

# Penwortham Primary Post



## Gym & Dance Show - A Big Success!

Backstage the pupils were getting prepared; sequins, pom-poms and leotards set the scene. With finishing touches on hair and makeup from Lily H, Alexa E and Tia C, the pupils were ready to perform.

Music from Lucia F and Joel G played as the audience were guided to their seats by our Year 10 helpers Antonia L and Gemma W. Mr Taylor was our flamboyant host for the night who introduced the 2019 cast. From soloists to duos, trios and group routines; the pupils shone on stage.

The show kicked off with the very talented trampolinists providing an exciting start. The audience travelled through emotive contemporary pieces, to funky hip hop, an elegant ballet and a very energetic cheerleading routine - topped off with a full cast finale.

Event organiser and PE Teacher, Miss Beesley proudly commented, "The 32 pupils who made up the cast have been a real credit to the school. Their dedication over the last four months through rehearsals and practices at lunch time and after school has been commendable. This really paid off in their final performances where they beamed with pride. The smiles on everyone's faces said it all.

"I would like to personally thank all staff and pupils who were involved in the lead up to the show and on the night itself. However big or small your involvement, from designing the publicity, baking cakes, helping on the doors and last minute dress alterations! It all added up to making the show fabulous, and wouldn't have run as it did without your help. Thank you also to families and friends who have supported the pupils and came to watch the performance."

## 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 (100%)**  
**Rest - H6 (98.75%)**

Well done to Mr Henshaw's and Mr Eccles' forms.

## National Careers Service

NCS will be coming into school on Tues, 23 April to meet with the Year 11 pupils who have registered for their summer programme.

The meeting will take place during PM Prep in the Assembly Hall. During the session, pupils will be given their t-shirts and other resources.

## Year 11 Last Day

The Year 11's last day in school will be Fri, 14 June, departing at 12.30pm.



## KEY DATES

**Start of Summer Term  
School re-opens -**  
Tuesday 23 April 2019

**Paris Trip**  
23 -26 April

**National Careers Service  
Meeting** (Year 11 in school)  
PM Prep 23 April 2019

**School Trips Meeting**  
Thurs, 30 April

**PSHEE Day**  
Tuesday, 30 April 2019  
Early lunch followed by  
school closure at 1:30pm

**Year 10 Careers  
Workshop** (in school)  
Tues, 30 April 2019

**Alan Turing Cryptology  
Day** (by invitation)  
University of Manchester  
1 May 2019

**Year 11 French Speaking  
Assessments**  
2 May 2019 (Mrs Scully's  
Class)  
3 May 2019 (Mrs Bailey's  
Class)

**Work Experience Week**  
(Year 10 pupils)  
24-28 June

## County Lines - Theatre Production

Pupils in Years 8 and 9 spent an informative Wednesday afternoon watching the AlterEgo production of 'County Lines - Out Of The Counties', commissioned by Lancashire County Council.

The performance was organised by Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Crank, as part of the school's safeguarding strategy aimed at equipping our young people with information and knowledge about how to stay safe.

The performance complemented the drugs education programme covered in our PSHE lessons.

## School Trips - Details Launched!

Yesterday, Mr Watters announced details of planned school excursions for next year.

### Iceland - May 2020

Including Reykjavik, Blue Lagoon, Land of the Midnight Sun, Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss and Strokkur.

### France (Meymac Adventure Holiday) - May 2020

Six days of activities including sailing, kayaking, 3-man canoe, mountain biking, rambling, gorge walking, abseiling and a high ropes course.

### London & Paris - 21 October 2020

Incorporating Harry Potter Studios, London Eye, Globe Theatre, West End Show, Hard Rock Cafe, Eiffel Tower, Montparnasse, Seine Boat Trip, Disneyland Paris.

If your child missed the meeting, letters can be collected from Mr Watters, Lead Teacher for Geography, or copies can also be downloaded from the school's website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)

## Faith Day

**Year 10 pupils all took part in a Faith Day on Wednesday.**

The overall theme of the day was Medical Ethics and covered topics including The Sanctity of Life, Abortion, Euthanasia and Organ Donation.

All the sessions were full of debate, with many pupils displaying opposing arguments to some of the big questions being asked. They looked at balanced arguments for each of the topics together with religious views, whilst formulating their own opinions. Specific case studies were used in order to give the pupils real-life insight to how the issues affect individuals.

RE Teacher, Mrs Holland, who led the day, said, "The pupils were a credit to the school with visiting speakers from the Crossgate Church leaving with a really positive impression."

