

Penwortham Priory Post



New Faces in the Science Department

There are three new additions to the Science Department at Priory.

Mr Bedford is the new Head of Science, taking over from long-serving Ms Young. Mr Bedford was second in his department at Sutton Academy in St Helens where he spent 10 years.

"Being Head of Science has extra responsibilities and it's an exciting new challenge for me," said Mr Bedford, who completed a Science Degree at Liverpool John Moores University and then a PGCE. "I was always good at science at school, especially chemistry, and I enjoy the variety of working in a school environment."

Mr Wade is the new biology teacher and Mr Barron teaches chemistry – both did their PGCEs together at Edge Hill University.

Mr Wade is from Penwortham and went to Hutton Grammar School before completing his PGCE at Albany Academy and Fleetwood High School. "I always enjoyed science, I had good and bad teachers when I was at school and the good teachers pushed me and made me want to be a teacher," said Mr Wade.

Mr Barron completed his PGSE in Blackpool and Burnley and is enjoying his time at Priory so far.

"When I was at school, my science teachers were really good and their creativity and enthusiasm rubbed off on me."

At the end of the summer term, Science teacher Mrs Massey was also successful in her promotion to Assistant Head of Science.

Photo - Mr Bedford (left), Mr Wade (top right), Mr Barron (bottom right)

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 - D2 (100%)

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

Gaming Grammar Language Learning Game (French)

This year, we will be using the Gaming Grammar language learning game (<https://www.gaminggrammar.com>) to support your child with learning grammar in French.

Gaming Grammar contains mini-games practising different bits of grammar in French. To use the game, your child will create an account using their name and school email address.

Parents of pupils learning French have been emailed a letter providing information about what will happen to the data gathered in the game. Please read this carefully.

A copy of this letter can be downloaded from >>
<https://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters>

KEY DATES

Sponsored Walk

~~Tues, 8 October~~ -
POSTPONED

Sponsor forms to be
returned by Thurs, 10
October

Deputy Head's Breakfast

Tues, 8 October 8.30am
(by invitation)

Year 7 Settle Factor Parents Evening

Weds, 9 October 2019
3.40pm-6pm

Drumming Workshop

Fri, 11 October 2019
Period 1 (Year 7 Creative
Arts Classes)

Mid-Term Closure

21-25 October 2019

Theatre Trip - Everybody's Talking About Jamie: The Musical

Weds, 27 November 2019
(Drama pupils by invitation)

GCSE Poetry Live Manchester Palace Theatre

2 December 2019
(Year 11 pupils)



Don't forget
parents
evening!

Year 7 Settle Factor Weds, 9 October

Year 7 pupils have now been a member of our school community for a month and we would therefore like to invite parents/carers and their child to the Year 7 Settle Factor Evening.

This is an opportunity to meet with the House Progress Tutor and discuss how your son or daughter has settled into life and learning at Priory. Taking the right steps to achieve their very best starts in Year 7 and this opportunity, early in the year, allows us to build a good working relationship between home and school for every child. It is imperative that your child attends with you, in full school uniform.

If not done so already, your child should now make an appointment with their House Progress Tutor at a time of your convenience between 3:40pm and 6:00pm on Weds, 9 October.

SCHOOL SYNERGY

Year 7 parents will also receive their individual log-ins for Synergy, our new behaviour and communication software, that enables parents to monitor their child's behaviour and achievement at school instantly.

Mrs Crank will be in the Learning Centre where Year 7 parents will have the opportunity to ask questions about Synergy on the evening, along with demonstrations of the software in use.

Mrs Hopes will also be in the Learning Centre to discuss the PixL Edge programme with Year 7 parents too.

The **PL**Edge
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Letters have been given to all Year 7 pupils. Reply slips should be returned to their House Progress Tutor indicating your attendance.

A copy of the letter can also be downloaded from the school's website at:
www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters

SCHOOL SYNERGY Parent & Pupil Logins

In assemblies, pupils in Year 8-10 will be given letters for both pupil and parent logins. Most Year 11 parents have received their login following the recent Aim & Ambition evening; the remainder, alongside the pupil logins, will be given out during their assembly. Year 7 parents - see above.

