

Penwortham Priory Post



Pupils Out Stone Cold For Good Cause

Pupils at Penwortham Priory Academy are reading a book about homelessness – and it has led to a link up with a local charity close to Priory's heart.

The Year 8 pupils are all reading 'Stone Cold' by Robert Swindells which highlights the plight of people living on the streets in the 90s but it's still as relevant today.

Rise & Shine Lancashire is a charity started by former Priory technology teacher Mr Adam Graham and he is applying for funding to create survival packs for the homeless with basic necessities including toothpaste, socks and bottled water.

In conjunction with reading the book, pupils have been asked to write a letter to the Police & Crime Commissioner to support the Rise & Shine appeal.

English teacher Mr Owen said: "I got in touch with Adam after a suggestion from Mrs Gidden that I get in touch with his charity. The idea of linking up with a homelessness and well-being charity came from the book Stone Cold which highlights the real impact of homelessness and the effects of mental health, it breaks down stereotypes.

"Some people may think homeless people are 'lazy' but the book shows how you can have a stable life one minute and something can happen and you can end up on the streets. The author Robert Swindells actually lived on the streets for a few days to gain the experiences to write the book.

"We wanted the pupils to get involved and be emotive and they have really connected with the idea of writing a letter to ask for funding for survival packs, it's something a lot of them now feel very passionately about.

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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

Academic years 2022/23 and 2023/24 to be released shortly.

Mon, 3 May 2021

May Day closure

Tues, 4 May 2021

INSET Day

School closed.

Fri, 28 May 2021

Year 11 Last Day

Last day of term.

Mon, 31 May -

Fri, 4 June 2021

Half term break

Weds, 23 June 2021

Year 10 Preston's College visit.

Thurs, 24 June 2021

Learning for Life Day 5

Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm.

Please see inside for extra curricular sports clubs dates.

Hurst Grange Park

Take pride in your community spaces

Hurst Grange Park, located between Hill Road and Cop Lane, has recently undergone a major refurbishment to its playground.

Unfortunately, we have been informed this week by local residents that there have been groups of teenagers congregating in the playground.

The playground is meant for infants and junior children and is especially busy with these children immediately after school.

In line with other secondary high schools in Penwortham, we are therefore requesting that our pupils uphold and maintain Priory standards by not using the play area of the park as it is designed for much younger children. Secondary aged children can of course continue to use the rest of the park's extensive grounds and equipment as appropriate.

We politely ask that parents support us in this matter so that our community spaces remain for all to enjoy.



Important Notice



**Department
for Education**

Regular asymptomatic coronavirus (COVID-19) testing remains vital

The Prime Minister has said: "I want to thank everybody for continuing to follow the guidance, and to thank parents and families for the incredible work you're doing to help test pupils through the Easter holidays and to encourage you to keep testing them twice a week as schools return."

It is vital that staff and students continue to test twice weekly in order to identify asymptomatic cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) and prevent the spread of the virus.

The routine for Priory staff and pupils is to use the Lateral Flow Devices to test on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. You only need to advise school of a positive result. After contacting the NHS Test & Trace, please inform the Attendance Officer, Mrs Kouser by emailing a.kouser@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

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Year 11's Last Day

Following the Department for Education's (DfE) updated guidance on the Year 11 leaving date, we are able to confirm that their last official day in school will be Fri, 28 May. This also coincides with the last day of the half term.

This date has been confirmed in conjunction with other South Ribble schools and will mean that Year 11 pupils will not be required to attend school after this date unless specifically asked to do so by staff to receive any targeted support.

We will continue to communicate with our Year 11s following the half term break, providing what we consider to be valuable activities which pupils should continue to be engaged in. More information on this will be provided to them over the coming weeks

Finally, we would like to make our Year 11's closing days with us here at Priory both happy and memorable ones. To that end, we are aiming to accommodate our usual Year 11 leavers assembly, traditional shirt signing and hopefully a year group trip to Alton Towers in their final week.

For now, we will remain here for them as our pupils move towards the next stage in their life beyond Priory.

Mr Eastham
Headteacher



reminder



The cut-off time for orders has changed.

Don't forget that catering orders must be placed by 11.59pm the night before.

There are still numerous pupils missing deadlines and whilst we understand that there will always be pupils that occasionally forget, our catering team can only accommodate limited late orders.

