

Penwortham Primary Post



STEM Pupils Gain Their Crest Award

Priory STEM Club students are on the crest of a wave after each being awarded the Bronze Crest Award from the British Science Association.

The students, under Mrs Eastham and Ms Young, spent their STEM Club time working on a real world STEM project about the effects of dehydration.

It was a ten-hour project and they had to submit their portfolio to the BSA to be approved.

"The project involved developing enquiry skills, problem solving and communication," said Head of Science, Ms Young. "It's a nationally recognised award and it's good for the students to have it on their portfolio."

"We had to do a variety of practical experiments involving salts and dehydration in objects," said STEM Club member Jacob. "It made you think and I learnt a lot from it."

"I have started drinking a lot more water," said student Katie, who wants to join NASA. "You realise how important it is."

The STEM Club are currently working on a project to test some new paper towels which Facilities Manager, Mr Bolton is considering buying for the school. They are designing and carrying out tests for absorbency and strength and will recommend to Mr Bolton which they think is the best one.

Well done J Beck, C Moorby, J Gardner, C Speirs, K Read, J Hersee.

Attendance Winning Forms

Each week the attendance officer calculates the form with the best attendance for 'Year 11s' and 'The 'Rest' of the school. As the Year 11 form groups are smaller than the others, they are more likely to achieve full attendance. Therefore to ensure fairness, results have been separated out.

This week's winners are:

Year 11 - H1 (94.44%)
Rest - R5 (97.1%)

Not a particularly good week! Please can all pupils be reminded of the importance of their attendance and punctuality.

School Day Return to Normal Timetable

As the majority of the GCSE exams finish today, the normal school day will revert back to its normal timetable:

Period 4	12.15pm
Lunch	1.15pm
PM Prep	2.00 pm
Period 5	2.20 pm

Healthy School Week

Well done to Rayhan B who correctly guessed the quizzical fruit in Food Tech on Monday. Rayhan guessed it was a lychee and won a 'jump the dinner queue' pass for himself and a friend for the whole week.

KEY DATES

College Sampling Days (Year 10 pupils)

Runshaw - Mon, 17 June
Newman - Thurs, 20 June
Preston's - Tues, 2 July

Girls into Engineering

(By invitation)
Training 2000, Blackburn
Mon, 17 June 2019

Lake District Trip (Year 8)

18 and 19 June 2019

Year 7 Parents Evening

Weds, 19 June 2019
4pm-7pm

PSHE Day

(Early lunch followed by
early closure at 1:30pm)
Thurs, 20 June 2019

South Ribble Schools Athletics Championships

Robin Park (by invitation)
Fri, 28 June 2019

Work Experience Week

(Year 10 pupils)
24-28 June 2019

Italy Trip

25-29 June 2019

Year 11 Prom

Charnock Farm
Thurs, 27 June 2019

Rewards Trip Briefing

Assemblies (all pupils, in
school)
Weds, 3 July 2pm

Rewards Trips

Tues, 9 July 2019

Year 10 Parents Evening

Weds, 10 July 2019

Netball World Cup Trip

Liverpool
15 July 2019

Update To School Holiday Pattern 2019-20

With the announcement of the movement of next year's May bank holiday to coincide with the VE Day 75th anniversary, there is now an adjustment to the School Term Holidays 2019-2020. This is as follows:

INSET DAY 3 Friday 1 May 2020

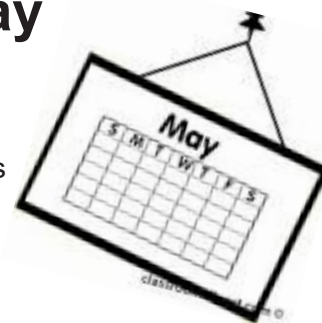
INSET DAY 4 Monday 4 May 2020

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday school open as normal

MAY DAY CLOSURE Friday 8 May 2020

The term dates can be downloaded from the school website at >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates> (scroll down). Dates are listed upto and including academic year 2021/22.

For further information about the change of the May bank holiday please visit >> <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/2020-may-bank-holiday-will-be-moved-to-mark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day>



LEP Education Awards

Once again we have the Education Awards, designed to celebrate primary and secondary education across central Lancashire.

The awards will showcase and celebrate the very best students, teachers, schools and employees in the area, recognising the achievements that schools and pupils make within the education sector on a daily basis.

This year we have entered four categories and we are excited to announce that we have been shortlisted in all four of them!

