

Penwortham Priory Post



South Ribble Cross Country Championships

Last Saturday, 19 November, our talented runners made their way to Hutton Grammar School for the annual South Ribble cross country event.

The sun was shining down on our athletes as they prepared to tackle the gruelling course on what was a fresh and sunny morning. There were some fantastic team and individual performances with a number of Priory pupils' finishing in positions leading to invites to represent South Ribble at the Lancashire competition in the New Year.

The Year 10s and 11s began the event with Jack T (Year 11) setting the tone finishing in a magnificent 5th place. Race by race, Priory was represented by some fantastic displays of courage and determination with great results for the girls - Jane W (Year 9) achieving a very respectable 14th place in the Year 8/9 race and Anais McM (Year 10) finishing 16th in the Year 10/11 race. Ethan H (Year 9) ran in at 16th place in the Year 8/9 boys' race out of over 70 runners.

The Year 7s tied up the morning events, eleven of our newcomers took to the course, with three boys finishing in the top 20, Josh M in 15th, Finn T in 11th, all topped off by an outstanding finish from Excellence I placing 4th.

Overall, Priory's Year 7 boys came second out of all the South Ribble schools that took part, with Year 8 & 9 girls team coming in 5th in their category.

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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

Mon, 28 November

Oxford University Talk
Period 1 (Year 9-11 Able & Ambitious pupils)

Fri, 2 December

Year 9 Languages Day
(French) (moved from 25 November)

Mon, 5 & Tues, 6 December

Indoor Athletics
Competition (Mon - Boys, Tues - Girls) All Hallows (selected pupils/after school)

Tues 6 & Weds 7 December 7pm

Mary Poppins Production

Tues, 13 December

Year 11 Parents evening
(online) (4pm-8pm)

Weds, 14 December

Christmas lunch

Fri, 16 December

End of Autumn term
(early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm)

Top Results

Year 7 Boys

Name	Position
Excellence I	4
Finn T	11
Josh M	15
Ossian H	27
Overall	2nd Place

Year 7 Girls

Name	Position
Eliza G	31
Millie D	40

Year 8/9 Boys

Name	Position
Ethan H	16
Felix D	36
Taylor K	40

Year 8/9 Girls

Name	Position
Jane W	14
Alexa G	25
Harriet H	28
Sky S	36

Year 10/11 Boys

Name	Position
Jack T	5
Connor McG	37

Year 10/11 Girls

Name	Position
Anais McM	16

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The organisers commented, "It was great to see so many happy faces competing on the day - the weather also helped! It was the best attendance we have seen in recent years and the event shows how PE and school sport can contribute to the personal development and overall well-being of everyone involved."

It was wonderful to have many parents/carers in attendance spectating throughout the morning who showed their appreciation and support for all of the runners. This creates an amazing atmosphere and experience for the runners.

PE Teacher, Miss Beesley, summed up by saying, "A huge thank you to all pupils who took part on the day - your effort is greatly appreciated."



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Tickets Now Available

It's been a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious week for 'Mary Poppins' rehearsals and the show is really coming together. Under the watchful eye of Miss Howell, Lead Teacher of Drama, along with musical direction from Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher of Music, they are making sure 'everything is possible, even the impossible'.

If you want a check out if a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down, then make sure you get your tickets soon!

Tickets are now available, in the most delightful way, via SCOPay (card payment only - pupils to collect from school office) or direct from reception (cash only).

Tues, 6 December

Weds, 7 December

7pm-9pm

Adults £7 | Concessions £5 (child/OAP)



PENWORTHAM PRIORY ACADEMY'S
production of



A musical based on the stories of P L Travers and the Walt Disney film

Director
Miss Howell

Music Director
Mr Taylor

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins Jr.* is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorised materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
212-541-4684 mtishows.com



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Pupils Speak Out To Come Third In Rotary Club Competition



Earlier this month, three Year 10 pupils took to the stage for an annual Rotary Club Speaking Competition and were awarded third place.

The well-established competition is organised by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and took place at Balshaws High School, Leyland, on 15 November.



Assistant Head of English, Mrs Robinson-Ali, who helped to coach the team alongside Mrs Gidden, said, *"The team put on a real showstopper for us and did us proud. Grace introduced the speech with confidence and made the audience laugh with her one liners. Olivia spoke passionately on the topic of race discrimination and used some impactful pauses to hook her audience, and Aisha was our vote of thanks, summarising the speech and offering her opinion."*

The team of three were asked questions at the end of their presentation and each responded maturely and were able to give very thorough answers off the cuff.