To avoid missing the deadlines, you may prefer to select your orders over the weekend for the full week ahead. Orders can be cancelled or items removed up to the evening before, where necessary. The online system allows you to view everything you have ordered in advance and you can cancel orders, up until the 11.59pm deadline, by clicking on the red 'refund' button at the left of each item to remove it.

Information on the online catering system is available at 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

Mrs Titterton
Catering Manager

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Year 8 Out Stone Cold for Good Cause

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"We have done persuasive writing before but when they are writing for something real, that it has a purpose and will be sent somewhere to be used, the pupils have embraced it.

"Pupils have written a letter to the Police & Crime Commissioner and the letters will be put on the Rise & Shine website and some sent to the Commissioner."

Head of English Mrs Gidden said: "The pupils love the book *Stone Cold*. It's about life on the streets as a homeless person and the realities of it, such as hunger and fleas, but also has a serial killer element and so the pupils are hooked.



"It's based in the 1990s with the recession and they can relate to that now with Covid. It's a split narrative and it's short chapters so very engaging. As well as reading it at home, we read it in lessons and the pupils are discussing their theories on what will happen next. They are excited about reading it and that's what we want as a school."

Year 8 Alfie K said: *"I like horror films and this is about a serial killer so I am enjoying the book, you go into the mind of a homeless person and a serial killer so it's interesting."*

Dylan M said: *"You get it from two different people, the homeless person and the serial killer and you know their two paths will cross eventually so it keeps you on the edge of your seat."*

Lewis B said: *"Mrs Gidden speaks in different voices when she is reading it to us so it brings it to life."*



Oliver H has written a letter to the Police & Crime Commissioner and said: *"I enjoyed writing the letter and asked rhetorical questions in it like 'how would you feel to sleep on concrete?' I didn't realise homelessness was so bad so it has opened my eyes."*

Toni-Leah S-D said: *"My step dad was homeless so it's a cause very close to me, it was personal to me."*

Preston McM added: *"From the book we learn about homeless people and it's upsetting. You can see them in Preston town centre and you can't give every one of them money so these survival packs are vital. We want to show we care."*



The article made the Lancashire Post this week too >> www.lep.co.uk/education/penwortham-school-supports-former-teachers-charity-after-reading-about-homelessness-3206384

Visit Rise & Shine Lancashire's website >> <https://riseandshinelancs.org.uk/>

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Learning Newsletters

Every month, Deputy Head Mrs Cowell, puts together a newsletter for parents which looks to help you to implement tried and tested learning strategies at home, in order to benefit your child and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

These newsletters were paused during lock-down however they have now resumed with this first issue looking at marking codes and Tier 2 vocabulary - what is it and why is it so important.

April's issue has been emailed to parents this week however all our issues can be downloaded from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/newsletters (below our weekly newsletter - please scroll down)

Mrs Cowell
Deputy Headteacher



Where you will learn things you will need and will use, now and in the future.

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 two 20 minute Learning for Life lessons each week where they will participate in the curriculum shown opposite.

This term's Priory focus is:

Staying Safe: This can be while out and about on your own or in groups. It can also be regarding locations such as water sources in hot weather (canals, rivers, reservoirs, docks).



LEARNING
FOR LIFE

On the curriculum w/c 26 April

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| Year 7 | Summer Term - Theme: 'Making Good Decisions' How do I react when things go wrong? |
| Year 8 | Summer Term - Theme: 'Committing to Growth' Approaching challenges in an organised way |
| Year 9 | Summer Term - Theme: 'Growing in Confidence' Confidence |
| Year 10 | Summer Term - Theme: 'Owning My Decisions' Why do employers want leadership skills? |
| Year 11 | Summer Term - Theme: 'Finishing with Pride' --- |

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Extra Curricular Sports Activities

Now running every week
After school until 4pm



- Monday:** Years 7, 8 & 9 Boys and Girls Hockey*
Year 7 Athletics
- Tuesday:** Year 7 Boys and Girls Football
Year 8 & 9 Netball
- Wednesday:** Year 9 Badminton
- Thursday:** Year 7 Netball
Year 10 PE Intervention (V Cert pupils only)
- Friday:** Year 9 Football **NEW**

Just turn up or see your PE teacher for more details. *See next page for more information | 4.15pm finish.



Year 8 Eco Club

Calling all Year 8 pupils!

Would you like to be part of the school's new Eco Club?

