

# Penwortham Primary Post

## British Science Week

### 'Innovating For The Future'.



We had lots of fun celebrating British Science Week last week; a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths.

Staff and pupils got involved, sharing their favourite inventions, and coming up with innovations they would like to see in the future.

There has been some very interesting discussions going on with some fantastic suggestions in both categories, some of which are detailed below:

#### Inventions

- Kettle - where would we be without this kitchen staple!
- A library – "because it can widen my imagination and I can escape reality"
- Camera – it allows memories to last.
- WD40!
- Chemotherapy
- Ball-bearings
- The Turing machine
- The chair!
- Books

Pupils and staff were also asked to think about what they would like to invent.

#### Innovations

- Ocean vacuum
- Recyclable false nails
- A cure for cancer
- Teleportation devices (this was a very popular suggestion!)
- Folding shopping trolley (no need for shopping bags)
- Computers with a larger memory
- Butter spreader (like a glue stick but butter!)

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### Glasses

*A pair of glasses that can help you with your everyday life that can help you order stuff and tell you the time and directions if you want to go somewhere and simple details like how much something costs, how many calories something contains the cheapest version of something/ best sale and let you communicate to people*



### BUTTER STICK

The butter stick type is basically butter in a glue stick form. Is it just another strange invention or is it easy appliance? So I started to search Google for more information on the butter stick and there really isn't much to find about the inventor and more about the products. There are however sites that answer questions such as "How much butter is in one glue stick?" and "Where can I buy a butter stick". After a long search I found out that Micheal Apeness stole the idea from Luke Moon in 1867. Luke moon invented the butter stick during a game of cricket. He needed and founded a quick way to butter the scones during the tea brake. His team mate Micheal decide to take the idea and created its own company. Personally I think this idea is a big failure due to the simple fact that my mind tells me come on America, putting butter on with a knife is really not that hard. Have we really become this lazy?



## Key Dates

### Diary Dates

Did you know that the term dates for this academic year, as well as the following year, are available to view and download from our website?

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates)

#### Mon, 22 March 2021

Year 9 Diphtheria/  
Tetanus/Polio (DTP)  
and Meningitis ACWY  
Vaccination Boosters

#### Mon, 22 March 2021

Year 7, 8 & 9  
Creative Arts Rotation  
E/W1 - Music (Mr Taylor)  
E/W2 - Art (Mrs Hopes)  
E/W3 - Drama (Miss  
Howell)

#### Fri, 26 March 2021

Learning for Life Day 3  
**AND** End of Spring Term  
Early lunch followed by  
school closure at 1.10pm.

#### Mon, 12 April 2021

Start of Summer Term

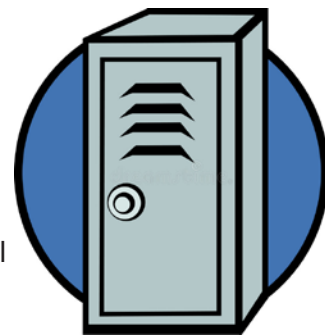
#### Tues, 20 April 2021

Learning for Life Day 4  
Early lunch followed by  
school closure at 1.10pm.

## Important Notice

# Lockers Keys to be returned

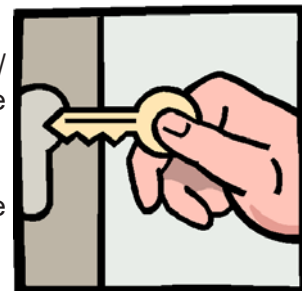
By September we hope that every pupil in school will have a locker in their own year group area.



In order to facilitate this we firstly need to ask pupils in Years 8-11 to return the keys they currently have so we can reallocate lockers and keys.

On Monday (22 March) we are therefore asking that parents/carers ensure their sons/daughters bring in their locker key to school ready to hand it to their Learning for Life teacher in Period 5. This doesn't affect Year 7 pupils.