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Sponsored Walk - Postponed Due To Weather

Due to the recent torrential rainfall and an inclement weather forecast we have unfortunately taken the decision to postpone the sponsored walk from the date planned next Tuesday.

The walk will still take place and we will make a decision of the new date by observing the forecast. We will aim to let all parties know of the rescheduled date at least three days in advance.

The focus therefore, at this point in time, remains on the continued fundraising. Due to the postponement, sponsor forms should be returned by Thurs, 10 October.

We are raising money for the development of a legacy garden to add to our outstanding open space environment. The monies raised from the 6km Penwortham walk aim to provide us all with the best working environment and leave a legacy for the next generation of pupils coming to Priory.

We are hoping to have the same fantastic response as we did four years ago when we raised enough to purchase a minibus.



Frequently Asked Questions...Q&A with Mr Watters

- On the day, pupils should wear appropriate clothing for the walk (see below). They will remain in these clothes through the rest of the day; pupils do not need to bring their uniform to change into after.
- Replacement or additional forms can be collected from the school office.
- Whilst we are encouraging pupils to raise as much as they can, we understand that not all families are in a position to do this. Children will not be given a detention or likewise for lack of fundraising effort.
- There have been several pupils who have asked if they can RUN the sponsored walk. The answer is YES. Mr Eastham and Mr Graham have agreed to join those running. We need to know if pupils are intending to do this prior to the sponsorship day. Pupils must see Mr Watters to register their interest as soon as possible.
- Pupils should return sponsor forms to their form tutor next Thurs, 10 October. We will then have a few days to sort out any pupils who have forgotten their forms. Sponsor forms will be returned to pupils after they have completed the walk so that they can collect the pledged money. Money will need to be returned to school within 7 days of the walk.
- So, sponsor money is to be collected **after** the walk has taken place.



What to wear? Pupils can wear their own suitable clothing. The sponsored walk will eventually go through some fairly boggy path so trainers with a good grip would be best, with a spare pair of shoes to wear in school after. A good waterproof will be essential.

What else will they need? Pupils will need a refillable water bottle to fill prior to and after the walk to remain hydrated. We are also asked through risk assessments to ensure pupils wear sun block. Bringing a couple of biscuits/snacks would be a good idea as the dining room will not be open until an early lunch once all pupils are back.

Any further enquiries can be forwarded to organiser and geography teacher, Mr Watters a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Priory's Referees are on the Ball!

Penwortham Priory Academy students are hoping to keep their cards in their pockets as they officiate at the South Ribble Primary School Central Venue Football Tournament.

The Year 8 and 9 students have all undergone a course with the Lancashire Football Association, the Football Laws Awareness Course. Following the completion of the course, students were able to complete the Basic Referee Course and they can now referee in the local leagues and at the South Ribble tournament, for Years 5 and 6, which is held on Priory pitches.

"Students were selected due to their excellent commitment to extra-curricular sport and their enthusiasm to do it," said Mr Bullock, Head of PE & School Sport at Priory. "A lot of those who did the course play football and it gives them a broader view of the game. They understand that the job of the referee isn't an easy one!"



One of the students Connor said: "I enjoyed the course but there were a lot of rules, there were a lot of new rules as well I didn't know about."

Referees:

C Clark, O Snape, A Evans,
L Cawood, I Marshall, H
Jones, A Robinson, Z Alty,
R Bertram, J Thompson, C
Mitchell, K Read (missing
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Webster.

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OOPS! Sorry Ribble - you were the winners of the inter-house cross country!

The muddy puddles during last week's inter-house event clearly affected PE teacher, Miss Beesley, as she forgot to include the Boys Year 7 results in the overall total! When recalculated, Hodder have now been shunted into second place. Sorry Mrs Bailey's House! Well done Mr Faulkner's Ribble.

| OVERALL | | | | | |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|------------------|
| HOUSE | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | TOTAL POINTS | OVERALL POSITION |
| CALDER | 828 | 613 | 545 | 1986 | 4 |
| DOUGLAS | 843 | 570 | 393 | 1806 | 3 |
| HODDER | 989 | 404 | 398 | 1791 | 2 |
| RIBBLE | 703 | 487 | 518 | 1708 | 1 |

The Weekly Challenge (Week 4)

These challenges are added to Doodle each week for pupils to have a think about. Pupils should then revise these during the week in preparation for a test during their Friday Character & Culture session. The content of these challenges will enhance learning in all subjects and widen Tier 2 vocabulary.

