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Dear Parents/Carers

Culture Day - 2 May

On Friday, 2 May we will once again be celebrating Culture Day.

At Penwortham Priory Academy we pride ourselves on our diversity and vast cultural community. In our school this academic year, we have on average 15 different ethnicities and over 20 different languages spoken!

Having a day to celebrate our culture is something that has been requested by many of our pupils and we agree that it is extremely important for children to be proud of their identities, faiths and cultures, but also to share their background with their peers.

On this day then, students are invited to come to school dressed in clothing that reflects either their own particular culture, represents their special country's flag or embodies a national team kit, such as rugby, hockey or football.

If they do wish to wear their own clothes for the day, then we ask that you make a donation of £1 via SCOPay. Money raised will go to the Friends of Mulanje Orphans (Malawi).

There will be a food sale at break/lunchtime in the Auditorio on the same day where students can buy many different foods from other cultures. In addition, students may bring in their own cultural food (this can be homemade or store bought) that can be shared amongst their classmates. In this case, we also ask that you provide the school with a list of ingredients in the food so that they can ensure that children with any allergies or dietary requirements are safe to eat it.

In addition, students will be invited to talk about their culture in class with their peers, take part in activities to celebrate their identity, learn basic sayings in each other's languages, listening to music from around the world and share food amongst the class.

Throughout the week, Henna painting will also be taking place at break and lunchtime in the Auditorio. Permission letters for this activity can be obtained from the school office or from myself.

We are very excited to celebrate our cultures at Penwortham Priory Academy and are sure that the students will have a fantastic day.

If you have any questions at all, please contact me via email at <u>s.qadri@priory.lancs.sch.uk</u>

Yours faithfully

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