- **Secondary School of the Year**
- **Inspiring Teaching** - Mr Graham (Technology Teacher)
- **Young Scientist/Engineer of the Year** - C Chan (Year 10)
- **Sports Achievement** - J Attwood (Year 8)

The awards ceremony takes place at Preston North End on Weds, 19 June. As usual, we will be taking a small group of pupils to cheer us on and all the school's nominees and their families are invited.



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Year 7 Parents Evening

Weds, 19 June 2019

We encourage parents of Year 7 pupils to attend this session to discuss your child's recent progress towards meeting target levels, homework, quality of work and work ethic. It is imperative that your child also attends with you, in full school uniform.

Parents
Evening

Subject teachers will be in attendance to provide advice regarding how best to support your child in their subject.

Letters have been sent home with pupils and a copy can be downloaded from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters. Please return all acknowledgement slips sent with the letter to your child's progress teacher as soon as possible. Your child has been given an appointment sheet to book discussion time with all of their teachers and we ask that you monitor its completion.

We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child maximises their potential.

Letters for Year 10 parents evening on 10 July will be issued over the coming weeks. Please note the date in your diary.



PSHE Day - Thurs, 20 June

Don't forget, Thursday is PSHE Day so school will finish at 1.30pm.

School buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

Pupils - The timetables will be displayed on the board next to the vending machines.

If pupils are absent on PSHE day, the work they miss will need to be completed on their return as an extra-curricular activity.

Sessions covered on Thursday include:

- Year 7 Options/Careers, Enterprise, Money matters, Gambling
- Year 8 Media and Body Image, Balance Diet
- Year 9 Relationship Abuse, Consent/Actions
- Year 10 Sampling day at Newman College

Key Stage 3 and Year 10 Exams

End of year exams for Years 7-10 will commence Monday, 3 July.

Year 10 exams will be in the Assembly Hall and KS3 exams in classrooms. Pupils will be informed of the dates of the exams so that they can organise their revision preparation.

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So after five years we said goodbye to the Year 11s

There was plenty of emotion today as the Year 11 pupils enjoyed their last day at Priory.

After their Physics exam in the morning, pupils gathered together in the Quad to sign each other's shirts and reflect on the last moments of their high school years together. Before heading home early, pupils moved on to the Assembly Hall for a short presentation and farewell speech by Headteacher, Mr Eastham.

The pupils will next meet up for their prom on 27 June at Charnock Farm and we'll see them back at school again for GCSE results on 22 August.

Enjoy the summer and good luck to everyone!



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“Our lessons come from the journey, not the destination.”



The Final Lesson

Today's the day you leave us
But it seemed so far away,
When we'd have to say goodbye to you,
And wish you on your way.
You are all such special people,
To know you it's been a pleasure,
You'll never know how proud we are,
Your memory we'll treasure.
Five years you've been with us
Every lesson, every task,
And now our part's all over,
We have one thing to ask:

Promise here today just one last thing,
Leave your word here with me,
That you'll dream big and never quit
When you're gone from Priory...

Take life by the horns, stretch yourself,
Never shy away from toil,
Be confident in your own self,
Don't let your ambition spoil.

Read lots of books and make new friends,
Travel, laugh, dream too
Be weird, be kind, be eloquent,
Be fabulous, be you.

Be inquisitive, be humble, knock on every door,
Use courage, semicolons,
And the correct you're versus your.

Five years have been a great success,
We're so proud that you did it,
Now your whole life is in front of you,
Take it, love it, live it.

So a job well done you lovely lot,
The best Year 11 ever,
You really are quite extraordinary,
We'll remember each of you forever.
You're unique, clever and talented,
But please don't cry and whine
You could always come to visit,
If you ever have the time.

*Written by
Mrs Gidden and the English Department*

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Year 7 South Ribble Success

The Penwortham Priory Academy Year 7 football team has celebrated league success and finished runners-up in the cup.



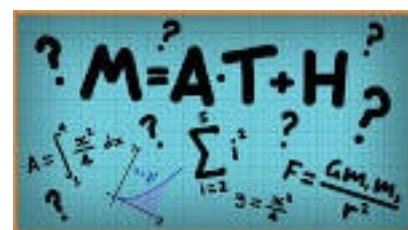
They won the South Ribble Schools Football League after a winning six games, drawing one and scoring a total of 31 goals - a league record!

Last Wednesday evening, the team reached the final of the South Ribble Cup at Tarleton Corinthians. The boys were 2-0 down against All Hallows, fighting back to 2-2. Their local opponents made it 3-2 before Priory equalised with four minutes to go. However there was more late drama as All Hallows scored the winner with just two minutes left on the clock.

