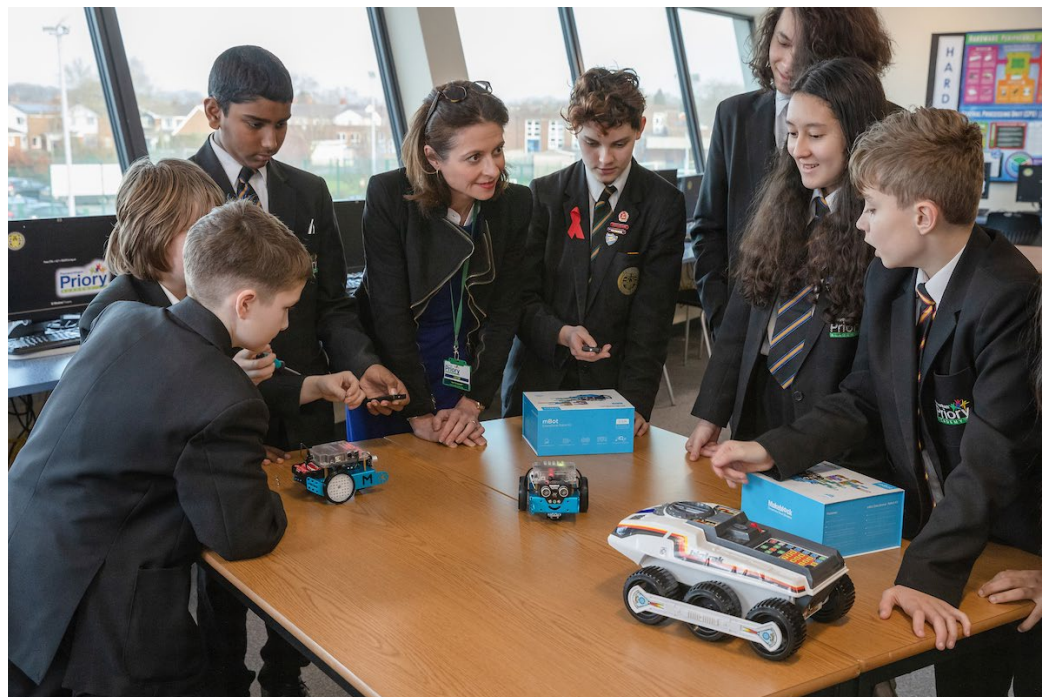


# Penwortham Priory Post



## South Ribble MP Visits Priory

Last Friday afternoon we had a visit from Seema Kennedy, Member of Parliament for Priory's constituency, South Ribble.

Ms Kennedy was originally invited to the opening of the new IT and Computer Science facility, 'The Hex' back in October, however due to other commitments the visit had to be postponed until now.

Ms Kennedy, who is also Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, firstly met with head prefects - Danyal, Georgia, Joel and Trista, to talk about what they enjoyed about Priory.

Mrs Qadri's Computer Science Club pupils were delighted to have the opportunity to demonstrate some of the skills they learnt since they moved into The Hex, with Ms Kennedy even having a go at programming cars herself!

Before the end of the visit, gardener, Mr Farron, along with his pupil helper Alfie, gave a tour around Priory's award winning gardens which this summer were successful in achieving community prizes for both Penwortham and South Ribble in Bloom.

*Photos courtesy of Matt Dever.*



## 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 - R1 (9.5%)**  
**Rest - R7 (9.26%)**

Well done to Mr Henshaw's and Miss Beesley's forms.

## KEY DATES

**Spring Term Begins**  
Mon, 7 January 2019

**Year 8 Parents Evening**  
23 January 2019  
4pm-7pm

**Year 11 Parents Evening**  
30 January 2019  
4pm-7pm

**Year 9 Parents Evening**  
6 February 2019  
4pm-7pm

# Tassomai Science Competition

(Years 9-11)

Pupils in Years 9, 10 & 11 are competing with other schools nationally to become the top Tassomai user.

Tassomai is a learning program used by the Science department. It uses multiple choice micro-quizzes to build knowledge, boost confidence and reduce exam stress.

To be part of the competition, pupils should aim to complete their daily goals from now until 7 January. Every time a pupil meets their daily goal, not only will this support the school's winning chances, their name will be placed into a raffle. The more daily goals they complete, the more chance they have of winning.

Pupils who need reminding of their login and password should see Mrs Eastham or email [v.eastham@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:v.eastham@priory.lancs.sch.uk)



**14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

We will be competing with other schools nationally to make **Penwortham Priory Academy** the top Tassomai user.

