

Penwortham Priory Post



When the past came back to Priory

It was back to school for Priory's first ever Head Girl and her conclusion on the new-look Priory was 'it's amazing'.

Mrs Sonia Ward (nee Taylor) is now 82 and was invited back to Priory by Principal, Mr Eastham, to have a look around the school, which opened in 1953 with Sonia among the first group of pupils to join.

It's obviously changed structurally since she was Head Girl of Penwortham Secondary Modern in 1955 but Sonia insists the atmosphere and feel of the school is still the same.

"They say your school days are the best of your life and I was happy at Priory," said Sonia. "I cannot see any pupil not being happy here as it's an amazing school."

Sonia laughed as she was shown photographs from her year group and form from her time at Priory. She said: "I was Head Girl and Roy Rich was Head Boy. I have spotted him on some photos Mr Eastham has shown me and I can remember a lot of my classmates when I see their pictures. It's so beautiful to see.

"I don't know how I got the role of Head Girl. I think the headteacher and staff nominated me, but I was honoured to get it. I remember our jobs as prefects was to search the school as pupils then had to leave the buildings at break and dinner and some were always trying to hide indoors from the cold. Our job was to find them!

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Key Dates

Diary Dates

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

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates

Mon, 20 June

Year 8 Parents Evening
Year 10 Preston College sampling day

Tues, 21 June &

Weds, 22 June (15 June cohort)

Year 8 Geography Lake District Trip

Tues, 21 June

Year 10 Runshaw College sampling day

Thurs, 23 June

Year 11 last day - final exam followed by celebration assembly.

Learning for Life Day 5
School closure at 1.10pm

Fri, 24 June

Year 11 Alton Towers trip
Year 8 The Big Bang Science Fair Trip
Year 7-10 Athletics Competition, Blackpool

Weds, 29 June 2022

Year 9 Mini Master Event at Ormskirk School (invitation only)
New Pupil & Parent Evening 6pm-7pm (2022)

farewell

Year 11 Final Day

Year 11's last day at Priory is next Thursday, 23 June.

Their last exam on this day is Physics in the morning. Following this, pupils will have a brief break and then an opportunity for shirt signing in the gardens. As a final farewell, we will have a leaver's presentation and awards assembly in the hall.

Pupils will be dismissed with the rest of the school at 1.10pm as it is an early finish on this day for all pupils (Learning for Life Day 5).

Year 8 Parents Evening



Monday, 20 June
Booking Still Open

Parent's Evenings are now held online using a web-based program - 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

A letter to Year 8 parents, along with full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, has been emailed this week. A copy can also be downloaded from the school website www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters. In addition, a tutorial video can be viewed by clicking on the link>>

<https://vimeo.com/473882995>

The link for Year 8 parents to book their slot for Monday, 20 June remains open.

The link to access the event is the same link you use to book your appointments, as follows:

<https://penworthampriory.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, each appointment slot will be three minutes long. The appointments automatically stop after this time and teachers cannot extend the call.

If you wish to meet with your child's teacher for further discussion after this, please arrange this with them during the session or via email at a later point. If you would like to speak to another member of staff, please feel free to contact them direct. A full email list can be found via the link below.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list

Mr Gee
Assistant Principal

English Scholars of the Week

Harry C (Year 9)

Key Stage 3: For excellent appreciation of language and a thorough interest in speech writing.

Lauren E (Year 11)

Key Stage 4: For lots of extra revision for the final exams and effort which is over and above.

When the past came back to Priory: Continued from front page.

"We also helped new pupils settle in when they arrived and did a lot of the usual jobs.

"I came back many years ago for a reunion but it's my first time back since then. I cannot get over how amazing it is.

"There is still the main building from when I was here although obviously it's been modernised inside and expanded. Saying that, the basic layout of it is still the same and I remember the main corridor and I could point out which classroom was there. I remember the science labs were on the top floor and they have their own building now.

"I also asked if the bungalow where the girls did 'Housecraft' is still there. It was a place we learnt cooking and sewing. It does still exist but it's a storage place now.

"We did do different subjects, it was a different time. I enjoyed sports the most and was on the rounders and netball team.

"Even though it has changed, it still feels like Priory."

