

Penwortham Priory Post



Priory is enjoying millionaire status – in words at least!

The school started the Accelerated Reader Programme in August and the pupils have embraced it.

Year 9 Cerys has read a staggering 5,137,315 words in that time. “I have lost count of how many books I have read,” said Cerys.

Year 8 Erin has read 2,031,086 words while Year 7 Sam is on his way to being a millionaire, with 786,220 words, leading his peer group. “I have read 10 books and I enjoy the Skullduggery Pleasant books among many others,” said Sam.

English Teacher and Literacy Co-ordinator Mrs Robinson said: “Everybody is loving reading. It has improved vocabulary as well as punctuation and grammar across the school. It’s impressive how many words the students have read in such a short time.”

Deputy Head, Mrs Cowell added, “The library at school is well stocked with appropriate content and pupils are responding well to the challenge of the scheme.

The Accelerated Reader Programme is popular in schools with students reading a book, they take an on-line quiz and get immediate feedback, which motivates them to progress their reading skills. Teachers can then access reports to give them insights as to the level of complexity and comprehension which guides class instruction and future learning.

The leading readers are: Year 7 - Sam H, Alfie, Year 8 - Emily B, Alfie D, Tom D, Rhianne L, Erin M and Violet S and Year 9 - Zack L, Cerys S, Maddie W.

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 - R3 (100%)

Rest - R7 (100%)

Well done to Mr Raynor’s and Mss Beesley’s forms.

Christmas Lunch Wed, 19 December

The cut-off date for lunch orders has now passed.

The catering manager has indicated that there are many pupils who qualify for free school meals that have not confirmed they will be requiring a hot meal this day.

Please note that no other meals will be available on this date (snacks and drinks served as normal).

Pupils that have missed informing their progress tutor of their requirements should see the office on Monday for their order to be added.

Slips will be given out w/c 17 December to all pupils who have ordered Christmas lunch.

KEY DATES

Liverpool Intervention Trip (Year 10 & 11 GCSE Geography pupils)
11, 17 December 2018

Marine Engineering Workshops (in school)
(Years 7, 8 & 9 by invitation)
Tues, 11 December 2018

Penwortham Christmas Market - Liverpool Road
Weds, 12 December 2018
6pm-9pm

Longton Residential Accommodation Christmas Concert
(during school time / by invitation)
Weds, 12 December 2018

Next Steps Careers Event
Thurs, 13 December 2018
9:30am - 2pm
(in school)

Paris & Italy Trips Meeting for Parents
Thurs, 13 December
Paris 5.30pm-6.15pm
Italy 6.30pm-7.15pm

Christmas Jumper Day
Fri, 14 December 2018

Year 7 Speech Competition (in school)
Mon, 17 December

Christmas Lunch
Weds, 19 December 2018

End of Term Closure
Fri, 21 December 2018
(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

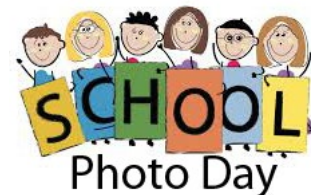
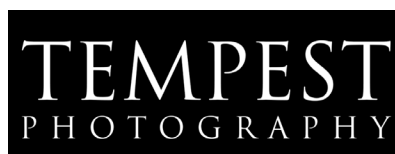
School Photography

Pupils in Year 7, 9 and 11 had their official school photos taken on Monday.

Photo proofs will arrive in school by Weds, 12 December and will be given out to pupils to take home for parents to view.

All orders must be done online (details included with the proofs). Photos can be delivered to school or to your home address, for an additional charge.

Unfortunately, Tempest cannot guarantee delivery before Christmas.



Christmas Jumper Day

Friday, 14 December

It's that time of year when the elf costumes, the snowman jumpers and the reindeer knitwear comes out!



**Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

As part of the school's character, culture and community responsibilities, once again we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day.

Year 10 Priory pupil Sasha, in conjunction with Mrs Gutteridge, has organised a Christmas jumper day next Friday, raising funds for the local Foodbank and Save The Children.



"I am the PiXL Leader for 'Kindness' and the theme is kindness this term so we are promoting this across all year groups," said Sasha.

"It's on December 14th and it's £1 or a tin of food. We will be having a cake sale on the day as well."

On this non-uniform day we are encouraging pupils to wear anything Christmas-themed, ideally a Christmas jumper.

Participation is optional and pupils taking part should bring in £1 which will be donated to Save The Children, or an item for Penwortham Food Bank.