Lockers will then be allocated and keys redistributed in the summer term ready for the September restart. Year 11 pupils will receive deposit refunds where applicable.



More information about this will be issued in due course.

A reminder text will be issued on Sunday.

## SPORTS REPORT

### PE Kits (Next Week Only)

Due to the continued drive to improve facilities, the PE changing rooms will be out of use next week. On the days pupils have PE (w/c 22 March only) they should come to school in their PE kit for the full day.

On Wednesday, 24 March, pupils who have a PE lesson and play football for a local grassroots club are invited to wear their club shirt instead of their Priory PE top. They must wear Priory shorts, socks and jacket as normal. No replica FA league shirts please. All other pupils should wear their full PE kit. We would like to promote the diverse clubs that our pupils represent outside of school and the return of organised outdoor sports from 29 March.

Pupils are reminded to remove any important daily items from their blazer ie bus pass, keys etc.

Mr Bullock  
Head of PE & Sport



## Attention Drivers

We have received a complaint from a local resident regarding speeding on Crookings Lane, and Crow Hills Road, and at times drivers not giving way at the junction.

Whilst it is difficult to determine exactly who this might apply to, we wish to raise awareness to all and remind everyone of the 20 mph speed limit in the area surrounding the school.

Safety of our pupils and our community is of utmost importance so we appreciate your support in this matter.

Mr Eastham  
Headteacher

# Coronavirus Testing in School

All year groups have now received three Covid-19 Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests in school. This week pupils have started to be issued with their first batch of LFD test kits for home testing.

Pupils should have four test packs with three tests in each pack (12 tests in total).

We are asking that pupils test themselves on a Sunday and Wednesday evening (the same as Priory staff members) starting on Sunday, 21 March and continue through Easter and beyond. If, for any reason, a test cannot take place on the prescribed day please complete the test on the next available day.



The kits should last for six weeks (two tests per week) and we will provide further kits after Easter once they are delivered to school.

In addition to the kits, pupils also have a separate instruction booklet - please use these instructions and ignore any instructions in the box. There are online videos to help with the process which are listed in the instruction booklet and can easily be found on the internet.

**You must inform the NHS Test & Trace every time you take a test, whether positive, negative or void**, by following the instructions in the booklet which accompanies the test kit. If a pupil has a positive result they must isolate along with everyone else in their bubble and follow the guidance provided by the NHS Test & Trace.

**Please only notify school if you have a positive result** by emailing the Attendance Officer, Mrs Kouser [a.kouser@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.kouser@priory.lancs.sch.uk). If your child does test positive your child and any siblings must not come into school.

Please contact Assistant Headteacher, Mr Gee, via email at [n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:n.gee@priory.lancs.sch.uk) should you have any questions.



## Year 10 English Literature - Macbeth

After the Easter break, Year 10 pupils will study the compulsory Shakespeare unit of GCSE English Literature - Macbeth. This set text is one they'll eventually be examined on in their final exams.

It is in your child's best interest to purchase their own copy of the text. Whilst this is not compulsory, stock in the department is limited and having their own copy will mean your child can highlight and annotate, making the text a valuable revision aid.

Texts can be ordered from retailers such as Amazon for usually around £3.00-£5.00. **Pupils will need the actual play-script not a text guide or revision guide.**

If you wish to purchase one of these texts, it is recommended that you do so before the end of the Easter break.

Please note, some of you may have purchased a copy last summer when we touched on this unit, or last month when we issued a letter, and therefore needn't do anything further.

