

Penwortham Priory Post



Priory Celebrates the World of Books

From Paddington Bear to The Hungry Caterpillar, World Book Day meant staff and pupils were busy decorating their classroom doors all about their favourite books.

As we went to press Head of English, Mrs Gidden, was still to judge who did it best although it's been highly competitive!

The English department planned a host of activities over the week, which involved reading time in lessons, a book trivia treasure hunt and a 'Book Face' quiz where pupils had to guess which staff member was hiding behind a book in a photo.

English teachers dedicated lessons to their favourite author and books while, for the more creative pupils, there was a competition to design an alternative cover for their most treasured book.

Mrs Gidden commented: "Today, the treasure hunt was just adorable!"

"We had over 35 pupils running around school at lunchtime. They first had to answer a question about a book and then, upon getting it right, they were posed a riddle about which member of staff held the next clue. For example, 'Which teacher reads for SPORT?' A: Mr Bullock 'Which teacher thinks books ROCK and POP?' A: Mr Taylor. The quiz culminated in a question about Harry Potter before the pupils ran back to me for the final Shakespeare question which determined the winners."

The whole treasure hunt was written and coordinated by Violet S (C6) and Emily B (H7) who have been awarded points. Four teams won prizes.



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:

Years 7-10
D2 (99.23%)

Year 11-
D8 (99.29%)

Well done Douglas house again and to Mr Scott's and Mrs Elliott's forms for their best attendance. Pupils in these forms will receive 10 achievement points.



Year 8 & 10 Reports

Year 10 full reports will go home with pupils today, Friday, 6 March.

Year 8 pupils will receive their Period 2 reports by the end of next week.

KEY DATES

Year 11 Mock Exams
28 February - 18 March

**Year 11 GCSE Geography
Revision Workshop**
Sun, 8 March 2020
9am-12.30pm

Jekyll & Hyde Theatre Trip
Edge Hill University (After
School) (KS4 by invitation)
Fri, 13 March 2020

Year 9 Immunisations
Thurs, 12 March 2020
Thurs, 19 March (catch up)

**Blood Brothers Theatre
Trip**
The Grand, Wolverhampton
Thurs, 26 March 2020
(KS4 by invitation)

**Year 10 Careers
Workshop**
Fri, 27 March 2020
(in school)

Learning for Life Day 3
Fri, 27 March 2020
Early lunch followed by
early school closure at
1.20pm

Year 10 Work Experience
W/c 30 March 2020

Year 11 Parents Evening
Tues, 31 March 2020

Great British Spring Clean
Penwortham Community
Tues, 31 March 2020
Year 8 Period 2 PE Class

Last Day of Spring Term
Fri, 3 April 2020
Early lunch followed by
early school closure at
1.20pm

Music To Your Ears At Break and Lunch



Continuing on from last term, music will be played through the school's tannoy system during break and lunch. Chosen by Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for

Music, this is designed to offer exposure to, and appreciation of, music to the wider school.



W/c 09/03/20 - All That Jazz!

Principally from the 1920s - 1940s; the Big Band and the virtuoso soloist such as Duke Ellington on piano, Miles Davis on trumpet and the velvet voice of Ella Fitzgerald.

Year 11 Spring Term Mock Exams

A reminder that the mock exams for Year 11 pupils continues and will run up to Wednesday, 18 March.

Due to the length of some exams, there will be an early lunch for all pupils on Tues, 10 March.

The Sports Hall and Assembly Hall and the surrounding areas will be out of bounds for other pupils during this period and we ask that you continue to be respectful in keeping noise to an absolute minimum.



At Penwortham Priory Academy the Learning for Life 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 Learning for Life lessons each week.

**On the curriculum
w/c 9 March:**

National Careers Week

Due to the Ofsted inspections this week, the National Careers Week programme of events had to be deferred until next week. Assemblies this week however still focussed on careers. From Monday, subject leaders in each department will discuss careers in their sector with the intention to raise awareness and inspire pupils to engage their thoughts and plans for their various options.



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On Monday, Mrs Gidden kicked off the week of events by launching the Book Face quiz - who's hiding behind the book? For a bit of fun, pupils were asked to look through the slide presentation and guess all the mystery readers.

Breaktime on Thursday had the most passionate of readers invited to 'The Great Break Book-A-Long' for a good old read in the library.