We need a team of pupils to join us to investigate our school environment. We will be considering ways we can be more environmentally friendly at Priory and how we can make the best use of the fantastic natural resources that surround our school.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Mrs Massey,
Assistant Head of Science, via Teams or
email c.massey@priory.lancs.sch.uk



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Extra Curricular Club

Starting Mon, 19 April 2021

Open to all Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils

Mondays - 3.15pm-4.15pm

**See poster below for
details or just turn up!**

Pupils can also see their PE teacher for more information or parents/pupils can email Mrs Thompson at g.tompson@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Afterschool Hockey



Inviting all year 7,8 & 9 pupils to afterschool hockey. (Beginners and Experienced players)

Beginning Monday 19th April 3.15pm-4.15pm

Coaching provided by Sharon Bolton, Lancashire & Preston Juniors Hockey Club coach and Mary Mcaulay, Preston Juniors Hockey Co-ordinator.



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 gift voucher.



Randomly chosen winners from w/e 16 April were:

Year 7 - Damari S - Nominated by Mrs Elliott for amazing fundraising for Read for Good

Year 8 - Tristan W - Nominated by Miss Ackers for excellent contributions in Geography

Year 9 - Paige G - Nominated by Mrs Cowell for showing that key learning has been embedded in her Food Technology lesson

Year 10 - Anson M - Nominated by Mrs Elliott for amazing effort over Easter on his Seneca work

Year 11 - Caitlin W - Nominated by Mr Eccles for her excellent attitude to learning in History

Miss Thornton
English Teacher and Specialist
Leader for Education

Year 7 are in a Buzz about Books!



Pupils are getting a buzz out of books after Priory signed up for Bookbuzz.

Bookbuzz, from the BookTrust, is a national reading programme aimed at 11-13 year-olds.

Every year Bookbuzz offers 17 new book titles to get pupils excited about reading – each pupil selects the book they want to read and keep.

English teacher Mrs Elliott said: “We pitch ourselves as a reading school. Bookbuzz is a scheme from the Book Trust and Priory pays for the books.”



“We get a list and the pupils watch a short video from the author who talks about their book and then the pupils choose which book they want.

“It’s so exciting to see the faces of the pupils when they receive their new book and they suddenly go silent reading them! We also have discussions about the books so it encourages reading.”

Here are Year 7 pupils Olivia T, James S and Oliver E reading 'Check Mates', 'The Haven' and 'Some Places More Than Others' respectively - they're smiling behind those masks, honestly!

To find out about the 17 books on offer, read their blurbs and meet the author, go to>>

www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/bookbuzz-books

I Opened a Book

“I opened a *book* and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a *book* inside me.”

— Julia Donaldson



We are taking part in the Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition, honouring the heroes of the pandemic...on stamps!

For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work.

Your task is to design a stamp, using the official entry form/template, to honour a hero or heroes. A panel of Royal Mail judges will pick the winning eight designs which will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued. There's prizes to be won!

The competition is open to children up to age 14 and we are submitting entries as school. If you are interested, please email Mrs Hopes, Head of Art, or send her a message on Teams. Email t.hopes@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Deadline for entries in school is Fri, 21 May. Download a template >> www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/pdf/en_Official_Entry_Form.pdf.

Further information at >> www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/#HeroStamps



Accelerated Reader is a computer-based program that schools may use to monitor reading practice and progress. It helps teachers guide pupils to books that are on their individual reading levels. Pupils take short quizzes after reading a book to check if they've understood it. Further information at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/online-learning-platforms

Here are this week's leaders:

Year 7

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| Jake L | 7W2 | 309,542 |
| Emily P | 7E1 | 153,589 |
| Dylan N | 7E3 | 143,883 |

Year 8

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| Lily McM | 8E2 | 172,773 |
| Thomas P | 8E2 | 92,831 |
| Preston McM | 8E2 | 90,998 |

Year 9

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| Lucas C | 9W1 | 216,087 |
| Emmi H | 9E1 | 119,111 |
| Daniel R | 9E1 | 95,272 |

Lots of reward and praise coming to all our pupils who are engaged with this programme. Class 8E2 are dominating leaderboards for AR and Bedrock!



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LEADERBOARD



This week's Bedrock leaders are:

Points

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| Chloe B | 8E2 | 1027 |
| Lily McM | 8E2 | 813 |
| Megan H | 8E3 | 193 |
| Oliver H | 8E2 | 190 |

Time Spent

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| Lily McM | 8E2 | 2.4 hrs |
| Lewis T | 8W1 | 2.1 hrs |
| Finaly W | 8E1 | 1.9 hrs |
| Lily H | 8E1 | 1.6 hrs |

Whilst our leaders with the most points remain static, it's all change at the top of the 'time spent' leaderboard which is absolutely fantastic.