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## British Science week:

### 'Innovating For The Future'

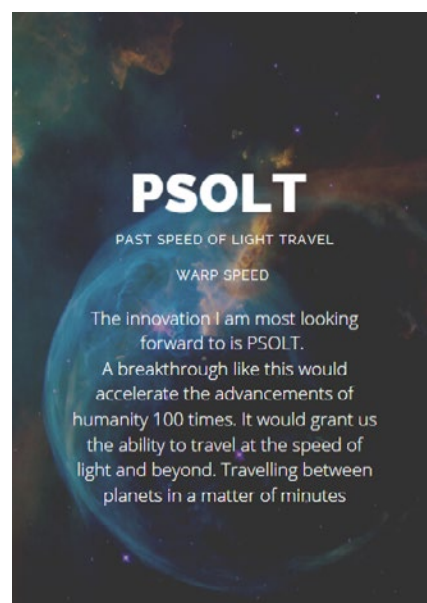
Key Stage 3 pupils have been taking part in a competition to design a poster on the theme of 'innovation'. There were some excellent entries, some of which can be seen here/front page and will also be displayed around school. The winners were Abbie S (Year 7), for her beautifully researched and presented poster about the light bulb, and Lewis T (Year 8) who won the hearts of the Science department with his thought-out reason for his favourite invention: music.

And finally, we have been testing staff and pupils' knowledge via a quiz centred around scientists from Lancashire and their scientific contributions. This ranged from the more well known to the obscure. Lots of pupils got involved with this and the winners selected at random were:

**Josh B (Year 8), William S (Year 8), Louis D-H (Year 7), Ally R (Year 9), Aluna H-G (Year 8). Please see Mrs Massey for your prizes!**

Parents - if you want to have a go at the quiz yourself, see page 9.

Mrs Massey  
Assistant Head of Science



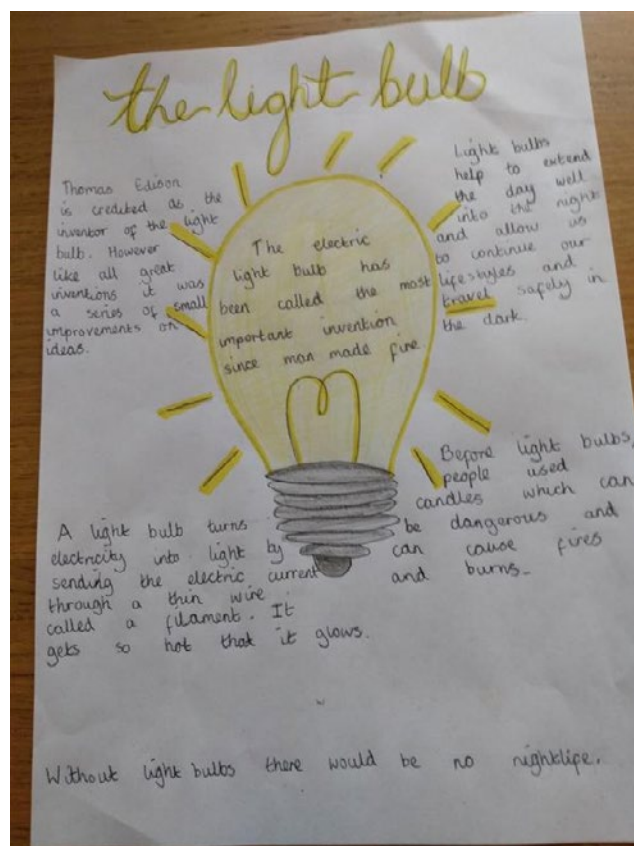
## My favourite invention

My favourite invention is music because it can do a lot of amazing things. It creates entire communities and helps bring people together. It can also isolate you and help you focus; this is how I tend to use. It has many different genres that can appeal to any kind of person. Sometimes, music from different countries cross over to other countries.

## An invention I think should exist

An invention I think should exist would be android assistants that can help with tasks around the house, or maybe even jobs (police, firefighters, bakers, chefs, mail etc). This would be extremely helpful for older or disabled people, who maybe struggle with some tasks.