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Meet the Governors

Rachel Lancaster

Priory has welcome several new Governors recently. This week we introduce Mrs Lancaster who is also a former pupil of the school.

Rachel's profile tells us:

I currently work for the Micro:bit Educational Foundation as Head of Partner Engagement in the EMEA region (Europe, Middle East and Africa). My role is to advise governments on their education strategies and how to effectively introduce Computer Science into their curriculum. I help deliver pilots and national rollouts by offering experience, advice and support as well as curriculum materials and CPD (Continuing Professional Development).

My passion lies in helping children realise their best digital futures by helping deliver development workshops for children to build their own skills in Computer Science.

With 18 years' experience in the electronics sector, a passion for community, and helping the next generation of coders I'm really looking forward to supporting Penwortham Priory Academy as a Link Governor.



Trips: Paris April 2019 and Italy June 2019

Meetings for Parents - Thurs, 13 Dec

There will be a meeting on next Thurs, 13 December for parents of all pupils going on the Paris and Italy trips. Both meetings will be held in the Learning Centre at Priory.

Paris - 5.30pm - 6.15pm
Italy - 6.30pm - 7.15pm

Pupils should attend with at least one parent and must bring the passport for the child. A reminder that the final payment for the Paris trip should have been paid by 30 November. Any outstanding balances can be made at the meeting.

If you are not able to attend, please email Mr Watters at:
a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk



GCSE Geography: Field Intervention Trips - Liverpool

Unfortunately it was a wet day for the first of the Liverpool trips this week but it didn't dampen the pupils' spirits as they visited SSSI at Formby Point, saw coastal defences and sand dune accumulations to support their GCSE studies. It's the turn of the remaining groups next Tues, 11 and the following Mon, 17 December.

Please note under new regulations every GCSE Geography pupil must take part in two different field studies away from the school site for a minimum of one day per study. The school is obligated to report the names, dates and venue to the exam board. Unfortunately if pupils fail to attend they cannot sit their GCSE exam.

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Year 11 Basketball

Next Monday sees the boys basketball team play Garstang High School after school in the Lancashire Schools Cup.

Netball Fixtures Next Week

Year 7 A & B team -
Friendly against Penwortham Girls High School (at home)

Year 7 & 8
Against Browndedge St Mary's (at home)

**Last week of practices next week until after Christmas;
No practices w/c 17 December.**



South Ribble Indoor Athletics Competition

On Monday and Tuesday this week selected Year 7 & 8 pupils competed in the South Ribble Sports Hall Indoor Athletics at Lostock Hall High School. Pupils demonstrated their skills in shotput, speed bounce, standing triple, long and vertical jumps, a series of sprints and finally the relays.

Year 7 Girls - Finished in fifth place
B Aubrey-Williams, S Catterall, H Patrick, S Tomlinson, A Barnes, P Hodkinson, K Mullen

Year 8 Girls - Finished in fifth place
L Eccles, J Martin, S Campbell, E Bonney, M Ind, A Mitton, P Williams

Year 7 Boys - Finished in third place
A Wilkes, L Wilkes, T Russell, A Evans, C Middleton

Year 8 Boys - Finished in seventh place
T Dring, W Moon, J Bolton, W Jones, L Black, A Pugh





Gym & Dance Show February 2019

The PE Department is presenting a Gym & Dance Show next February (date to be confirmed) to showcase Trampolining, Dance, Gymnastics and Cheer Leading at Priory. This will be an evening show where family and friends will be invited to watch. All age groups and abilities are invited to get involved; girls and boys!

AUDITIONS NEXT WEEK!

If pupils would like to be involved in the show, auditions will be taking place on the following dates:

Tuesday, 11 December: Trampolining

Thursday, 13 December: Dance and Gymnastics (floor routines)

What you need to do -

- Produce a 30 sec - 1 minute routine
- Bring own music - preferably on a phone / iPad
- Auditions will be from 3.30pm-5pm
- Once pupils have done their audition they can go.
- Wear PE kit / appropriate outfits for dancing in etc

Sign up sheets will be outside PE office (MFL corridor side). If you would like to get involved back stage or help out on the night please let the PE Department know.

This event will support the following PIXL EDGE opportunities:
Leadership / initiative / communication / organisation

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We have received enquiries from girls interested in joining a local netball club. Newman Netball runs coaching sessions throughout the area - locations vary according to age group.