Here is this week's challenge >>

Teachers will work through these with pupils before they are asked to write sentences using the key words, tips and synonyms covered in the challenge. They will then share some of their responses in class.

Pupils - Remember to check through your work to ensure you have applied this rule below.

Word of the Week:

tempestuous

Adjective

Meaning stormy or unsettled. You can have tempestuous weather or indeed a relationship.

'The split was no surprise given their tempestuous romantic track record'

word
week

Literacy tip of the week...

OF/ OFF

These are **not the same** word and should be spelt differently depending on how it's used.

OF- about or relating to.
OFF- away from, from or removal.

1. The footballer was sent _____ for bad language.
2. Grandad told lots _____ war stories.
3. I fell _____ my bike.

Synonym of the week...

What is a synonym?

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

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

TASK:

Find synonyms for the word

TIDY

Your vocabulary is so important! Make sure you have one!

APOLOGIES In the Weekly Challenge last week (Week 3) Question 7 should have read 'What is the official flag of Britain known as?' and therefore given the answer as the Union Jack. This was correct on the presentation given to pupils in class.

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Deputy Head's Breakfast Reward

As a reward for their excellent work, effort and attitude to learning, the following pupils are invited to attend the Deputy Headteacher's breakfast next Tuesday morning, 8 October.

Well done: L McAulay, A Barnes, K Payne, L Baron, A Genther, A Leaver, BK Reilly, C Lee

Pupils are nominated for this privilege by their teachers each half term and they will join Mrs Cowell for a breakfast before heading to their timetabled Period 1 lesson.



Over this week and next, we are focussing on Mental Health in Period 5

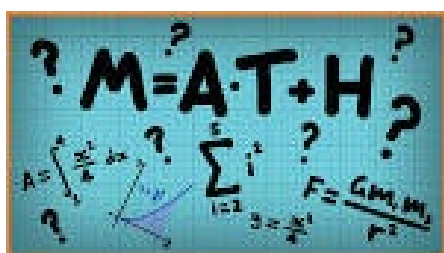


This week has been about providing information where pupils learnt and discussed how to stay mentally healthy and why it is important. The second week is about making changes for a healthier future by taking part in activities, which we will attempt to continue. Staff will also contribute to discussions by talking about how they stay mentally and emotionally well.

A presentation was given in each year group assembly based on a Lancashire Mind theme (see logos above) which was then shared across the rest of the school.

Monday's theme for Year 7 pupils, for example, was 'Connect With Others'. As we know, connecting with people around you and developing relationships is important to ourselves and others. The end of the presentation provided direction for discussion and action for next week ie, 'What could you do / change in order to be a better friend to others?'

10 October 2019



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!

Answer page 7

Miss Jones' Year 3 class are making a banner to show the current month, using large cut out letters. To save paper, over the course of the year, they will 'recycle letters'. For example, the 'J' in January will be saved to be used in June and July. What are the only letters they will need so that they have enough for the whole year? They obviously may need more than one of some letters!

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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 and wanted to highlight their love of reading while excelling at other pursuits.

This week we interviewed Year 7 pupil, Jessica.

Jessica is half way through *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk - and she can't wait to find out what happens next!

"It's about a little girl called Annabelle who lives in the countryside, on a farm," said the Year 7 pupil.

"She goes to a school where another girl called Betty is really mean to her and sets traps for her on her way to school, such as putting a wire across a path.

"Then there is this man called Tom who walks around the countryside and he and Betty go missing - and that's where I am up to!"

Jessica admits her favourite books are the Harry Potter series.

"I do prefer the films though just because you can see everything that's going on.



"I do read for about 10 minutes every day. I either read to my mum or read myself depending on where I am."