The Year 7 team is now looking forward to moving up to 11 vs 11 next season.

Coach: Mr Gee **Team:** A Evans, S Podmore-Napin, C Clarke, M Stuart, K Fletcher, C Heaton, L Cawood, J Singleton, J Thompson, T Russell, J Eastham, O Snape.

The Maths Department *Like a challenge?*



The Head of Maths, Mr Kenrick, will be testing our brain power each week with one of his puzzles.

Here you will find a puzzle or a problem solving task - these can help to build students' perseverance, mathematical reasoning, ability to apply knowledge creatively in unfamiliar contexts, and confidence in tackling new challenges. Why not have a try yourself!

Part 1

There are only two ways to place '+' signs into the sequence 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 to make it equal 666. Can you find the two ways?

Part 2

However, there is only one way to place '+' signs into the sequence 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 to make it equal 666. How can this be done?

Answers bottom of page 11.

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Mr Graham's Everyday Battler Campaign

Priory teacher Mr Graham will be using sport to help him with his brother's suicide as part of the prestigious Everyday Battler Marathon campaign.

The Design and Technology teacher is one of just nine selected, with 1,200 applying for the campaign. Everyday Battler Marathon is a partnership between Bridgestone Tyres, the Olympic Association and Team GB about chasing your dreams no matter what.

The nine all had to apply for the campaign with the aim of overcoming obstacles with the power of sport and they are currently undergoing physical and mental well-being training. They will finish with a 10k at the Olympic Park in London on 21 September.

"My brother Damian had a turbulent childhood and in January 2018, he took his life," said Mr Graham. "It was a massive shock, he had issues but he was incredibly bright. He had been at UCLan studying to be an English teacher and his assignments were that good they gave him a posthumous degree.



"He was a big character, he did well in his GCSEs and A-Levels and then was in a band playing the guitar for a few years. He was incredibly gifted.

"Obviously it has hit me hard and I saw the Everyday Battler Marathon advertised on Facebook and I applied, hoping it will help me.

"We are getting help from Olympic gold medallist diver Chris Mears, who nearly died when he was a teenager from a ruptured spleen but carried on to fulfil his dreams, and Olympic pentathlete Greg Whyte, a physical activity expert, who is helping with the mental side.

"It's about learning to live with what's happened and move on from the negativity surrounding it and making something positive out of it."

Adam has taught at Priory since September. "I became a teacher because of Damian, he told me to do my PGCE and I feel like I am doing what he wanted to do. Damian was a runner, he was athletic and I have never run before and the training is hard but it's something I want to carry on with afterwards.

"I want something good to come out of what happened. Damian never talked about it, he kept his issues inside and the mind makes things worse. This will hopefully help me and I have also started up a community Facebook group in my home town of Blackburn called Rise and Shine Blackburn where a group of us talk about mental health issues, offer advice and keep an eye on each other. It's important to encourage people to talk.

"I feel privileged to be part of the Everyday Battler Marathon Campaign, there are people from all walks of life involved. One is battling cervical cancer, another has been a victim of crime and we are all hoping, through sport, it will help us overcome our hurdles."

Mr Graham has also been voted for by the pupils to be put forward for the Lancashire Evening Post's Education Award for Most Inspiring Teacher. We will await the outcome at the presentation ceremony next Wednesday.

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Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

Priory's Head of English, Mrs Gidden, has been really impressed with many of our multi-talented pupils lately and wanted to highlight their love of reading while excelling at other pursuits.

This week we interviewed Year 9 pupil, Lexi

Lexi has just finished a book recommended by her mum - and she can't wait to start the author's most famous work.

Lexi read Cecelia Ahern's 'Where Rainbows End' in a week and is now moving onto 'PS I Love You' which was made into a film, starring Hilary Swank and Gerard Butler.

"My mum had been reading 'Where Rainbows End' and recommended it to me," said Lexi.

"It's about a girl called Rosie and a boy called Alex who are best friends when they are younger, go away and marry other people and then meet up again and fall in love.

"Once I started the book, it only took me a week to read it! I want to read 'PS I Love You' next, I haven't seen the film and I don't really want to as it will spoil the book and often films miss out the best bits."

Lexi's favourite books are JK Rowling's Harry Potter novels. "I have read them all many times!" she said.

Lexi's favourite subject is English and she is full of praise for Mrs Gidden and Miss Thornton. "They are so passionate about their subjects, they are amazing teachers. I struggle with my spelling but they are always there to help me."