Lewis Tabam



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# Year 10 Childcare

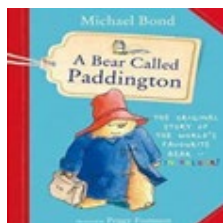
## World Book Day Challenge



Year 10 Childcare pupils have been busy working on topics which include how children learn best whilst at pre-school and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

**To tie in with World Book Day, teacher Mrs Holland set her pupils a challenge to create class activities which linked into well-known children's story books. The class were really creative with their ideas.**

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson proved a popular choice with suggested activities including nature walks where children would hunt for the different characters featured in the story, and games of hide and seek to recreate the mouse's journey through the woods. Some pupils thought about creating sensory objects to tie in with different sounds and textures to bring the story to life whilst also incorporating craft activities based on the creatures (see below).



Another pupil focused on Paddington Bear and a journey for the pupils to take around the classroom which recreated Paddington's expedition to London - including the making of his favourite snack of marmalade sandwiches!

Finally we couldn't forget about the Hungry Caterpillar!! Lots of crafting involved for children to create their own versions using a wooden spoon, pieces of a foam pool noodle and pipe cleaners!

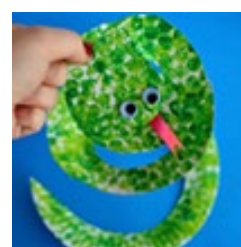
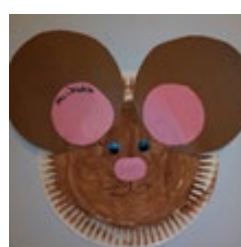


Mrs Holland said, *"It was fantastic to see the imaginative ideas the pupils came up with. Should any of them want to pursue a career within the childcare profession in the future I'm sure they'll be keeping the children very entertained through their learning!"*

Mrs Holland treated the pupils who came up with the most thought-out ideas with an Easter egg each.

Egg-cellent work from >>

Yadfah J, Keyantae C,  
Chanelle Mc-R, Sydney J,  
Hannah Y.



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# Mon Super Collège!

Year 8 has begun an exciting project called Mon Super Collège (my super school).



Head of MFL, Mrs Scully, has been working with Graham Lea, Founder of Graham Lea Architecture in Preston, to come up with a task to design an innovative super school. The catch is that pupils must use their learning of French to explain their design and label key parts. They must consider the shape of building, location, subjects on offer and facilities, as well as teachers' and pupils' interests.