'Principal, Mr Eastham added,

"It's been an absolute pleasure to welcome Sonia back to Priory, to share our stories, look back over photos and chat about how the school has evolved from the time she was Head Girl here. It's particularly pleasing to know that she still felt like she was coming back to her school, to Priory, despite it looking and feeling very different to when she was a pupil here. Next year we will celebrate our 70th birthday as a school, so we'll look forward to welcoming Sonia back as part of those celebrations too."



Peer Mentor Applications

Now Open

Open to current Year 9 pupils only | Closes Fri, 1 July

Peer mentoring allows you to build supportive relationships with other students by demonstrating and developing your communication and mentoring skills which will prepare you for life beyond Priory.



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Year 8: World Tapas Day

After school on Thursday, Mrs Cowell invited Year 8 pupils to join her for a creative cookery class where they celebrated World Tapas Day.

Tapas are small portions of savoury Spanish food and during the extra curricular workshop, pupils made meatballs, tortilla (a type of omelette) and skewers of vegetables and chorizo.

Hope you had fun:
Emily P, Tyler F, Ethan P, Skye S,
Rhea B, Tilly P, Emma H,
Agnes K, Lauren C.

Mrs Cowell
Food Technology Teacher



Mrs Duck delivers her second brood!

Spotted this week in the Mediterranean garden: Mrs Duck has delivered her second batch of ducklings this year.

Mr Farron had left the Jubilee bunting up to deter nature's predators and has now since taken Mrs Duck and her ten ducklings to the Crookings Lane nature reserve where we hope they'll be very happy.

Thank you to Year 11 pupil and keen photographer, Will J, for these beautiful shots.



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Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

Be safe in or near water

Water Safety – The situation

With temperatures soaring in the UK over next few days and the summer months ahead, it's important to recognise that UK waters are still cold ... so **the weather might be hot, but the water is not** and this is when we sadly see lives lost through cold water shock. Here the body is unable to adjust quickly enough to the temperature of the water and becomes weak very quickly, which can lead to tragedy.

Water Safety – Know the dangers

- As well as cold water shock there could be hazards underwater - shallow/hidden rocks or debris which could lead to life changing injuries. The water quality - in many areas, particularly unsupervised places which haven't been risk assessed, is unlikely to be very good quality and could cause life threatening illnesses.

- Many areas of open water are in remote locations. If help is needed phone signals may be poor and help is likely to take longer to arrive than normal - don't take this risk.



Water Safety – Use the water safely

- Stick together and tell someone where you are going. This includes dog walkers, cyclists, joggers and anglers who often do these activities alone and don't intend to go in the water in the first place – Do you know where your loved ones are?
- It is best to only swim in open water as part of an organised group where help will be on hand.
- If someone is in trouble in open water, don't panic as this will quickly reduce strength. Instead try to float on your back like a starfish - float to live.
- If help is needed call 999 and ask for the Fire Service if inland and for the Coastguard if by the sea.

We've got our first winner!

Congratulations to 'Ms M'!

By taking part in our lottery, the pupils here at Priory will benefit directly regardless of who wins as every penny raised goes straight back to our school. Tickets are only £1 and there is a guaranteed cash winner for one of our supporters each week plus the chance to win £25,000 in the national jackpot!

Play along! It's easy to get your tickets online - tickets only £1 each:

You can choose to set up a direct debit, a recurring card payment or a one-off payment by card (the minimum term for this is 5 weeks at £5). If you're able to take part, please visit our 'Your School Lottery' page to purchase your tickets >>

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/penwortham-priory-academy



Next Draw
Saturday
18 June



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- 2 BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS 
- 3 WIN CASH PRIZES 

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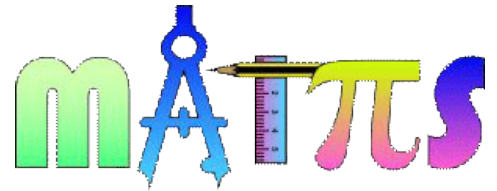
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Top Year 7 & 8 Pupils Take On National Challenge



Year 8 Daniel M was 'Best in School' at the recent Junior Mathematical Challenge (UKMT) as he collected a Gold Award.



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

Around 60 Priory pupils in Years 7 and 8 took part in the hour-long, multiple-choice national challenge.