Jessica has just started music lessons at school.

"I am learning the keyboard. My hobbies are reading and listening to music."

Answer to Maths Challenge:

A x 2, B x 1, C x 1, D x 1, E x 3, F x 1, G x 1, H x 1, I x 1, J x 1, L x 1, M x 1, N x 1, O x 2, P x 1, R x 2, S x 1, T x 1, U x 2, V x 1, Y x 1 = 27 letters in total!

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Leon's Charity Fundraising Is On Track

Kind-hearted Leon is proving to be a top charity fundraiser despite being only 11-years-old!

Penwortham Priory Academy pupil Leon has been fundraising for many years, which started with helping charities which support his brother, Lewis, 12, who he describes as having 'complex needs.'

He has raised £200 for Caudwell Children and £50 for Rainbow House by doing a cake sale and Easter Egg raffle outside his house. Last Christmas, Leon asked his dad to decorate his house with Christmas lights and raised an amazing £400 from local residents for his brother's school, Astley Park in Chorley.

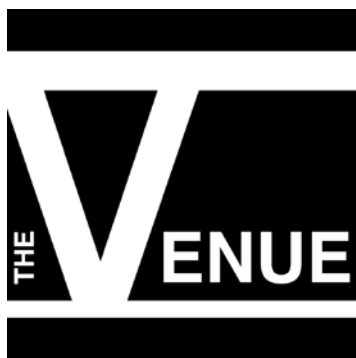
"I enjoy fundraising, I just want to give something back especially to places which have helped my brother," said the Year 7 pupil. "For the Christmas lights, I went around posting letters on our estate and everyone was really kind. I want to raise money for Astley Park to help them buy more equipment."

Leon does also enjoy his own 'time out' and he attends Ribble Valley Remote Control Car Club at Wellfield High School in Leyland with his dad once a week.

"I like competing with remote cars, I have won a number of races, gained certificates and even beat adults at times! I won the junior trophy recently."



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COMMUNITY - THE VENUE

The former library on Liverpool Road is host to a whole range of activities, entertainment and interest group presentations.

The centre - known as The Venue - is the brainchild of Penwortham Town Council, which took over the former Penwortham Library building last year.

The first Thursday of every month they host the Open Mic Night. There is no need to book your spot. They are looking for all singers, poets and comedians to join them for a laid back evening of entertainment. This is your opportunity to shine! Tickets are not needed for this event. Pop by for a tune or simply to watch, enjoy a warm or cold drink and soak up the atmosphere.

The Venue, which opened on 27 September, will host art displays, local history talks, a community cinema, Saturday morning film screenings for children, and live music from 7pm to 10pm on Friday and Saturdays. But their aim is to build-up and showcase local talent.

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At Penwortham Priory Academy the Character & Culture curriculum is designed to support the promotion of excellence for pupils and do all it can to improve their life chances.

Pupils have three 20 minute Character & Culture lessons each week.

On the curriculum w/c 7 October:

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|---------|---|
| Year 7 | Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' The benefits of being involved |
| Year 8 | Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Positive reinforcement: The feel-good factor |
| Year 9 | Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' How to deliver feedback sensitively |
| Year 10 | Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Balancing importance and urgency |
| Year 11 | Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Organising with clear communication |

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MacMillan's Coffee Morning

Let them eat cake!

When break-time arrived last Friday pupils quickly picked up their bags to dash over to the Auditorio - there was cake to be had!

Overseen by Deputy Head & Food Technology teacher, Mrs Cowell, once again the whole school got to enjoy some gorgeous treats whilst raising funds for

MacMillan Cancer Support.

Donations of cake, brownies and biscuits poured in from parents and staff whilst pupils ensured there was extra cash in their pockets as they were spoilt for choice in selecting the abundance of sweet treats.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is MacMillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Last year they raised £27 million and they are hoping for another successful year. There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it will be 4 million people, and they want to be there for them all. Their goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone.

As a thank you to those children that supported Priory's Open Evening, the school made a donation so that prefects and helpers were rewarded for giving up their time.

During the Open Evening, visitors donated cash in the Food Technology Department in exchange for a mini sponge cake which the youngsters then decorated under the instruction of our pupil helpers.