## Curious Year 8 Pupils Go To The Theatre

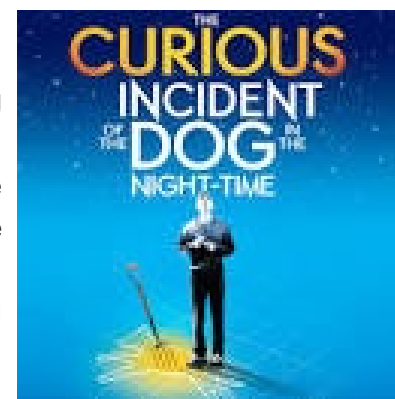
**Thursday saw an excited and extremely well behaved group of Year 8 pupils travel down to London for the day.**



Pupils travelled by train to catch the matinee performance of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' at the Piccadilly Theatre.

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time tells the story of a gifted boy called Christopher Boone. He investigates the killing of a dog and in doing so has an adventure of self-discovery.*

Head of English, Mrs Gidden said, "The children are currently studying this wondrous, enlightening book and having this experience enriched by the live show was a real treat. Pupils were exceptionally behaved and we received several compliments from the public, I was so proud of them."



## Priory's Assistant Head Teacher Ms Young has been made a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Ms Young said she was privileged to be awarded the honour after being nominated by Dr Stacey Habergham-Mawson, Project Manager for the National Schools Observatory at Liverpool John Moores University.

"It's a huge privilege to be a member of a society so steeped in the history of astronomy," said Ms Young.



"I am excited with my membership card and I will be able to go to the library and archives at Burnlington House in London which will be amazing."

Ms Young has been a keen promoter of astronomy, as Priory is one of the few schools in the area which offers an Astronomy GCSE. Priory has strong links with PADAS – Preston and District Astronomical Society, of which Ms Young is a member – and the astronomy students were the first to examine some five-billion-year-old meteorite which was found in the Western Sahara Desert.

The astronomy students have also visited the Moor Park Observatory to see Preston's refurbished historical telescope and attended a talk on the 1927 solar eclipse. Ms Young also took four students, invitation only, to attend the interment of Professor Stephen Hawking's ashes next to Sir Isaac Newton at Westminster Abbey.

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# Are you missing something?

We would like to remind pupils to check the lost property trolley regularly if they are missing unnamed items. We have recently had a large build up of jackets and coats.

Lost property is located in the Pastoral Office\* and put on the trolley for pupils to check through. Valuables are kept securely so please ask. We endeavour to return all named property to its owner, therefore please ensure that all clothing and belongings are named.

Any property unclaimed by the end of the first week back after Easter will be donated to charity or will be used as spares for those pupils that have forgotten, misplaced or have spoiled their uniform.

\*Lost PE kits are kept with the PE Department.

## Spring has Sprung in Penwortham!

Spring has definitely bloomed at Priory, thanks to gardener, Mr Farron. The Quad is a picture of colour accompanied by the sweet smells of the season. The Friends of Hurst Grange Park have also credited two Priory boys for their work last Autumn and the joys of Spring they have now brought to the park for all the community to enjoy.



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## The Weekly Challenge (Week 24)

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. This week's focus is literacy. Parents - How would you get on?



1. If you see the suffix 'ed' what does it mean?
2. What are the homophones of I'll?
3. If you are a dipsomaniac what are you?
4. Define despot.
5. If you're a virtuous person are you a good person?
6. What are homonyms?
7. Give an example of an idiom.
8. Turn these words into their antonyms: ancient, admit, accept.
9. Pick the word that means evil from these – malevolent, benevolent, insolent.
10. What is the collective noun for a group of actors in a film or play?

Answers at the bottom of the next page.

## Year 11 Easter Revision

Some departments are offering interventions over the Easter break to support Year 11 pupils with their revision.

There is also a Revision Guide and Revision Timetables on the school's website at >> <https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/revision>. The Revision Guide, produced by Mrs Crank, includes hints and tips on revision methods and techniques.



- Art:** Weds, 10 April and Mon, 15 April  
Compulsory art preparation with Mrs Hopes  
GCSE Art exam sessions are 1 & 3 May. Exam prep work must be in by 1 May.
- English:** Thurs, 11 April (10.15am-2pm)
- Maths:** Fri, 12 April (9am-12noon)  
Mr Kenrick in MA1 (Classes 11EW 3, 4 & 5)
- Further Maths:** Fri, 12 April (9am-12noon)  
Mr Henshaw in MA3
- Drama:** Weds, 10 April (9am-3pm)
- PE:** Weds, 10 April and Mon, 15 April (9.30am- 12.30pm)  
BTEC/GCSE PE in the Learning Centre with Mr Bullock
- Technology:** Tues, 16 April (8:50am-3pm)  
Coursework revision day. Compulsory for those who missed the practical assessment deadline.