The problems are designed to make pupils think, encouraging mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

Maths teacher Mr Hunter said:

"To recognise the highest performers in the Challenge, the top-scoring 50 per cent of participants across the country are awarded with Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates."

"Daniel was our 'Best in School' with a staggering 101 points from the 25 questions while Oliver S was our 'Best in Year 7' and these also received a badge on their certificates to denote this."

"We have six pupils who collected a Silver Certificate – Evie C, Lucy J, Niamh P, Jayden H, Oliver L along with Oliver S."



"Many received the Bronze Award and pupils not among the high scorers received a Certificate of Participation."

"There was some outstanding problem solving by our Priory pupils. It's great to have these maths competitions back in school, especially in Key Stage 3."

Daniel said: "I wasn't expecting a Gold Award. I can do maths quite well and I enjoyed the challenge." **Evie** said: "It was a fairly difficult Challenge with a lot more logic than expected." **Lucy** said: "As it was multiple choice, a lot of it was a process of elimination." **Best in Year 7 Oliver S** said: "I am proud to be 'Best in Year 7' and I enjoyed having a go."

Daniel went through to the next round, the 'Junior Kangaroo,' which he sat on Tuesday afternoon. We will receive his results over the coming weeks - good luck Daniel!

Mr Hunter
Maths Teacher

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Compost Corner

June Update

Priory's gardens are our pride and joy and award-winning gardener Mr Farron wants to let parents and pupils know what to expect each month as the landscape changes.

Now we are into June and the Priory Garden is in full bloom while Phase 2 of the development is underway,

Mr Farron said: *"The pupils are starting to appreciate our colourful gardens and I am getting asked lots of questions. I also notice that they are a lot calmer when passing through."*

"It's beautiful. We have the poppies appearing, their seeds were brought back from our last visit to Flanders, Belgium, pre-Covid and it's lovely to see them in full bloom. We have the delphiniums and our arches are taking shape now with the Dublin Bay and Schoolgirl (Climbing Roses) all with the added scent of Jasmine."

"The Second Phase of the garden development, the one against the wall, is currently underway with more details below."

"We have planted some shrubs, trees and flowers but it's the scientific bit at the moment – looking at the soil content and so on. My idea is symmetry so that, when the sun comes around, it will hit the roses and create shadows on the wall. It should also create different aromas when you walk past it."

Jobs for June

1. Leave hedge cutting till the end of the month so wildlife can feel safe.
2. When placing support for plants, ALWAYS cover tops of the canes with protective caps.
3. Keep dead heading as this produces more energy for the plants and they will continue to bloom much longer.



Flaming June

The next stage of Priory gardens has started – the layout has been decided and trees, shrubs and flowers are about to be planted. The theme of this stage will be of the symmetry of the shadows and shapes combining the magnificence of colour and movement.

The main centre garden is in full bloom and displaying the plants of all varieties in their splendour. I for one get very much pleasure from this show and study the effect on our students, teachers and visitors as they walk by.

The memorial garden is also competing with a sense of character, vibrant in colour and with the sweet scent of Jasmine.

All things bright & 'Prioryful'

Mr C Farron, Gardener
Honorary Member of the RHS



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Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

Here's what our Cool Readers Club is all about...

They stopped when Covid first hit but now they're back. These are our reading stars put forward by their English teacher. We interview them about their current book, what they like reading about and what they like to do when they're not reading.

Introducing, Emily...



Emily admitted she likes to read and listen to books.

Year 7 Emily said: "I am reading 'The World's Worst Children 2' by David Walliams but I am listening, on audio book, to 'The World's Worst Children 1.'"

"I like listening at night to the audio book. I do like watching films as well, I enjoyed 'Wonder', but sometimes I am disappointed as I have already imagined what it would be like and then the films are different to what I imagine.

"My favourite author is David Walliams, I like 'Bad Dad' and 'Beast of Buckingham Palace', but there are some of his books I don't enjoy as much.

"I just like easy to read, funny books. The next one on my list is 'World's Worst Children 3.'"

"I also liked 'The Funny Life of Teachers' by James Campbell and Rob Jones, and I have nominated for their book 'The Funny Life of Pets' to come to the Priory library."

In school, Emily enjoys French and Computing while out of school she is sporty.