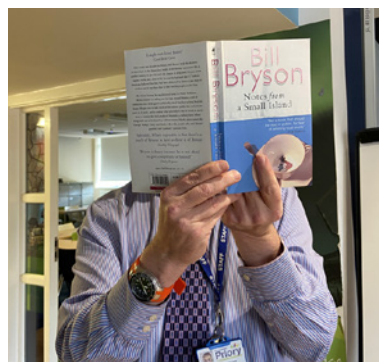
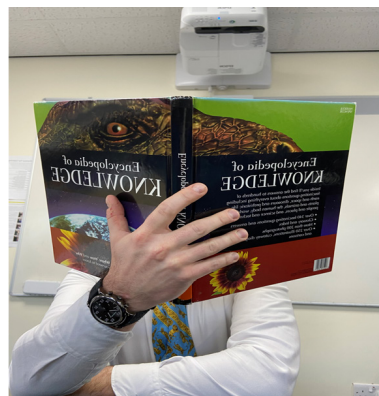
Then, at lunch, it was a quick dash down to the dining hall for a selection of Harry Potter-themed bites before the treasure hunt begun.



Learning for Life sessions got in on the act with a special World Book Day lesson based on adult illiteracy and celebs with literacy issues.

According to the National Literacy Trust, 16% of adults are considered to be 'functionally illiterate' in the United Kingdom. Literacy levels are falling among the younger generations and it is stated that 1 in 5 adults struggle to read and write.

Did you know... Tom Cruise was functionally illiterate until he was 30?



During Thursday's lessons, where time allowed, teachers encouraged 10 minutes of reading which included a short discussion on what they were reading too.

To end the day of all things books, pupils were shown Roald Dahl's poem, 'Television', about TV versus Books. Have a read for yourself:

<https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/television/>

Reading challenging books that excite you is an excellent way to improve your vocabulary, literacy and understanding of the world around you.

The school library is open every day, from 8AM for pupils and staff.

Ask a librarian for a recommendation!



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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 10 pupil, Cerys.

Cerys is hard to beat as one of Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers as she is already a word multi-millionaire and there's just no stopping her!

Cerys is currently reading 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz' by Heather Morris and admits it's not an easy read.

It's about Slovakian Jew Lali Sokolov who falls in love with a girl he is tattooing at the concentration camp and their story which follows.

"I study History so this has helped me learn about this period in history. It's very hard hitting and I have learnt a lot, especially about how people were transported and how many died being transported to concentration camps. It really makes you think."

Her favourite author is Sarah J Maas, a fantasy writer, who Cerys says 'is really good at describing characters.'

Cerys also enjoys books on mythology and has read 'The Woman in Black, ' a supernatural horror novel.



"I also read a lot of Shakespeare so I have different tastes."

Cerys would like to study History at university and has set her sights on becoming an English teacher. It's not all about reading though – Cerys took part in Priory's show 'We Will Rock You' earlier this year.

"I played Big Macca, a Bohemian rebel. I had to act but thankfully I didn't get a solo song!

"I do like taking part in the shows and enjoy drama."

Answer to Maths Challenge:

16, 9, 7, 2, 14, 11, 5, 4, 12, 13, 3, 6, 10, 15, 1, 8

Or the reverse...

8, 1, 15, 10, 6, 3, 13, 12, 4, 5, 11, 14, 2, 7, 9, 16

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Actor Talks About His School Story

A star of former school-set drama, Joshua Miles, visited Priory last Friday afternoon to talk about a play he wrote about his time during school.

Joshua Miles, who played school boy Rory Brears in the Waterloo Road series, based the play on his experience of coming to terms with his sexuality and what he went through at the time.

'Be Reet' by Joshua Miles is about growing up and a quest for acceptance. It's set in Joshua's home village of Higher Walton and challenges popular slang that labels anything deemed bad or outdated to be 'gay'. 'Be Reet' - the slang term for 'I'll be alright' gives away the play's Lancashire roots from the beginning.

