

Penwortham Priory Post



Production had audience Hooked!

Months and months of painstaking co-ordination, logistics and rehearsals came to fruition this week as the Priory production—Peter Pan, hit the stage for four shows throughout the week.

The showings were kicked off with a sell out, where Mrs Farley had invited over 300 primary school children from the local area to come and watch the shows maiden run. The laughs, claps and singing could be heard out on the corridors at school and some of the primary school children could be heard telling Mrs Farley just how much fun they had watching the first show.

It was then the turn for the friends and family of Priory, as well as members of the general public and even some of the school governors. Tickets were at a bargain price of £5 for adults and £3 for concessions and the hall was jam packed for what made a tremendous opening production day.

The next day, the cast and crew performed for another 300+ primary school children, which took the tally for viewers to around 1000, before another busy evening on Thursday to complete the two production dates.

The shows were a result of months of hard work and commitment from not just Priory staff — Including Mr Hardcastle, Mr Taylor, Mr Watters and Miss Beesley, but the cast, crew and all their families as well. A special thank you must go to parents who went out of their way to get the cast to rehearsals in the evenings and at weekends.

A further thanks must be given to our sponsors, E3 Cube and BBR Roofing, two companies whom without their charitable donations, the play could not have gone ahead. There is a full testament to them on the back of the shows programme.

Well done and thank you to all for such a wonderful set of performances!

Meet the Governors: Gordon Becket



I joined Priory's board of Governors in 2014 and am involved as a link-governor for Science.

My professional background is in higher education, having worked at universities in Scotland, Singapore and N. Zealand before becoming the inaugural Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the School of Pharmacy & Biomedical Sciences, University of Central Lancashire in 2006.

My scientific research includes pharmaceutical formulation, prescribing and pharmacy education and I am involved with a number of professional organisations such as the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Royal Society of Chemistry and Royal Society of Biology.

I have worked with youth groups in a leadership and mentoring role over a number of years and my special interest is in career development and the transition between school, college and university.

There are some interesting developments in teaching and learning in the Academy and I am keen to be involved in the development of this innovative curriculum.

Learn to Succeed

Winning Forms

The winning form this week is Mrs Naylor/Mr Boyd's C4.

They finished the week with 100% attendance and no lates!

Careers Advice

Our school careers advisor, Mr Ficorilli, is available all term to see Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils.

He is available through appointment or lunch-time drop in on Mondays to discuss college pathways, apprenticeships and the world of work.

Lancashire Book of the Year

We are delighted to say we are one of 18 schools chosen to take part in the judging of Lancashire Book of the Year.

As part of the judging criteria, we must review around 90 novels as part of the process.

The school is now on its second box of books produced for the 12-14 year old age group.

We would like to say a big thanks Jacob Haddon, Josh Waters, Isabelle Martin and Molly Poulton for being our representatives!



Matt Dickinson Opens Revamped Library!

We were delighted to welcome author, journalist and film-maker Matt Dickinson to Priory this week as he helped kick off a whole host of events as part of the library grand opening.

Matt, who has visited Priory several years ago, is one of the handful of people on this planet who have taken to Mt Everest—the world's largest mountain and made it to the top. It is an extremely dangerous expedition to make.

Matt took to answering questions, where he explained to students that he feels privileged to be one of the very few

to make it to the top and that there are an estimated 180 bodies still up there, waiting to be found.

He also helped in several workshops that took place around school that day, including a Geography workshop, a Creative Writing workshop and a Journalism workshop—where he helped students take to writing their own articles covering the grand opening of the library.

The entire English department welcomed Matt for the grand opening, where a plaque was unveiled on the wall of the library commemorating the opening.

Library Opening Leaves Bitter Taste in Teacher's Mouths!

As part of the Library Opening Celebrations in I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here!

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We have to give credit to the likes of Miss Beesley and Mrs Ham who dared eat the disgusting likes of dog food flavoured jelly beans and green coloured raw egg.

Pupils turned up in droves to watch!