Please check out their website and social media sites for details.

www.newmannetballclub.co.uk | Twitter @netballnewman |
Instagram: @newmam_netball | Facebook: Newman Netball Club



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

PE & SPORTS

Monday

After School:
Netball practice

Tuesday

Lunch:
Girls Gymnastics in the
Sports Hall
After School:
Dance in the Assembly
Hall (Boys/Girls)
Trampolining in the Gym
(Boys/Girls)

Wednesday

Girls Cricket Club in the
Sports Hall. All year
groups and abilities
welcome.

Thursday

Afterschool:
Girls Cheer Leading in the
Assembly Hall
Hockey
Girls Football

Please note that for some
activities there will be no
sessions w/c 17 December
- pupils should check with
PE staff.

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Year 10 Boys' Enrichment Adventure

Two Penwortham Priory Academy students have enjoyed a week of adventure and fun as part of the Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN).

Year 10 students Owen and Jack were provided with the opportunity through the Rotary Club of Preston South to attend the RYPEN course at Castle Head Outdoor Centre in Cumbria.

Typical activities included hiking, canoeing, climbing and self support expeditions usually on the Lakeland fells under strict organisation through experienced and dedicated staff.



The purpose is to help young people develop a real belief in their capabilities and an inspirational experience.

The pair were selected by Priory teachers who believed they would benefit from the trip.

Owen, 14, said: "I was anxious about it but once I got there I enjoyed it. We went canoeing, ghyll scrambling, which is climbing up a waterfall, and more. I got a lot out of the week, I learnt that I had to trust myself a bit more and believe in myself in situations."

Jack said: "The idea was to improve our confidence and they split us up into different groups so you communicated with different people every day and it did help. We had to do a presentation at the end and I am not sure I would have done it before the week."

Mrs Gutteridge, House Progress Leader at Priory said: "We put Jack and Owen's names forward as we believed they would hugely benefit from this type of outdoor course – and it has raised their confidence and boosted their school life."

"The course is specifically designed to develop self-belief and confidence gained from team and individual achievement and it was a memorable and rewarding experience for them both."

The boys will deliver a presentation about their experience to Rotary Club members next week at Penwortham Golf Club with a Priory representative there to support them.

Word THE Week

Word of the Week
Acquire

Etymology (where the word came from)
'Acquire' came from the Old French *aquerre* which means to get/ gain
And from the Latin word *acquirere* which means to get in addition to!

This was a previous word of the week!

acquisitions, acquisition, acquiring, acquires, acquired

noun
To buy/ 'get' / **obtain** something or to learn a new skill
Eg. Pupils at Priory **acquire** new skills every day!

word week

Each week Progress Leaders will be introducing a new word to pupils in their AM or PM Prep time. You will notice that the literacy tip is repeated from last half term; this will be the case every week in order to embed these skills and encourage pupils to use them in lessons.

The word is 'Acquire' and is another word from the Academic Word List. It has a similar meaning to that of the word 'obtain', a previous word of the week. If pupils hear this level of vocabulary on a regular basis, they will begin to use it in their written and verbal responses.

Literacy tip of the week...

There
Meaning to be in or at a certain place.
The best way to remember it is 'here and there'...
T → here
E.g.
Her coat is over there
The shop is over there
There are three people here

They're
This is a shortened version of 'they are'.
The apostrophe in the word replaces the 'a'.
E.g.
They're at the park
They're such nice pupils.

Their
This is possessive. When something belongs to someone it is **theirs**.
E.g.
Their coat
Their house
Their toys

There are lots of pupils who don't know their homophones! They're easy to fix if you read through your work!

Etymology (where the word came from): 'Acquire' came from the Old French 'aquerre' which means to get/gain, and from the Latin word 'acquirere' which means to get in addition to.

The Literacy Tip - Pupils must acquire the ability to use these homophones correctly so these skills will be embedded into lessons. Pupils will be picked up on their mistakes. Incorrect homophones in written work will be highlighted 'G' for 'grammar' symbol.



Attention Year 11!

Stuck with revision ideas in English? Try these helpful hints to push and challenge yourself and increase your confidence.