Well done everyone!

Extra achievement points will be issued to you.

This week pupils were learning these word trends ...

Ascend

go up or climb.

"she ascended the stairs"

Callous

showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.

"his callous comments about the murder made me shiver"

Nectar

a sugary liquid produced in plants and collected by bees and other animals. The drink of the gods.

"your words are nectar to me"

Cordial

warm and friendly.

"the atmosphere was cordial and relaxed"

Year 8 Parents

Why not ask your child to use these words in a conversation with you?



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Year 10 Careers Bulletin



As we start the summer term, the careers focus will be on supporting our Year 10 pupils. The Careers Adviser, Mrs Khan, will be commencing careers appointments with all Year 10 pupils over the forthcoming weeks and they will be notified by Mr Faulkner of the day and time.

Earlier this week, a careers bulletin put together especially for Year 10 by Mrs Khan, was emailed to parents and pupils. It's packed with lots of information for them to start thinking about planning for their careers, with useful information about colleges, sixth form, apprenticeships, career sectors, and virtual work experience. If you have not already, the earlier you start career planning, the more likely you are to make the right choices.

The bulletin and Mrs Khan's calendar of designated days in school are available to download from the school website at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/CEIAG

Mrs Khan is based in the Careers office at the bottom end of the Pastoral corridor in the Year 10 area where she is also available for drop-in sessions before school and during lunch. Pupils and parents may contact her direct via email at any point at s.khan@priory.lancs.sch.uk and she will respond on her next designated day at Priory.

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL
THING WHEN A CAREER
AND
A PASSION
COME TOGETHER.

Virtual Work Experience



SPRINGPOD®

Springpod is a careers platform where you can experience the world of work. You can gain experience with the top employers in the UK through free and live programmes in the most sought after industries.

All Springpod's June virtual work experience programmes are now accepting applications for their next cohort.

This is a great chance for students who have not yet done any work experience. These programmes are entirely online, can be completed at times that suit and offer a certificate that is great for CVs, cover letters and interviews upon completion.

The programmes are open to applications from students aged 14-18 years and will run from 1 - 11 June 2021. The application deadline is midnight on 24 May. Please act fast as places are filled quickly.

Some of the more technical and business orientated programmes on offer include: Business Management, Finance, Law, Politics, Marketing, Psychology, Engineering, Dentistry, Technology.

You can view all of June's programmes and find out more about them at >> www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes

For further information visit >> www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience

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HM Government

NHS

Test and Trace

Twice weekly rapid COVID-19 testing

Test at home
Report online
Keep life moving



Let's take this next step safely.

GET YOUR TESTS
FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE



JC JUSTS CLOTHING



SCHOOL UNIFORM LOTTERY!

WIN YOUR YEAR 7 CHILD'S FIRST UNIFORM!



The Lottery where you win **EVERY TIME!**



£10 PER TICKET:

INCLUDES DONATION TO ST.
CATHERINE'S HOSPICE + YOUR
FULL £10 IS REDEEMABLE
AGAINST YEAR 7 UNIFORM!



PLAY AS MANY TIMES AS YOU LIKE — CONSIDER IT A SAVINGS CLUB!

LOTTERY RULES

- ★ You must have a confirmed Year 7 place at one of our six named secondary schools.
- ★ Buy tickets in store or by phone to enter your details into the big draw.
- ★ Every £10 ticket purchase is redeemable against a full set of Year 7 uniform.
- ★ Closing date for entry: Friday 16th July 2021
- ★ Draw date: Friday 23rd July

LOTTERY PRIZES

- ★ 1ST PRIZE: FULL SET OF YEAR 7 SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE KIT (EMBROIDERED ITEMS) FOR ONE OF OUR 6 LISTED SCHOOLS.
- ★ 2ND PRIZE: FULL SET OF YEAR 7 COMPULSORY PE KIT FOR ONE OF OUR 6 LISTED SCHOOLS.
- ★ 3RD PRIZE: YEAR 7 EMBROIDERED BLAZER FOR ONE OF OUR 6 LISTED SCHOOLS.

ALL HALLOWS BROWNEGE ST. MARY'S HUTTON GRAMMAR
LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY PENWORTHAM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL PRIORY ACADEMY