Lexi also plays rugby at school and wants to study psychology when she is older.



The Weekly Challenge (Week 31)

These weekly challenges which pupils are asked to think about are made of content that will enhance learning in all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary.



Parents - How would you get on?

1. Where is Turkey?
2. When was the Sydney Opera House opened and what does it represent?
3. What are the four citrus fruits?
4. What is the role of a curator?
5. Which countries make up the Iberian Peninsula?
6. Where do most of the world's vanilla pods come from?
7. What are the four sections of an orchestra called?
8. How many degrees in a quadrant?
9. What do a stamen and an anther belong to?
10. What is a homonym?

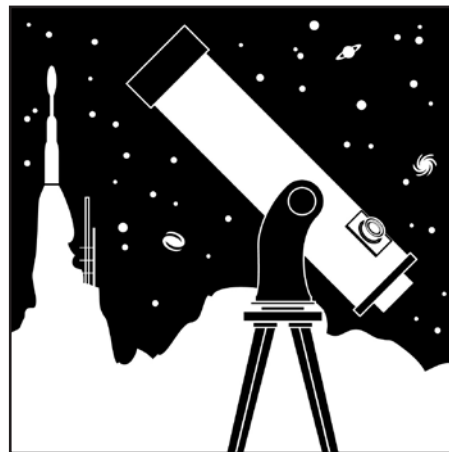
Answers at the bottom of page 11

We're Recruiting! Welfare Assistants

Due to increased pupil numbers, the school is looking to take on additional Welfare Assistants for lunchtime duties.

To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Cookson, Finance & HR Manager j.cookson@priory.lancs.sch.uk, by post or email, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

Full details can be found on the school website at>>
<https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies>



Are you seeing stars?

Then you might want to study GCSE Astronomy at Priory.

The extra curricular lesson is open to all Year 9 pupils (as at Sept 19). Lessons run every Thursday after school until 4.30pm.

The latest group of astronomers sat their second exam on Monday so we are now looking for our next group of starry pupils.

Pupils will study a range of topics including:

Cosmology
Stellar evolution
Exploring starlight
Planetary motion and gravity

For those who wish to study for the GCSE, the exams are 2 x 1 hour 45 minute papers. The examinations contain a variety of different question types, covering 16 different topics.

There may also be optional out of school trips to observatories during notable astronomical events.

Each student must have a way of getting home safely from school after the sessions.

Further information or to sign up please speak to Mr Evans, Science Technician, or Ms Young, Head of Science. Parents can email j.evans@priory.lancs.sch.uk.



We're
Hiring

Welfare Assistants

We are seeking two Welfare Assistants to ensure the safety, well-being and good conduct of pupils at lunchtime.

Days Monday to Friday term time only

Hours 5 hours per week*

1pm to 2pm

(occasional earlier lunches from 12 noon - 1pm)

Pay Grade 1 pt 1

Gross salary £17,364 per annum

Pro-rata £1,975

Experience not essential however candidates must have an understanding of working with children. Candidates must have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

The successful candidates may be offered additional hours to support with delivery of hospitality at school events.

Please contact Mrs Cookson, Finance & HR Officer for enquiries or call in to Reception during school hours.

To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Cookson, by email or post, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.

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or visit our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/job-vacancies

*plus additional time to attend staff meetings, skills training and participate in personal development as required.



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Food Tech Pupils Get a Taste of Runshaw

As part of the GCSE Food course, Priory pupils are regularly invited to Runshaw College for a taster day. On the trip the pupils get to experience life at the college, use the facilities available and have the chance to explore their Foxhole's Restaurant.

This trip has been hugely successful over the years and we have found it most beneficial for the pupils to attend. Priory has built strong and trusted links with Runshaw College and our students are highly regarded by the staff and tutors.

Eleven of Priory's talented foodies went along to the hospitality and catering event last Thursday, accompanied by Mrs Lewis Lavender, Lead Teacher for Food & Nutrition. This was a great experience, thoroughly enjoyed by all who went. Whilst there, pupils learnt how to make sausage rolls and millionaires shortcake all washed down by handmade mocktails.



Pupils gained an understanding of knife skills and techniques by de-boning a chicken and filleting a fish. The session also involved a demonstration on how to flambé a pancake, followed by an event management workshop.

Mrs Lewis Lavender said, "The pupils behaved exceptionally well and took away lots of insight from such a valuable day".

Well done: K Blackwell, J Brian, H Ellis, A Lord, S Lord, L Richardson, O Tomlinson, A Wallace, E Watt, J Whalley, J Wilkinson.