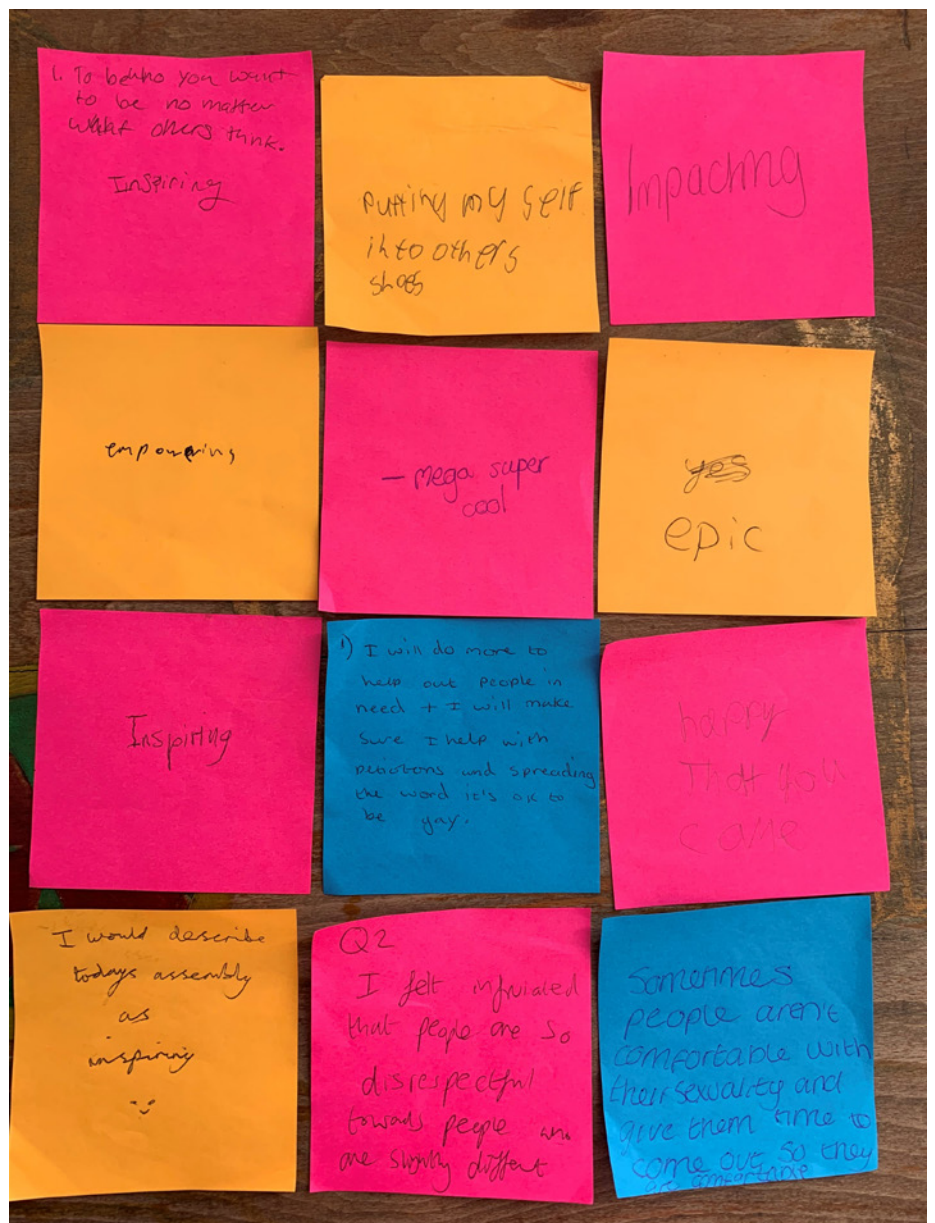


After hearing reviews of his play, schools then began to invite Joshua to speak to their pupils about his story.

Year 9 Priory pupils are focussing on gender roles and body image in their English lessons and, alongside this, Learning For Life classes are discussing the subjects of gender, sexuality and diversity. It was with this in mind that English teacher, Miss Smith, contacted the local actor to invite him to talk to the year group.

During the visit pupils watched a clip of Waterloo Road as Joshua went on to speak about what it was like for him at the start of the Millennium to 'come out'. He also clarified the meaning of LBGTQIA+ for pupils which can be especially confusing.

At the end of the session, pupils were asked to write down on a post-it, one thing they had learnt (see image). They were also asked to write something they like about themselves - this was for them to keep for themselves.



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Alcohol Education



Head of Learning for Life, Mrs Hopes, has attended an Alcohol Education Trust workshop to look at, and implement, newly developed teaching resources focusing on alcohol and its impact. The intention is to use these interactive lessons in Year 9 and Year 10 Learning for Life Days, in the forth coming year.

Mrs Hopes said,

"The sessions involve no actual alcohol, but lots of puzzle-type activities, videos and discussions around the law, alcohol unit measures, the impact on the body and mind, and the consequences of drinking too much alcohol.

"It was encouraging to hear that in the UK, drinking alcohol in Years 10 and 11 is still not 'the norm' for the vast majority of teenagers and that the number of teenagers suffering as a consequence of drinking has declined in recent years.



"It was interesting to hear how some of the puzzles regarding alcohol use had actually been tested with adults too and how many have learnt they need to change their relationship with alcohol. I was surprised to hear that some adults at weddings or after-work parties on a Saturday, drink for up to 11 hours and therefore, should not be driving to work on a Monday!"

Image: Mrs Hopes is pictured fourth from left, with other course delegates.



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!

Put the numbers 1-16 in an order so that every consecutive pair add to make a square number. For example, you cannot start with:

1, 2, because $1 + 2$ does not add up to a square number.



Answer page 8

The Department for Education has launched a new Coronavirus helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Public Health England

Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Please note, no school will not close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.



Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19 can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way to tackle COVID-19. Simple and effective hand hygiene can help. Washing hands for 20 seconds is central to prevent and slow the spread of the virus; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.



Public Health
England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19).

Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.