Create a poster of any size summarising a topic	Diagrams	Booklets/ handmade revision guides	Watch YouTube videos e.g. 'Mr Bruff' and MAKE NOTES	BBC Bitesize quizzes/ questions
Using your CGP revision guide to make notes and answer questions	Condense everything onto a Post-It note and stick it somewhere you'll see it every day e.g. bedroom wall	GCSE Pod	Teach someone you know about the topic you are revising e.g. tell mum about London in the 1800s whilst she cooks tea. Get her to write a summary of what she learnt.	Create a Ppt. you could potentially (not really) use to teach the rest of the class
Stick quotes around your house and memorise them. You will learn to associate them with items you see every day.	Explode quotations on A4/ A3 paper and stick them around your room (AO2)	Write an essay response to a question you make up yourself	Create a timeline for a text of your choice (AO1)	Annotate a character from a text to create a character profile (AO1)
Voice record yourself talking about a topic and listen back to it	Pictionary - create pictures to help you memorise quotes	Re-read the texts!	Write everything down on a piece of paper. Turn it over. Write it all again. Turn it over and compare them. What did you miss?	

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NEXT WEEK

NEXT STEPS CAREERS EVENT

Thurs, 13 December, 9:30am - 2pm

Held in school for all pupils from Years 7-11

Pupils will have the opportunity to meet key employers, professionals, colleges, training organisations, third sector voluntary groups, the armed forces and local universities.

The aim of the event is to raise awareness of the post-16 options and the different jobs and careers available.

All pupils will be able to visit the event in the Sports Hall at stipulated times for their year group. They will have the chance to freely speak to lots of professionals and gather information to make informed choice in the future.

Year 7:	9.30am-10.10am
Year 8:	10.10am-10.50am
Break	10.50am-11.15am
Year 9:	11.15am-12.00noon
Year 10:	12.00noon-12.50pm
Year 11:	12.50pm-2.00pm

Every Year 11 pupil will have the opportunity to access the hall during lunch.

2pm Event closes

An inspirational careers event for pupils at Priory!



Thursday 13th December, 2018

9.30am-2pm

Penwortham Priory Academy, PR1 0JE

An opportunity for young people to explore post 16 options with colleges, industry professionals and universities...

In attendance are...

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

Balfour Beatty
Construction

uclan **190 YEARS**
1828-2018

Plus many more

For more details please contact ficorilli@gmail.com

CAREERS ADVISER AT PRIORY

Mr Ficorilli, Independent Careers Adviser, is available in school every Monday via appointments, lunchtime drop-ins or after school to support pupils with career advice, college applications, apprenticeships or sourcing employers.

Parents and pupils can contact Mr Ficorilli by email at:

v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk

You will find the careers adviser's office on the pastoral corridor.



A team from Toyota Vantage Group will be coming into school next Monday, 10 December to speak to Year 11 pupils about their apprenticeship opportunities.

Toyota representatives will deliver a session on the various apprenticeships that they offer in the automotive and business sectors

Year 11 pupils should make their way to the Assembly Hall at PM Prep.

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A kind-hearted Year 7 pupil has been taking in the fresh air while helping others.

Priory pupil Alfie competed in a 1.5km Santa Dash along Liverpool Road down to Galloway's Society for the Blind in Howick last weekend, raising money for Rosemere Cancer Care.

"My aunty had cancer so we wanted to do it for Rosemere," said Alfie.

Alfie's great-grandad was involved with Galloway's and helped support the visually impaired people play bowls.



"Alfie and I thought it was a great way to get away from the Xbox for a while, get fit and support two fantastic charities. We will definitely be putting our names down next year," said dad.

Alfie also recently took part in bulb planting, following an appeal by Friends of Hurst Grange Park to help plant the bulbs given to them by Penwortham Town Council.

"I enjoy helping people," said Alfie. "Both activities have been fun, I like taking part in sports, and they have helped people as well."

Alfie will receive a PiXL Edge Award Certificate for completing an activity which shows initiative and resilience. His efforts also support Priory's culture theme for the term, 'kindness'.



'Reading Well' For Young People Find Shelf Help in Your Local Library

'Reading Well' helps young people to understand and manage their health and wellbeing using self-help reading. Reading Well can help you cope with the pressures of life, feel better about yourself and boost your confidence using books. All the books are all endorsed by health experts.

The Reading Well books have been chosen by young people and health experts to help with difficult feelings and experiences that can affect wellbeing. The books have information and advice as well as personal stories about dealing with feelings such as anxiety, depression or stress

and experiences such as bullying.

There are 35 books on the Reading Well list aimed at ages 13-18 each offering tips and ideas to help understand and manage emotions. Eight of the titles are available as eBooks using the Borrowbox app. Look out for the books in your local library - they're free to borrow for anyone with a Lancashire Library card. If you don't have a card, it's easy to sign up at your library.

Find out more at : reading-well.org.uk/shelfhelp