"I do street dance at Eden Singleton's Dance Company and I would like to do cheer as well.

"I was netball captain at my primary school and I play netball here and also indoor athletics. I am waiting for rounders to start now."

Emily's English teacher, Ms Smith added, *"Emily has already been a determined reader – clocking in books on an app we discovered as a class frequently. Emily's vocabulary has expanded throughout the year and I'm so pleased she has found a favourite author."*

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

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Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch

MABAL is music 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 the curriculum in different ways, and support pupils' appreciation of music.

The focus is on one theme each week across a genre, a country or from history. The theme could also link to the season or an event in school, such as the production.

After half term it's all about: Caribbean Music

In acknowledgement of Windrush Day, celebrated in the United Kingdom every year on 22 June, we will be playing music of the Caribbean.

Windrush Day marks the arrival of Afro-Caribbean immigrants to the shores of Britain and honours the British Caribbean community. An estimated half a million people made their way to England after the Second World War.

The first Windrush Day was held on 22 June 2018, and since then, more and more people have started participating in Windrush Day celebrations and observations.

This playlist will comprise Reggae, Calypso and Steel



Drum music with the midsummer's day weather hopefully matching the atmosphere of the music.

Future weeks' theme suggestions are very much welcomed - pupils/staff should see Mr Taylor, email a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk or contact via Teams.

Music is
the universal
language
of mankind.

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music

Learning for Life

Day 5



Thursday, 23 June

Don't forget, next Thursday is a Learning for Life Day so school will close at 1.10pm.

The topics we cover 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.

Students should report to their session 1 teacher in their designated Learning for Life classroom for the day, for 8.40am. Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for the earlier finish.

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 Financial Choices

Financial awareness. Use of money. Debt. Gambling. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 8 Choices and pathways for the future

What is employment? What job do my skills work with? How can I prepare for employment? What is my inspiration? Sources of help and support for themselves and others.

Year 9 Sexual Health - Prevent

Contraception safe use. Preventing pregnancy. What are STIs? Preventing STIs. Sources of help and support for themselves and others.



Year 10 Personal Safety

'Wasted Lives' with Lancashire Fire and Rescue. Dangerous Drink/Drug Driving. Knife and Gang Crime information. Knife and Gang Crime Law with Lancashire Constabulary.



Mrs Hopes
Head of Learning for Life

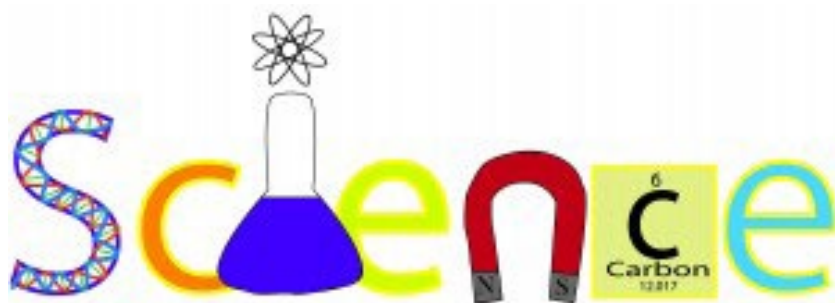
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After receiving lots of nominations, the Science Department has chosen one student from each year group for its ...

Scientist of the Week

- Year 7** **Haris A** - Nominated by Mrs Massey for an excellent result in an end of topic test
- Year 8** **Alex T** - Nominated by Miss Nouraghaei for his excellent engagement and curiosity in Science
- Year 9** **Abbi T** – Nominated by Mrs Massey for demonstrating great subject knowledge of cells
- Year 10** **Daniel R** - Nominated by all three of his science teachers for showing a great attitude to learning