Schools will be ranked by **Daily Goals per student per week**, with any ties decided by **Bonus Goals per student per week**, and then by accuracy.

The **top 30 schools** will be published in a national leaderboard on social media.

Everyone who takes part will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a prize. The more daily goals you meet, the more chances you have to win.



## School Photographs

Unfortunately, we have discovered that there has been an error with photograph orders and Tempest are charging parents for delivery. They are in the process of rectifying this however in the meantime, they have provided two options:

1. Those parents who have already ordered and paid for delivery will have their postage cost refunded.
2. Parents that haven't yet ordered and intend to do so will be issued with a new proof/order sheet when we return in the New Year. Orders submitted within time stated will be delivered to school, with no delivery cost, for your child to take home.

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# Year 7 Pupils Certainly Have A Way With Words!

Over the last few weeks, all of Year 7 have been working hard to write and deliver a speech on a topic that's important to them. These speeches were then delivered in class to their peers.

Two students from each class were then selected to present their speech to the whole of Year 7! Quite a scary challenge!

Throughout the process, all students demonstrated incredible confidence and resilience. Some were genuinely daunted but overcame their nerves and presented engaging speeches. It was great not just to see the relief, but also the pride the students clearly felt in themselves and their achievement.

Our winner was Sara T who talked engagingly about her charity work. 1st runner up was Elizabeth F who talked passionately about 'Invisible Disabilities' and 2nd runner up was Bryonny A-W who managed to garner a few giggles when she spoke about what she'd like to throw into Room 101!



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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 alongside their other talents.

**This week she interviewed Year 8 pupil, Lara, about fitting in being a netballer, loving cheerleading and being a top reader:**

My favourite author is Pseudonymous Boksch. This author, who uses a fake name or pseudonym, has written a series of really great books - the most famous of which is called 'The Name of this Book is Secret'.

There is a super element of mystery created through all this author's works and the stories are often very secretive so you're always hooked and wanting to get to the end to solve the mysteries that the author creates.

Another of the famous Boksch books is 'This Book is not Good For You' and 'If You're Reading This, It's Too Late'. The titles here alone make you want to read on because you want to know why it's not good for you or why it's 'too late' it's so interesting.

Reading the books was every bit as exciting as the titles.

Everything was so intriguing to read. Every single chapter ends with a cliff hanger. But I just can't describe it! The books get quite dark in places and I was worried the characters wouldn't make it.

At the moment though, I'm having a break from my favourite author and I'm reading some John Green. 'The Fault in our Stars' is absolutely devastating. I'm near to the end now and it is just so terribly sad. I almost don't want to put myself in the situation the characters are in because it's just horrible. The main character, Hazel, is so well written. I'd know Hazel anywhere. She doesn't want to fit in and stands out throughout the book. If she were real, I'd like her, she's so unique. The other main character is Gus and he is so nice to Hazel; he's got the most lovely manners. This creative characterisation makes the book so sad because we care about the characters. I can't wait to get to the end but I'm braced for lots of tears. I'll probably finish it over this weekend, I might even read it on Christmas Eve even though it might make me really sad.

I love reading. We did a lot of reading at primary school, in Howick. The teachers all used to say to my mum how much I loved reading.

When I started Year 7, I got a Book Buzz book from an initiative Mrs Elliot was running, this was 'Fuzzy Mud' and I liked this book too. It was really realistic but quite dramatic and fantastical. I like AR and I like the quizzes; it tracks how I'm doing. I'm not yet a millionaire but I have read about six books this year already.

It's not just reading I love, I do a lot of cheerleading, dancing and netball. I was on the Netball team last year and we were quite successful. I played Centre most of the time and sometimes Goal Defence. I then joined the Cheerleading Squad at school, with Pom Cheer but outside of school I do Stunt Cheer which is brilliant. I've been doing it for four years and I can do lots of stunts where I get thrown up in the air; if I told you the names it wouldn't make sense. Some of the stunts are scary but it feels like I'm flying; it's such an adrenaline rush.

Cheerleading, dancing, and reading fills all my spare time, I'm so busy with it all and my friends that I don't know how I fit it all in.

For the rest of my time at Priory, I want to study really hard and I hope I keep all my lovely friends. I hope to become a prefect; keep doing cheer but become a coach. I also want a Grade 9 in English, I'm going to do my best even though it'll be hard. I wasn't in set one last year but I know I'm doing well and I can't wait to keep trying and do my very best because it feels amazing when I achieve my goals.

**Unfortunately, when it came to taking Lara's photograph for this article, she had been sent home after an injury during PE. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope there won't be too many tears at the end of her John Green book!**





# SPORTS REPORT



## Basketball

Well done to Priory's Year 11 basketball team who won against Broughton High School at home on Tuesday.

