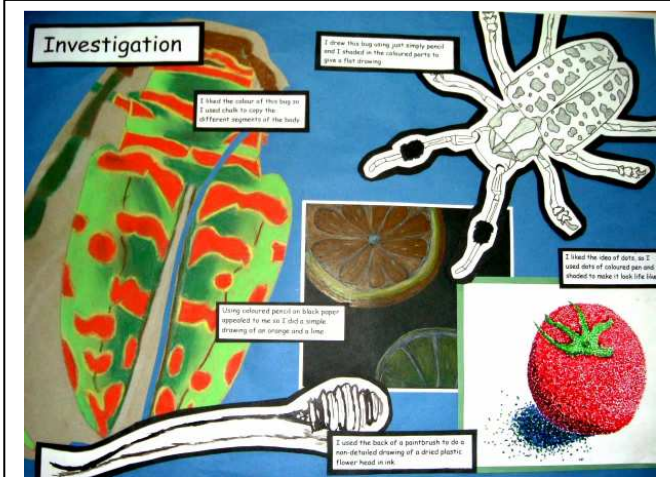
G. Thomson, Maths department



Art and Design

King's Park pupils continue to excel in Art and Design. Pupils' work has been featured in 'The Herald' newspaper on more than one occasion.

Here is a small selection of our pupils' work.



... 3E, Design Unit



Harry Stone 3E Design Unit



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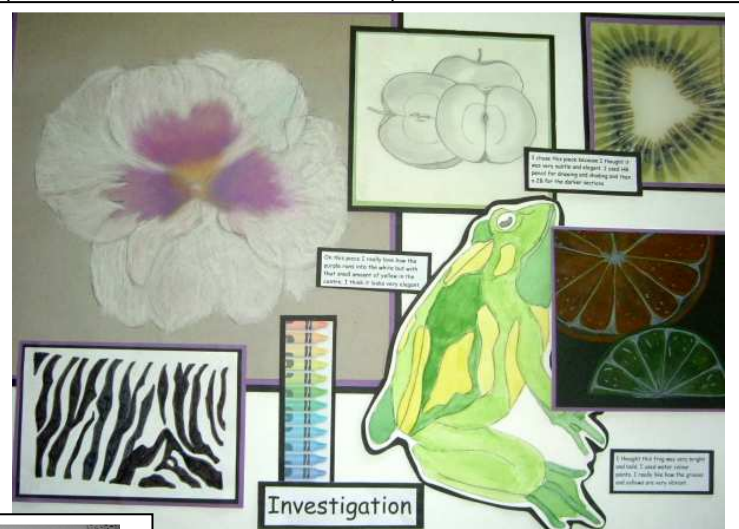
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Design Investigation



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... 3E Design Unit



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... 4F2 Portrait 2



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