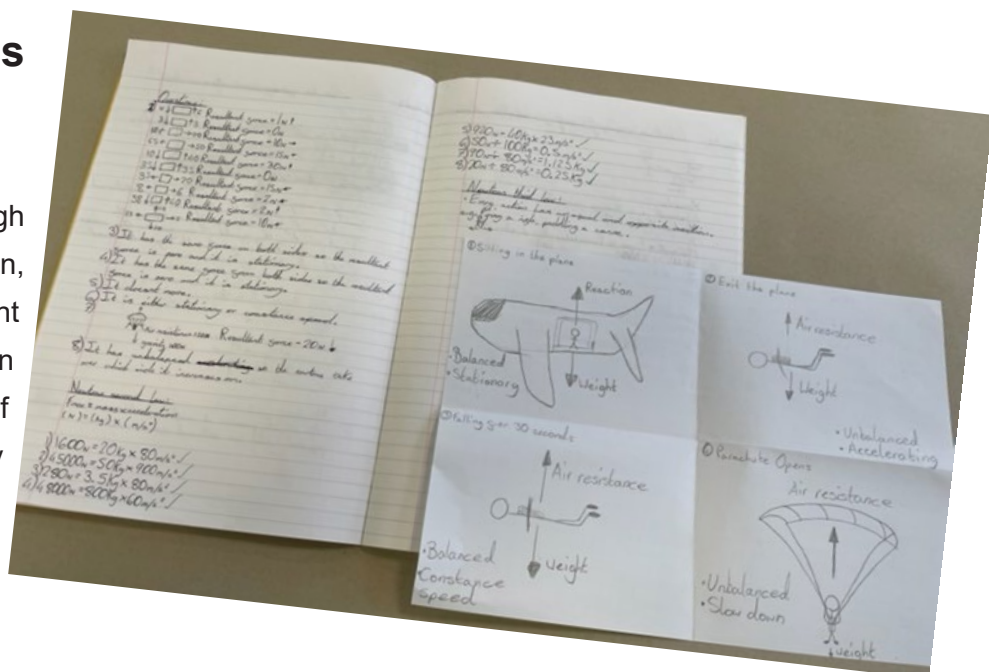


Certificates and prizes will be handed out on Monday.

The Work Of The Week is from Sophia T (Year 8).

Sophia has worked brilliantly through the unit of work on forces and motion, she has demonstrated her excellent scientific enquiry skills and has been able to apply her understanding of Newton's laws of motion to a variety of scenarios.

Mr Cox
Science Teacher



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What's the best thing you've learnt this week?

Every week, teaching staff, venture out of the classroom to chat with our pupils and find out what they've really enjoyed the most about their learning this week.

This week we chose Year 11 pupils who had lots of lasting memories and praise for their teachers...

Yasmine B speaking about her English lessons with Mrs Gidden...

'I'm going to miss your wacky lessons and inspiring ways. You've helped me through so much and I'm very thankful. Thank you for a great year of English.'

Hannah Y speaking about her History lessons with Mr Eccles...

"For running intervention sessions even when only two people come and teaching us (remotely) when you had Covid."

Rhianne L speaking about her Engineering lesson with Miss Hardwick...

'For giving up lots of her free time to help me do engineering after school'

Miss Nouraghaei
Assistant Head
of Science



We're Recruiting!

Level 2

Teaching Assistant

Closing date: Fri, 24 June 2022 at 9am

Teaching Assistant



31 hours per week

8.30am - 3.10pm

Fixed term until 31 August 2023

The successful applicant will work under the instruction/guidance of teaching/senior staff to undertake work/care/support programmes, to enable access to learning for pupils and to assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom.

A Teaching Assistant qualification is desirable but not essential - there will be an opportunity for the right candidate to gain a qualification once in post.

For an application pack please visit>>
www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Enquiries can be directed to Mrs A Holland, SENCo, via email at a.holland@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Closing Date: 9am Fri, 24 June 2022

Interviews: Weds, 6 July 2022

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WINDRUSH DAY

22 June marks Windrush Day. Since it was established in 2018, this day is aimed at celebrating our Caribbean community and their contributions to British society.

On 22 June 1949 – 1,027 people arrived from the Caribbean to live in Britain.

After World War 2, Caribbean people who had served in the British armed forces were encouraged to come to Britain and help to rebuild the UK. Many boarded a ship called the HMT Empire Windrush. It is estimated that around 500,000 people living in the UK are part of the Windrush Generation, who arrived between 1948 and 1971.



Almost all the adults who arrived over the number of years had vocations, trades and skills that made them highly employable.

They were nurses, electricians, seamstresses, woodworkers, dressmakers and so much more.

After the Race Relations Act 1968, they were able to find more employment, particularly in London, which had become increasingly diverse, and the economy began to grow once more.