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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 11 pupil, Georgia.

Georgia is one of Mrs Gidden’s Cool Readers and she has been so impressed by the Head of English that she wants to be an English teacher.

Year 11 Georgia is currently reading The Handmaid’s Tale which has recently been made into a television series.

“I have just started it but I do like horrors and thrillers,” said Georgia. “I read to relax, when I go abroad or go away for the weekend.

“I hope to study English Language, English Literature and Sociology A-Levels at Runshaw College as I want to be an English teacher.

“Mrs Gidden is very inspirational, I have always enjoyed English but she makes it really interesting.”

Georgia used to swim for Preston Swimming Club but she says hobbies have taken a step back as she revises for her GCSEs. “My full concentration is on doing well in my exams.”



10. The collective noun for a group of actors in film or play is the cast.
9. Malevolent means having or showing a wish to do evil to others.
8. Antonym means opposite so the antonyms would be: modern, deny, refuse.
7. Idiom such as ‘Don’t look a gift horse in the mouth’.
6. / something to keep pigs in.
5. Homonyms are words which have the same spelling and pronunciation, but different meanings e.g. pen = something to write with
4. If you’re virtuous, you have high moral standards so yes, you’re a good person.
3. A despot is a person who holds absolute power and is typically cruel and tyrannical.
2. A dipsomaniac is a drunkard or alcoholic.
1. The homophones of ‘ill’ are ‘isle’ and ‘isle’.
- The suffix ‘ed’ turns a word into the past tense e.g. love turns into loved.

ANSWERS TO THE WEEKLY CHALLENGE

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## Voluntary & Community

The Friends of Hurst Grange Park are taking part in Keep Britain Tidy’s #GBSpringClean at their April Working Party on Sat, 13 April - See poster below.

Pupils are most welcome to come and help although they must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Litter pickers will be provided by South Ribble Borough Council, however you will need to bring your own gloves. Footwear suitable for muddy groundwork is essential.

This activity qualifies for PiXL accreditation. Pupils should take a photo of themselves at the event with a member of the team as evidence of your participation. Please then see Mrs Hopes after the event to gain your accreditation.



### Join the Great British Spring Clean

Be part of the pick

Join the Friends of Hurst Grange Park on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 10am to take part in this year’s National Spring Clean event Meet at the Coach House

01772 625625  
info@southribble.gov.uk

**22 MARCH - 23 APRIL 2019**

Register your support [keepbritaintidy.org](http://keepbritaintidy.org)  
#GBSpringClean

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On the menu next week...

## W/C 22 April 2019

### Monday

School Closed

### Tuesday

Tomato and cheese pasta bake served with garlic bread  
Sausages and hash browns served with beans or peas

### Wednesday

Cheese & Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni Ciabatta Pizza served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn  
Chicken tikka pasty served with potato wedges and beans or sweetcorn

### Thursday

Roast dinner  
Tomato pasta served with garlic bread

### Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza | Beef Burger  
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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## YEAR 7 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Monday evening the Year 7 A & B teams played in a netball tournament held at All Hallows. Priory's A team came in third place.

Pleased with their performance, PE Teacher, Mrs Bullock said, "All girls played exceptionally well. Priory's player of the tournament was Kyra M.



"I would also like to thank Emily Cowell from Newman Netball Club for helping improve the girls each week at netball practice."

There will now be a break in netball practice until Mon, 3 June.

Well done to Eli nila A, Bryanny A-W, Abby B, Sarah C, Fatima H, Libby K, Nicole K, Francesca L, Kyra M, Hannah P, Amelia S, Madi S, Sara T, Aimee W, Eliza W, Kayla W.

**SPORTS  
REPORT**

## Stephen knows how to hit the bullseye – the Year 7 pupil plays darts for Lancashire!

Stephen's stage name is 'The Thunder' and he already has a walk-on song in 'Believer' by Imagine Dragons.



His dream is to be on the oche at the Alexander Palace.

Stephen said: "I have been playing darts for around eight years. My mum and dad play for Longsight and we have always had a dartboard at our home. I got selected for Lancashire Youth recently and I have played six matches for them.

"Playing darts helps my maths a lot as I have to work out really quickly what my next throw will be, my brain just clicks into it so I know what I need to get, and it does require a lot of concentration.

"My friends think it's an unusual sport to play but I don't mind, it's certainly not a sport people expect me to play but I enjoy it.