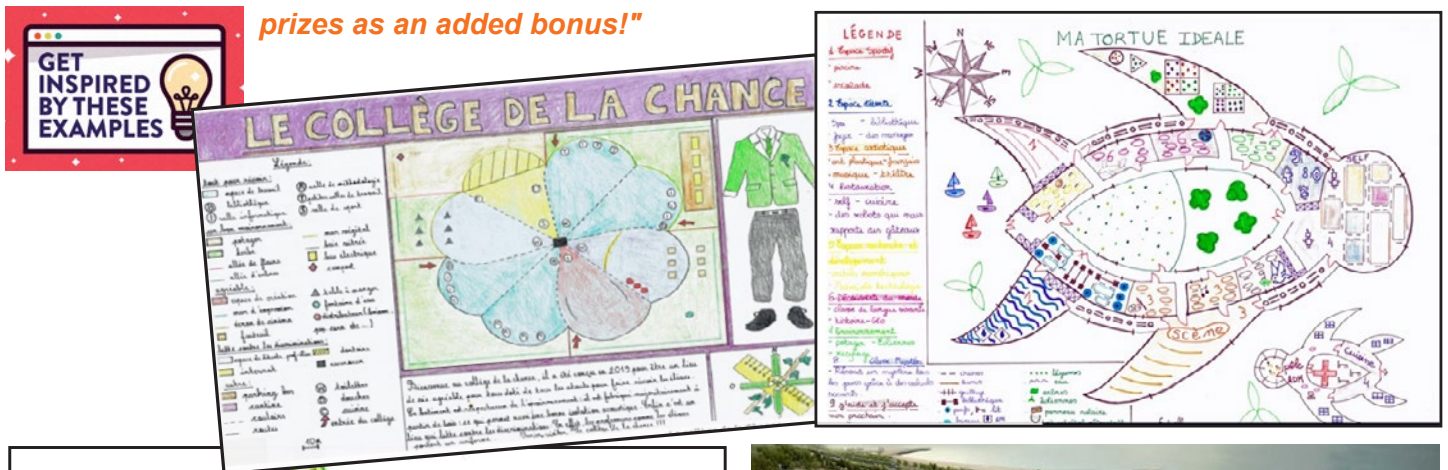


Mr Lea, Founder  
Graham Lea Architecture.

This is an 'Ofsted meets Architecture' type project which will be judged by Mr Lea, Headteacher Mr Eastham, and Priory's Facilities Manager Mr Bolton. Year 8 pupils were introduced to the project in a launch lesson this week where Mr Lea presented the brief (with a little bit of rusty French thrown in!) and showcased some examples (see below).

Pupils must submit, to their MFL teacher, an A3 design with a key, a short French description and a one minute Flipgrid video (spoken in French) to promote their super school.

Mrs Scully announced, *"This project not only reinforces 'lockdown' learning but puts a different spin on language development as pupils put what they have learned into action. Pupils have been very receptive to this project and I can't wait to see what they come up with. Our link with local business gives them a taste of what to expect in real life and builds up their scope of careers. There will be prizes as an added bonus!"*



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We usually hear...

***“Why are we learning this, when we won’t use it after we leave”***

Learning for Life sessions are about skills you will use now and in the future.



## What's it all about?

Three years ago we embarked on introducing a new personal development curriculum for pupils, known as Learning for Life, which seeks to develop pupil's character attributes and foster a greater culture of kindness, respect and keeping each other safe.

We have five collapsed 'Learning for Life' curriculum days throughout the year, when the normal timetable is suspended. The topics covered on these days include areas which will genuinely make a difference to the life choices your children make. We hope that this will mean that they will make positive, well informed choices which will lead to them becoming happy and well-rounded young people with high aspirations for themselves and others. We take our responsibility to educate our young people in a much broader sense (more than simply passing exams) very seriously.

## Learning for Life Day 3 Friday, 23 March 2021

**Don't forget, next Friday is a Learning for Life Day (as well as end of term) so school will finish at 1.10pm.**



Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

**Pupils - Please report to your session 1 teacher in your usual classroom (Years 7, 8, 9 and 11) or your designated room in Technology or IT2 (Year 10).**

If pupils are absent on this day, the work they miss will need to be completed on their return as an extra-curricular activity.

Sessions covered on Friday include:

- Year 7** **Social Influences** - Social risks, Squads and gangs, Recognising abusive behaviours, Keeping yourself safe.
- Year 8** **Diversity and Equality - Disabilities** - Diversity, Discrimination, Equality, Disability and bullying.
- Year 9** **Choices and Pathways** - What is employment? What job do my skills work with? How can I prepare for employment? What is my inspiration?
- Year 10** **Life Beyond Priory** - Employability skills review, Employment rights and responsibilities, Preparation for work
- Year 11** **Health Related Decisions** - Health and Wellbeing, Personal and social responsibility, Aesthetics, and cosmetics.

Mrs Hopes  
Head of Learning for Life

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# MEET THE GOVERNOR

## Damien Savage

### Parent Governor

In January, the school appealed for three new parent governors as the four year term for our current representatives was coming to an end.

There were three vacancies and three qualified applicants so no ballot was required.

Governors are volunteers who work together with the executive leaders of the school to set its vision, ethos and strategic direction. They hold the executive leaders to account for the school's educational and financial performance for the good of all pupils

Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Spencer, said: ***"Each parent took up their four year term of office following the full governing board meeting this Tuesday, 16 March, when the current serving parent governors vacated their positions. Parent governors bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the governing body, and use their perspective as a parent to help the board understand a parent's viewpoint."***



Here we meet the second of our three new parent governors, Damien, who has a son in Year 8, Jake.