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Extra Curricular: Debate Club

Debate Club, led by Miss Ackers, meets every Wednesday lunchtime in HU6 where pupils get to put forward their arguments. The group consider it important that the rest of the school gets to know what they're discussing and hear about their achievements.

Here's what was discussed this week, written by Aisha B, Year 9:

Should we have a universal language?

Today in debate we had the topic "should we have one universal language?" which sparked many interesting opinions. We had arguments like the fact that "getting rid of a language would get rid of culture" to "it would make it easier to travel and communicate with one another".

One interesting argument we had was that it would be very difficult for people who are deaf due to sign languages being classed as languages; this sparked the idea that we should have a universal sign language but keep all the other spoken languages too.

In the end, the poll results show that 12.5% of people voted that we should not have one universal language and 87.5% of people voted we should have one universal language (whether it is sign language or spoken).

Aisha B (9W)



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

On the curriculum w/c 20 June

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

Year 7	Summer Term - Theme: 'Making Good Decisions' Who am I as a leader?
Year 8	Summer Term - Theme: 'Committed to Growth' No mistakes = no progress
Year 9	Summer Term - Theme: 'Growing in Confidence' Initiative and growth mindset
Year 10	Summer Term - Theme: 'Owning my Decisions' What is a university and why go to one?
Year 11	Summer Term - Theme: 'Finishing with Pride' ---

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National Picnic Week

18th-26th June



Food Technology Teacher, Mrs Cowell, is inviting pupils to enter two inter-house competitions.

Bake a set of six fruit scones

You'll be judged on:

- Flavour
- Appearance
- Texture
- Equal size

They are to be labelled with the entrant's name and year group and **brought to the Food Tech room at breaktime on Mon, 20 June.** They'll be judged by Mrs Cowell and the leftovers will be offered for sale at lunchtime with butter and jam available. All proceeds will go to the charity of the year group that the winner belongs to.

Design a new sandwich

You'll be judged on:

- Originality - ie, Something that exists in the everyday won't win!
- Health properties - We'll be looking at the nutrition provided
- Drawn and coloured neatly on A4 paper (Entrant's name and year group clearly visible)
- Each ingredient labelled and described using tier two language

Designs to be handed in on Wednesday, 22 June before school or at breaktime at the Food Tech room. Winners will be notified via Teams and the winning designs promoted in the newsletter.

Prizes To Be Won

First Place: Amazon Vouchers
2nd & 3rd Place: Sweet Treats

Sports Facilities at Priory

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For junior football
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Bedrock classes in the spotlight:

8E2

Emily P	155 points
Edward H	58 points
Agnes K	50 points

This week you were learning these words ...

Sluggish - slow-moving or inactive. *"It was a hot day and everyone was feeling sluggish."*

Senseless - lacking common sense; wildly foolish. *"it was as senseless as crossing Death Valley on foot."*

Numerous - great in number; many. *"she had complained to the council on numerous occasions".*

9E2

Jack McF	58 points
Connor McG	33 points
Anais McM	32 points



This week you were learning these words ...

Triumph - a great victory or achievement. *"a statue was made to celebrate Napoleon's many triumphs."*

Predator - an animal that naturally preys on others. *"wolves are major predators of small mammals."*

Resident - a person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis. *"it was a beautiful village with just 100 residents".*

Well done to those in 8E2 and 9E2 who scored the most points for their classes on Bedrock this week. A special well done to Emily and Jack who scored top for their classes.

Excellent reading efforts for those in Years 7, 8 and 9 who read and quizzed on books this week. A huge well done to Niamh who has quizzed on her book this week and hit 703,860 words! A special well done to Jad in Year 7 and India in Year 9 who also read the most words this week for their year groups. Keep up the fantastic work!



LEADERBOARD



Accelerated Reader™

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

This week's overall leaders:

Year 7

Jad H	7W1	287, 211
Sehr A	7E2	221,678
Jessica D	7E3	150,442

Year 8

Niamh P	8W1	703,860
Emily P	8E2	314,103
Oliver G	8E3	93,936

Year 9

India P	9W1	101, 302
Megan H	9E3	66, 629
Mylie S	9E2	65,144

Mrs Robinson
Assistant Head of English

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