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Word THE Week

Each week Progress Leaders will be introducing a new word to pupils in their AM or PM Prep time.

Progress Leaders will clearly explain the literacy tip of the week in Prep time and teachers will be challenging pupils in curriculum time and awarding achievement points for correct use of Word of the Week.

The literacy tip of the week is one of the most frequently mis-spelt words. Pupils, make sure you have checked through your work to ensure you have applied the literacy tip correctly.

Pupils: If you fancy a challenge and the chance to win a treat, write a sentence which includes the 'Word of the Week' on an entry slip and put it back in your form folder to be collected by Mrs Gidden. Synonym of the Week entries can be written on the back of the slip.

There were over 40 entries last week. The winner was Leo K (R8). Last week's synonym challenge was won by Declan C (R8) who suggested 'articulated' instead of 'said'.

Who will this week's winner be?

Word of the Week: Woeful



adjective- 2 meanings.

1/ Full of sadness

2/ Very poor quality.

1/ Her face looked woeful.

2/ James was kept in detention due to his woeful homework attempt.

Literacy tip of the week...

Spelling this week!

DEFINITELY.

There is definitely no 'a' in DEFINITELY.

It's probably one of the most frequently misspelt words in our language.

Definitely comes from the word 'finite' which means the final choice or final outcome.

Synonym of the week...

What is a synonym?

A synonym is a word that has a very similar or the same meaning as another word.

So synonyms for 'tired' include 'depleted' and 'weary'

TASK:

Find me a super synonym for the word:
RAN

Each student may only enter with **ONE** word.

The best synonym will **WIN!**

ANSWERS TO THE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

1. Turkey is to the North of Syria.
2. The Sydney Opera House was opened in 1973 and looks like yachts in full sail.
3. The four citrus fruits are oranges, lemons, limes and grapefruits.
4. A curator is the official who is in charge of a museum.
5. Spain and Portugal make up the Iberian Peninsula.
6. Approximately 85% of the world's supply of vanilla pods comes from Madagascar, an island off the coast of East Africa.
7. Woodwind, percussion, brass and string are the four sections of an orchestra.
8. A quadrant has 90 degrees.
9. A stamen and an anther are parts of a flower.
10. A homonym is a word that has the same sound or spelling as another

MATHS CHALLENGE: Part 1 $123 + 456 + 78 + 9$ | $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 567 + 89$ **Part 2** $9 + 87 + 6 + 543 + 21$

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Age Concern Central Lancashire is a local charity who support older people in the community. They are recruiting volunteers (age 14+) to support their six shops for weekend and school holiday cover.

Mrs Hewitson, Age Concern's Volunteer Manager (and Priory parent) says, "Volunteering has lots of benefits, especially for a young person:

- Age Concern offers a friendly and supportive environment through which to acquire valuable confidence and experience
- Gain a sense of achievement and purpose
- Gain personal reward that can only be experienced when helping others
- Feel that you are supporting your community
- Volunteering provides invaluable work experience that can open the door to paid employment
- We can provide a reference after three months of volunteering
- All of the above is great on your CV for college and university!

All of our volunteers play a fundamental role within the charity, no references required, just parental consent for under 18s - why don't you come and have a trial?"



W/C 17 June 2019

Monday

Sausage roll served with diced potatoes and beans or peas

Cheese and broccoli pasta served with garlic bread

Tuesday

Savoury mince served with Yorkshire pudding and mash

Cheese pastry served with sautee potatoes and beans or peas

Wednesday

Cheese & Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni Ciabatta Pizza

Spicy chicken burger

Both served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn

Thursday

Roast dinner

Tomato pasta served with garlic bread

Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza | Hot Dog

All served with chips and peas or beans

Available Every Day

Southern fried chicken wrap

Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Panini

Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or beans

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Science Careers Day Calling All Parents!

Our Science department is organising a careers event in school for Priory pupils on Friday, 20 September and we're looking for anyone who works in the sector to come in and talk about their job.



Do you work in the Science, Technology or Engineering industries and would be willing to speak to our pupils about your career?

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, alumni or other members of the community to come into Priory to talk about their careers and meet with our pupils. Pupils will have the opportunity to ask you questions about your work and hopefully you will inspire them to pursue your career path in the future.



Some employers allow staff to attend events such as these under their corporate social responsibility duty.

If you would like to know more about the event, please contact Mrs Massey, Assistant Head of Science c.massey@priory.lancs.sch.uk



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