"My favourite doubles are 16 and eight and my favourite players are Gary Anderson and Gerwyn Price.

"I would love to play in the Premier League or in the World Championships."

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## PE NOTICES:

**Netball -**  
No practice until Mon, 3 June.

**Rounders -**  
Year 7 - From Mon, 29 April  
Year 8 and 9 - From Tues, 23 April

**Athletics -**  
Commencing after the Easter break.

## PE Kit Reminder



Pupils are required to bring their full kit to every PE lesson:

Socks, shorts and t-shirt with appropriate footwear for the current curriculum activity. Priory PE jackets are optional but recommended.

The PE tracksuit pants, that a number of our suppliers are stocking, are another optional item of kit that is to be worn at your child's PE teachers' discretion. The teacher will make a decision based on the weather and the activity as to whether tracksuit pants are permitted that lesson.

## From Primary to Priory - Technology

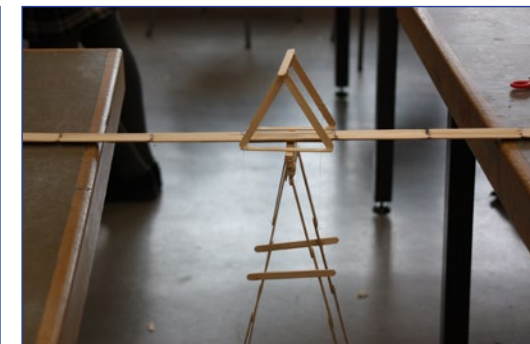
On Wednesday, once again we welcomed pupils from our feeder schools for a Gifted & Talented Day with a focus on all things Technology. The schools were split into two groups to sample Food Technology with Miss Lewis-Lavender, and Design Technology with Mr Graham.

The Foodies were tasked with inventing a pizza lollipop which could be sold and would appeal to friends and family. Whilst next door in Design Tech, pupils were challenged with building a bridge spanning a gap of 50cm using only the materials provided.



The successful bridge had to support the weight of 100g when placed at the centre of their construction, as well as being wide enough to 'drive' a toy car along its full length.

Bonus points were given for the heaviest weight it supported until destruction.



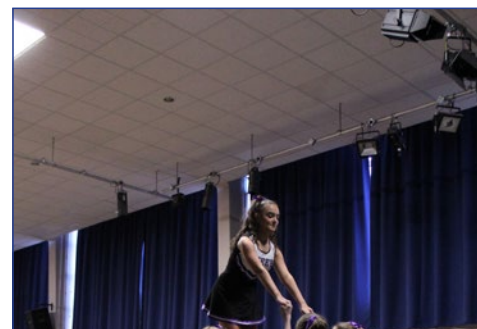
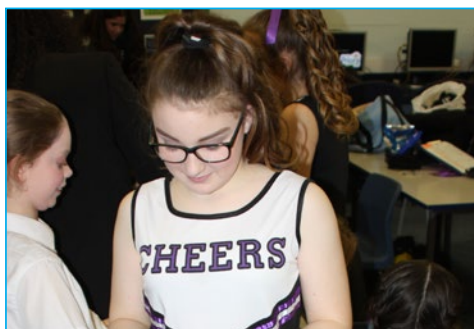
Meanwhile, back in the Food Tech room, the pupils couldn't resist an early lunch!

Thank you to our pupil helpers:

Abby B, Bryanny A-W, Harry W and Kyle P.

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## Haute Couture in MFL!

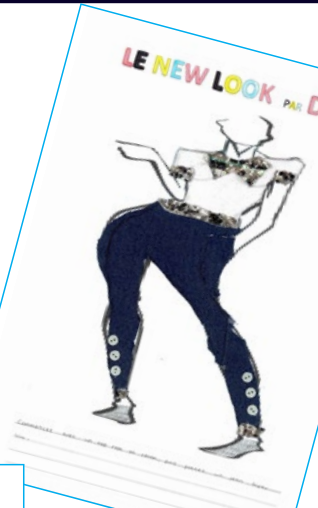
Year 9 have been learning about careers which require languages and have just completed a module on fashion. They had to design 'Le New-Look Par Dior' using a simple mannequin, bag of material and the correct French description. Head of MFL, Mrs Scully said, "The ladies in the class in particular produced some outstanding looks!"

Morgan W described her design:

*"Commencez avec une robe grise, col bateau. Ensuite mettez des escarpins noirs et ajoutez une ceinture large rose. Terminez avec un chapeau rose et un petit sac a main."*

Opposite is just a selection of the 'formidable' work from:

Morgan W, Robyn W, Eleanor L, Harry W and Amy L.



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