

10th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a good week so far. My week started with a visit from some of our Lower School students on Monday morning who designed our fabulous Christmas cards. They were fantastic and so nice to see them at the Upper School. After they had visited me, they then went to post some cards for our neighbours on Carlton Avenue. They were so excited! A special mention and an extra special thank you to Othniel and Randy from year 3, Jainish and Mateo from Year 2, Rafeif from year 5 and Qasim, Tianna and Camelia from year 6.

The PE department at Preston Manor would like to remind all parents, carers and pupils that regardless of injury or illness students should be bringing their PE kit into school. If for any reason a student is unable to take part practically they can still take up a non-participatory role. Also, with the weather now turning we would like to remind carers and parents that a warm, waterproof coat can be purchased from the 'my clothing' website (www.myclothing.com) and worn in PE lessons. No other coats are allowed.

Further PE updates:

We have played almost 30 boys football fixtures in both the Brent Leagues and Middlesex Cups so far this season from Years 7-13 and every year group had some success. Our Year 8 team are flying the flag in terms of success so far, as they are currently unbeaten in all competitions and have progressed to the third round of the Cup - where they play JFS next week for a place in the quarter finals. All of the year groups have enjoyed some successes though and there have been some fantastic games along the way. Perhaps the most disappointing result was the defeat to Claremont in a penalty shootout in their respective third round Middlesex Cup tie. Well done to all.

The girls have also begun to play some competitive football matches and are revelling in their opportunity to compete against other schools in this format. We have more games pencilled in the fixtures diary and some local competitions coming up before we break for Christmas.

We have also been working behind the scenes to bring a local junior football club to PMS and have them based here, and so I am delighted to say that Preston Manor School will now be the home to Kinja Football Club. They now play ALL of their games at the school site (girls and boys) and will be bringing their training sessions across too in due course. This offers a great opportunity for our pupils to commit to playing sport outside of the school day. I would encourage pupils who wish to do so, to get in touch with KINJA directly OR get this information from the PE department. There are some exciting plans afoot to develop our existing facilities too, but I won't elaborate until such plans become concrete.

I am sure that you have heard on the news the increase in positive COVID cases and the issues we are all facing with the new variant - omicron. All students at the Upper School have been reissued with home testing kits and it is extremely important that students do continue to test in support of keeping our whole school community safe. We only have one more week of term left and we must do all we can to get to the end of term as safely as possible. All staff are continuing to test twice a week in support of this.



Next Friday sees the end of term. **Student dismissal** at the **Upper School** will begin around **11.20am**. At the **Lower School**, **KS1** will depart at **11.45am** and **KS2** at **12pm**. I also have it on *extremely good authority that* Santa will be visiting the Lower School early next week...

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Denial
Executive Headteacher