Damien is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with over 25 years' experience in the construction industry. He is currently a director for a global construction consultancy where he has experience of managing teams, developing and mentoring young people and will be bringing his finance and legal skills to the governor role.

Away from work, Damien manages Gregson Lane Junior Football Club's U10 and U13 teams and also undertakes the role of Treasurer at the club. Whilst there he actively helps the children to develop, enjoy the game of football, make friends and learn to be part of a team.

Talking about his new role at Priory, Damien said, *"I'm passionate about children getting the most from their education. My interest in becoming a school governor is driven by my belief that all children, irrespective of their background, should be adequately equipped with the right skills and foundation required to set them up for the future, enabling every child to learn, grow and reach their full potential"*.

*"Penwortham Priory is a terrific school and I'm keen to help the school continue to improve and develop on its journey from good to great. I'm therefore really excited to be given the opportunity to be a Parent Governor and actively support the school whilst being a 'critical friend' and provide challenge to ensure the school is the best it can be."*



# The Friday Challenge

These short general knowledge quizzes are set fortnightly as part of Friday's Learning for Life lesson.

Pupils in Year 7-10 are given this as a homework assignment, via MS Teams, to revise for the test at the end of the week. The content of these quizzes will enhance learning across all subjects and widen Year 2 vocabulary.



Here's next week's challenge. Parents - How would you get on?

1. What does a botanist study?
2. Which ocean is frozen for most of the year?
3. If quintuplets are born, how many offspring have been born in one pregnancy?
4. What is a baby kangaroo called?
5. Who was the first man to walk on the moon?
6. Helsinki is the capital city of which country?
7. What three colours make up the flag of France?
8. What does 'germane' mean?
9. Which word can go before ache, brush and paste to make three other words.
10. Which planet is closest to the sun?

## British Science Week Quiz

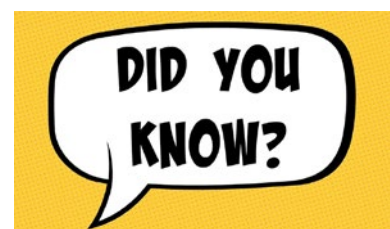
1. What was Sir Richard Owen known for?
2. What was Sir Edward Frankland known for?
3. Which science was Norman Haworth known for?
4. Astronomer William Lassell has a crater named after him on which body?
5. Nancy Rothwell was the president of which scientific body?
6. C D Darlington was influential in which area of biology?
7. Trevor Elliot was a Lecturer in which field of geoscience?
8. Kathleen Mary Drew-Baker's work on phycology (the study of algae) was so influential in which country, that they call her 'Mother of the Sea' and celebrate her life on 14 April?
9. Geoffrey Evans, botanist, was director of which famous botanical gardens?
10. True or false, the youngest person to achieve nuclear fusion in the UK went to Priory?



## Letters

Did you know that our general letters are also available to download from the Parent section of the school website?

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)



Be assured that all letters are emailed to parents or given to pupils to take home. However, as a back up, general letters such as those regarding updates, notices, trips, revision guides etc are also on our website.

If you are not receiving emails from us, please ensure we have your correct and up to date email address by calling Reception 01772 320250 or emailing [enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

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# Online Pre-Order Catering System Update

## Did you know you can now make cancellations?

VeriCool, the online system which allows parents, pupils and staff to pre-order break and lunchtime food now allows you to cancel items.

Users can now see everything they have ordered in advance and also remove what they no longer want. Users can cancel orders by clicking on the red 'refund' button at the left of each item to remove it.