A final score of 34-29 means that they go through to the next round of the Lancashire Schools Cup competition.

Ryan W was player of the match.

## FREE COACHING



## Call Out for Primary School Netballers Years 3 - 6

Penwortham Priory Academy is running free netball coaching sessions alongside Newman Netball Club for all primary school children in Years 3-6.

**Sessions will run from 4pm-5pm every Thursday starting on 10th January until 14th February in the Sports Hall at Priory.**

If you would like to register or require further information, please contact PE Teacher Mrs Gutteridge.

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## Word of the Week

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# Maintain

Etymology:

From the Latin word *manū tenere* which literally means 'to hold in hand'

verb

cause or enable something to continue.

Eg. *I try my best to **maintain** my high standards of work.*

word of the week

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

The word 'maintain' is another word from the Academic Word List and pupils should try to embed this word into their written responses. Teachers will include this in the learning objective or use it to encourage the continuation of positive behaviour or a high standard of written work in a lesson.

**Etymology** (where the word came from): To cause or enable something to continue. It comes from the Latin *manū tenere* which means 'to hold in hand'.

### Literacy tip of the week...

## Your

Your is the second person possessive adjective

It is used to describe something as belonging to you.

Your is always followed by a noun or verb which replaces a noun.

e.g. *You're able to maintain **your** high standards.*

## You're

You are.

The apostrophe replaces the 'a'.

e.g. ***You're** able to maintain your high standards.*

***You are** able to maintain your high standards.*

The high standards belong to YOU!

The Literacy Tip is a new one this week. 'Your' and 'you're' are homophones that are regularly confused by pupils. 'Your' is possessive and should be used if something belongs to someone - eg, your coat, your chair, your classroom. 'You're' is a shortened version of 'you are', the apostrophe replaces the 'a'. If this error is spotted in written work, their teacher will write a 'G' for grammar in the margin.

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# GCSE GEOGRAPHY PUPILS SURVEY LIVERPOOL

Over the last month the Geography Department has taken four groups of GCSE Year 10 and 11 pupils to a double fieldwork day combining a study at Formby Point and a Liverpool urban study.

Pupils travelled with Mr Watters and Mr Metcalfe, via the school minibuses, firstly to the 'Sites of Special Scientific Interest' (SSSI) status National Trust at Formby. The school has become National Trust members due to the high volume of extension visits taken to this and other SSSI sites.

Whilst there, pupils were able to do Quadrant surveys investigating the impact of wave and wind erosion upon the rate of sand dune denudation and resulting retreat. That qualitative work was further extended with the vegetation biodiversity transects which started on somewhat windswept beaches!

Pupils collated their evidence and photographs and they will be following up this study over the next months into February as their work forms the basis of their Edexcel A Paper 3 techniques.

The pupils were in and out of the minibuses again as we made our way into the Liverpool CBD. The pupils stopped at pre-determined sites along an urban transect which started at the Crosby side of the huge container port.

Pupils completed graduated Urban RICEPOTS surveys which help them explain and evaluate changing land uses across several kilometres from the rural urban fringe.

***Lead teacher for Geography, Mr Watters, commented, "The great part of going out doing work like this is that it allows pupils to evidence theory completed in the classroom."***

The pupils were then taken through the port into really deprived areas where there has yet to be the urban uplift experienced and surveyed by the pupils in China Town, Duke Street, Liverpool One and the Albert Dock.

Pupils undertook further surveys by completing in-depth environment quality work at each site. They were able to study how there is still much work to be done to eradicate inequalities in Liverpool.

Mr Watters continued, "We finished our long day off with an hour or so on the Mersey Ferry and a quick study of the Pier Head. We really packed it in and the pupils never stopped learning. We must thank our colleagues for covering our lessons. Well done to Miss Webster, the Humanities' Trainee Teacher who has been a real star throughout her teaching at Priory. We wish her all the best."





# The PLEdge Community

## Christmas Jumper Day



Last Friday pupils were asked to get involved in Christmas Jumper Day by donating £1 to wear their festive knits, or by bringing in a tinned item of food.

On Monday, Sasha, Pixl's ambassador for Kindness, and friends Holly and Aimee met with Penwortham Town Council's Manager, Steve Caswell, to hand over the collection of tins for Penwortham's food bank.

On top of this donation an amazingly generous £443 was

raised for Save the Children! Well done to all pupils and staff who supported the day.



May we take this opportunity to wish all our pupils and their families and very merry Christmas and a happy New year.

Spring term begins on Monday, 7 January 2019.



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