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Basketball at Priory

This is a pupil-led extra curricular event in conjunction with Mr Bullock.



The basketball team will train every Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Pupils are not required to attend both sessions each week and there may be the opportunity to train on other days too. Sessions are for one hour.

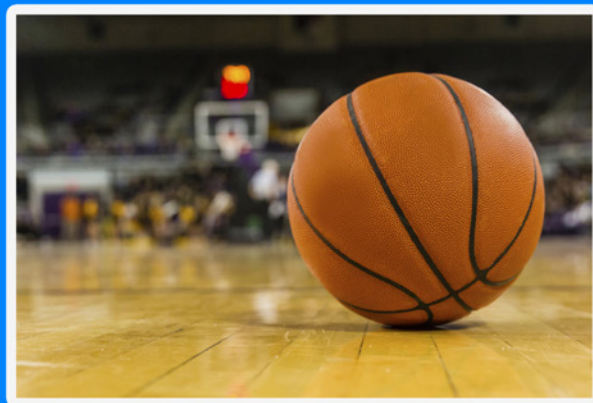
Year 8 & 9 Basketball Team

We are looking for more players on the Year 8 and 9 basketball team.

Please arrive at the Sports Hall on the 11th Of March at **3.15** after school to do a trial on the Basketball Team.

All we require is:

- Shorts & Shirt / Priory PE Kit
- Water Bottle
- Suitable footwear



If you have any need for more information; please contact:
Mr Bullock, Head of PE & Sport

Brightly

"It is our choices,
Harry, that show what
we truly are, far more
than our abilities."

-Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
J.K. ROWLING

Brightly

"But the children knew,
as I'm sure you know,
that the worst surroundings
in the world can be
tolerated if the people
in them are interesting
and kind."

-The Bad Beginning
LEMONY SNICKET

Brightly

"Promise me you'll
remember, you are braver
than you believe,
stronger than you seem,
smarter than you think."

-Winnie-the-Pooh
A.A. MILNE

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
5 MARCH 2020

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Years 7-9

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY HOCKEY?

After school training

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ENGLAND HOCKEY

Hockey

<<< For Priory pupils (girls and boys) in Years 7-9 who are interested in taking up Hockey.

Starts this Friday at 3.415pm - just turn up!

Meet in the Sports Hall or 3G (weather permitting)

Pupils should see Mrs Bullock with any queries.

SPORTS REPORT

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Good Luck Hannah!

Good luck to Hannah P (D6) who will be taking her Royal Academy of Dance Grade 4 ballet exam next Thursday.



Physical Education Department

Extra-Curricular Timetable (February-April 2020)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break - Sports Hall 10.50-11.15	Basketball	Basketball	Basketball	Primary	Basketball
Lunch - Sports Hall 13.15 - 13.50	Girls Cricket Dance - Assembly Hall	Basketball Dance - Assembly Hall	Basketball Dance - Assembly Hall	Girls Cricket Dance - Assembly Hall	Basketball Dance - Assembly Hall
After-School 15.10 - 16.10	Badminton Football	Netball Dance - Assembly Hall	Staff Meetings	Cricket Primary Football/Rugby	Hockey
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NB: In addition, school teams will have fixtures through the half-term. These may result in some clubs having to change location.

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THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF
PENWORTHAM PRESENT

Tickets available from
Penwortham Priory
Academy.

Charity

Concert

14th March 2020
@ Priory Academy

Crow Hills Road, Penwortham, PR1 0JE
7 PM

A night of live music and entertainment in aid of the
three mayoral charities
Cancer Research - Lancashire Mind - Diabetes UK

Adults - £5 Kids under 16 - £2.50
(5-16yrs)

Tickets Available from Priory Academy
Priory Lane Library - Tuesday - Thursday 10-4
Or reserve by calling 07807 562 296 (7 - 9pm)

Raffle and Refreshments Available for a donation

St Catherine's
hospice care

Prom dress

shopping weekend!

More than 300 gorgeous prom dresses -
brand new and pre-loved from only £40



**Saturday 7th March 9am-5pm
and Sunday 8th March 10am-4pm**

Garden Room, St Catherine's Hospice, St Catherine's Park,
Lostock Lane, Lostock Hall, Preston, PR5 5XU

Also featuring shoes, bags, hair accessories and more,
with a welcome mocktail for all

Find your perfect prom dress at this fabulous shopping event!



W/C 9 March 2020

Monday

Brunch*

Tomato pasta served with garlic bread*

Tuesday

Chilli con carne served in a tortilla with nachos

Cheese pasty served with diced potatoes and
beans or peas

Wednesday

Cheese | Cheese & Ham | Cheese & 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 | 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*

**Gluten-free option available*

*If you would like a gluten-free option pupils must
order in advance with the kitchen staff, the day prior
preferably. Thank you.*

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