**If a child is not in school for any reason, then it is the parent's responsibility to cancel any orders in advance or they will still be charged. Please note, orders must be cancelled by 11.59pm the night before.**

If you have missed the deadline and your child is absent, please email [enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk) before 9am and we will cancel the order for you. **Orders cannot be cancelled retrospectively.**

A user guide and FAQs, along with a talk-through video on how to set up an account and navigate pre-ordering are available from the school website at >> [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/online-catering-orders](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/online-catering-orders). If you have any queries or need a reminder of your set up code or login, please email [enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

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## Friday Challenge

1. Plants 2. Arctic 3. Five 4. A joey 5. Neil Armstrong 6. Finland 7. Red, white and blue 8. Relevant or related to something 9. Tooth 10. Mercury



## British Science Week Quiz

1. Coining the term, 'dinosaur'. He was a Lancastrian anatomist and paleontologist who is remembered for his contributions to the study of fossil animals, especially dinosaurs.
2. Discovering helium
3. Chemistry
4. The moon
5. Royal Society of Biology
6. Genetics
7. Sedimentology
8. Japan
9. Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew
10. True! (Jamie Edwards left Priory in 2016)

# Quick Draw Rewards

Each week, teachers will nominate individuals who have particularly impressed them with their effort, attitude and engagement with their learning - giving a brief reason why. Heads of Year will then draw a name at random from the list, one per year group. Parents of the lucky pupils will then be contacted by Miss Thornton and pupils will receive a £5 voucher.



**Randomly chosen winners from w/e 12 March were:**

Year 7 - Kewin S - Nominated by Mrs Webster for excellent contributions in English

Year 8 - Louis T - Nominated by Mrs Cowell for excellent attitude to learning and support for others.

Year 9 - Harry W - Nominated by Miss Howell for excellent effort and attitude in Drama

Year 10 - Cora P - Nominated by Miss Howell for excellent practical work and effort in Drama.

Year 11 - Bradley T - Nominated by Miss Smith for a fantastic return to face-to-face learning, excellent effort.

Miss Thornton  
English Teacher and Specialist  
Leader for Education

## Team Mates Wanted!



Gregson Lane JFC Under 13's Blacks (Year 8) are looking for players to add to their team. If you're looking to join a team or fancy a fresh challenge, then give Damien or Mark a call. We train on Tuesday evenings at Walton-le-Dale High School Astro throughout winter 7.00-8.00pm.

If you want to join a community club that promotes football, fitness and fun then give us a call.

Damien on 07736 383193 or Mark on 07733 151528

[www.gregsonlanejfc.com](http://www.gregsonlanejfc.com)  Gregson Lane Junior Football Club



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## BOYS & GIRLS NEW LONGTON CRICKET CLUB



"WANTS  
**YOU**"

**EVER DREAMED OF BEING THE NEXT BEN STOKES, HEATHER KNIGHT, OR ADIL RASHID?  
WANT TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND STAY FIT & ACTIVE OUTDOORS THIS SUMMER?**

New Longton Cricket Club are looking for **boys and girls in years 4, 5, 6 and 7** to join our **Under-10s and Under-12s** sides. All are welcome, regardless of experience or ability, to come and train with us at our club and in our new all-weather nets.

All coaches are DBS checked & training is conducted under COVID-safe guidelines. Please call, text, or WhatsApp Vasco on **07733112257** for more details.

For older children and parents who wish to play, we also run **three senior teams** as well as a **ladies' senior softball cricket team**. Again, please get in touch if you are interested.

New Longton Cricket Club, Chapel Lane, New Longton, Preston PR4 4AA

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# Sports Facilities at Priory

## 3G Pitch Available For Hire

**Our 3G pitch reopens on Mon, 29 March with online booking now available.**

**Also taking bookings for Easter Saturday, 3 April 2021.**



**Priory 3G is now FA registered - 1/3 pitch hire costs only £30 per hour.**

**A new online booking system, simply click, pay and play.**

**Does your team want to continue to train through April and May?**

**Our 3G has a limited number of evening slots available to hire.**



Book direct using the online booking system or email:

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