The total amount raised was £175.94 so it was sure to say everyone got to have their cake and eat it!



SPORTS REPORT

Another fantastic week for Priory's football teams:

The **Year 7** football team drew their South Ribble league match 5-5 playing against Worden Academy on Monday.

The **Year 9** football team also won their South Ribble league match 7-1 at home against All Hallows on Monday.

Team coach, Mr Henshaw, said, "It's a fantastic start to the season, I'm extremely proud of the boys' efforts".



Top Row (L-R) - E Al Moghrabi, T Proctor, W Moon (1), L McAulay (1), M Stuart, S Cowell, J Bolton. Bottom Row (L-R) - R Kane, L Webster (2), T Dring (3), T Shahriyar, J Smith, A Pugh, T Russel.

Wednesday night saw the **Year 11** team play in the Lancashire Cup against Archbishop Temple. Goals from Wong and Smith for a final score of 2-1.



SPORT NOTICES

FOOTBALL FIXTURES w/c 7 October

Priory will be playing Walton-Le-Dale High School:

Monday, 7 October

Year 7 Away
Year 9 Home

Tuesday, 8 October

Year 11 Home
Year 8 Away

Year 10 to be decided

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS Sat, 5 October

The South Ribble Cross Country Championships taking place at Hutton Grammar School tomorrow will still go ahead.

Runners are to report to PE staff at least 15 minutes before their race. Once the race is complete, they may leave the event. Conditions will be muddy and slippery so will favour boots/spikes.

Pupils will be expected to run in their Priory PE Kit (shorts please; no tracksuit pants).

Race times are as follows:

10.00am – Year 10/11 Boys
10.15am – Year 10/11 Girls
10.30am – Year 8/9 Boys
10.40am – Year 8/9 Girls
10.50am – Year 7 Boys
11.00am – Year 7 Girls

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Well Done Mr Graham!

Technology Teacher, Mr Graham, took on a sporting challenge to help him overcome the grief of losing his brother.

Mr Graham was one of just nine people chosen out of 1200 applicants to participate in Bridgestone's Everyday Battlers campaign. In conjunction with the Olympic Association and Team GB, the campaign is about learning to live with what's happened and making something positive out of it.

He embarked on a four-month regime of physical and mental well-being training for a 10km run, which he completed at the Olympic Park, London on 21 September.

Mr Graham's brother Damian took his own life in January 2018. He said: "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 incredibly gifted. It has hit me hard. I became a teacher because of him. I saw the Everyday Battler advert and I applied, hoping it will help me."

Adam's story touched the hearts of the Bridgestone judging panel, who immediately contacted him to take part.

Bridgestone enlisted the help of diver Chris Mears, who won a gold medal at the Rio Olympics, and performance psychologist, Professor Greg Whyte, with mental and physical support during Adam's training.

After completing the 10k run in 59 minutes 49 seconds, Mr Graham said: "It has been some journey. I didn't think that this was possible four months ago, but I made it and I want to do more now. Damian was on my mind the whole way round. I know that he was looking down watching me.

"In terms of mental health, people need to speak up and share their feelings. My story is quite a sensitive subject but the barriers can come down when you speak up."

Mr Graham has started a community Facebook group called 'Rise & Shine Blackburn' to support others, and has also started a running club at Priory on Tuesdays, after school, for pupils and staff (see poster opposite).

Mr Graham will also be running Priory's 6km sponsored walk.



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W/C 7 October 2019

Monday

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Cheese pasty served with diced potatoes and beans or
sweetcorn

Tuesday

Meat and potato pie with puff pastry lid

Red pesto tagliatelle served with garlic bread

Wednesday

Cheese and Tomato | Ham | Pepperoni ciabatta pizza
served with potato wedges and beans or peas

Chicken tikka pasty served with potato wedges and beans
or peas

Thursday

Roast dinner

Tomato pasta served with garlic bread

Friday

Battered Fish | Cheese & Tomato Pizza |
Beefburger

All served with chips and peas or beans

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Southern fried chicken wrap

Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & Pepperoni Panini

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