

# Penwortham Primary Post



## Faraday for a day for Year 7

**This week saw groups of Year 7s take on the Faraday Challenge as part of a STEM activity day.**

The event was organised by Ms Young, Mrs Shone, Mr Evans, Mr Mahmood and Mr Sneddon who watched over teams who attempted the following task:

Each group were a team of engineers, hired to overcome an emergency communication problem affected by adverse weather. The team is based in Town Alpha and must relay an emergency message, across the mountains, to Town Beta which has had all electricity wiped out in a recent storm.

Pupils had limited time and budgets, but endless amounts of imagination, taking on specific roles in the

engineering team—including designers, builders and even accountants, in order to overcome to communication problem at hand.

As expected, there were varied designs, from slingshots to light signalling and the day was full of excitement, ideas and the application of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) skills.

Priory has a proven track record with STEM and the future certainly looks bright—especially if the designs showcased this week were anything to go by!

Don't forget, we have STEM club as an extra-curricular activity too, every Wednesday after school.

**This is a polite notice about the current lost property trolley in school.**

We have large amounts of unclaimed items in school's lost property, we will be

discarding any items that are still in lost property on Friday 24 January.

We cannot accept responsibility for any items that are discarded of, so please check if you have lost an item!

## Meet the Governors: Kate Thornton



I have a Masters degree in Renaissance & Romantic Literature and have worked as an English teacher at Priory since 2008.

I took the role of Teacher Governor for the first time last year and am looking forward to the challenge of learning more about the governing body and being able to support the development of the Academy.

## Goodbye Mrs Shone!

**We would like to say an official goodbye to Maths teacher, Mrs Shone, who will be leaving us this week.**

Mrs Shone has been with us for two years and everyone at Priory would like to wish you a fond farewell, as well as the best of luck with your pregnancy, as you embark on a new career path and prepare to become a mum again!

## Winning Forms

The winning form this week is Mr Wall's H1, with a total attendance of 98.95% and 0 lates.

Mrs Bradley and Ms Cservenak's D2 came in second place, narrowly, with 98.95% attendance but 2 lates costing them joint first place!

## Priory Creative Writers

We are looking into the possibility of starting a Creative Writing club.

There is a poster up in Mrs Elliott's room for those who would like to register their interest.

If we have sufficient numbers, the club will start up after the half term break.

## Indoor Cricket Results

Priory fielded two teams in the South Ribble Girls Indoor Cricket competition last week with both teams playing exceptionally well.

The U13s team saw some exceptional wicket keeping from Amy Genther and fielding from Robyn Wojnarowski secure 3rd place.

Whereas the U15s reached the semi-finals before an unfortunate loss.



## Public Prowess for Priory

**On Saturday 4 February, Priory's winning team went to the Windermere School to compete in the North West final on behalf of Preston Rotary Club.**

The team consisted of speaker Sophie Cooksley, chair Aimee Gordon and proposer of the vote of thanks Cassie Cartmell. They performed brilliantly, under the watchful eye of Mr Wall, in front of a large audience, expounding the need for greater openness to combat the scourge of racism in the world.

Sophie was particularly commended for the passion in her speech and the whole team was congratulated on their polished performance. They had rehearsed assiduously and presented in a very expert way as a result.

Competing against many older sixth form pupils, they narrowly lost out on a place in the North of England and Wales final, but the team were collectively ecstatic with their performance and with the confidence gained from competing.



The Big Picture: Priory pupils enjoy Liverpool's Art galleries this week.

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