But the team couldn't have done it without the support of Lucy and India who were brilliant cheerleaders, as they have been throughout the rehearsal process.

Mrs Robinson-Ali summed it up by saying, *"It was a pleasure to see them up there, giving it their all and doing Priory proud!"*



*Mrs Robinson-Ali
Assistant Head
of English*

Image left: Aisha, Olivia and Grace alongside the South Ribble's Deputy Mayor Chris Lomax and Rotary Club members.



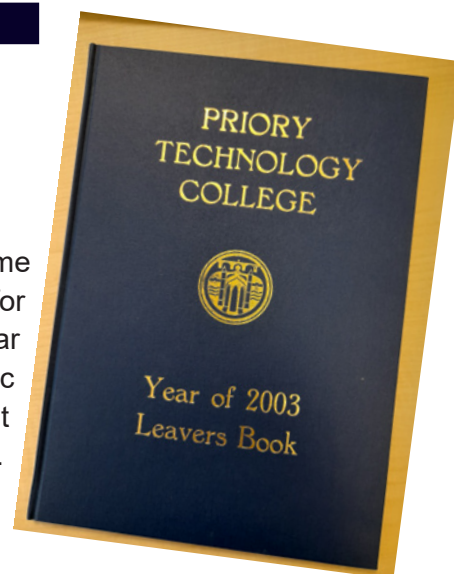
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Class of 2003: A vintage year!

Why don't we do these anymore? We came across this on Wednesday after looking for something with our old logo on. It was certainly a vintage year with many trailblazers and professionals including the owner of our peripatetic music tuition, a doctor that officially opened our newest building and current Priory staff (and children of!).

The foreword was written by the Head of Year, Mr Faulkner, who is still with us today in the Pastoral team. Here are just a few pages...



School Leavers 2003



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.

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

On the curriculum w/c 28 November

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' A world without harm
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Social media part 2
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Is my language respectful?
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Career development
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Disagreeing with people

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AcceleratedTM Reader



Key Stage 3 Pupils Racing Ahead with AR

Priory's love of reading is showing in that they already have Word Millionaires in Years 7-9 – even though it's only November!

Jacob R has hit the millionaire jackpot in Year 7 and he is so enthusiastic about reading.

"I love fantasy books and my favourite author is Rick Riordan. I read when I can, in school and at least 20 minutes every night.

"I was happy to be a Word Millionaire but now I am only 100,000 words off making the two million mark!"



Year 8 Jessica achieved millionaire status last year and has done it again!

"I think I have read over 30 books so far this term," said Jessica.

"I like books from the Victorian era, reading about poverty and life back then so I enjoy books by Jacqueline Wilson. I like history and art in school."

Year 9 Emily is a Word Millionaire for the third consecutive year.

"I am always determined to become a Word Millionaire every year as soon as I can!" said Emily.

"I like books on sci-fi and also Greek

Mythology, I enjoy the Percy Jackson series. I read every day."

Head of English, Mrs Gidden said: "We are very big on Accelerated Reader and Renaissance at Priory, it's a massive foundation of our library and how it runs.

"We have got all Key Stage 3 children carrying reading books and Accelerated Reader is improving their reading.

"It also means we can put pupils in line with their chronological age so they are reading at the correct level.

"At Priory, we have an hour in our curriculum just to read and it's benefiting everyone.

"We even have a 'Chocs and Socks' sessions so that classes can bring in comfy blankets and socks to get used to associating reading with relaxing. 9E3 have been our trial class for this and are now our stars!"

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EnglishDepartment



Our Bedrock Blasters

Bedrock is a staple English Language homework that is completed online at home once weekly with a view to boosting vocabulary. It runs exclusively in Years 8 and 9 only. This week, the focus is on Year 8 as there were so many blasters! (next week, Year 9)

Over an hour rocking the Bedrock...

Felix D
Finlay K
Maddie K-Mcl
Hylie T
Ellis T
Ella May B

Over two hours rocking the Bedrock...

Taya C, Maisie C, Niya H-M, Caleb H,
Lucia T, Emily A, Jake B, Cobey R, Yusuf Y

Mrs Gidden is delighted that Year 8s are using our vocabulary platform to extend their learning in English and beyond - keep blasting!

Our AR Racers

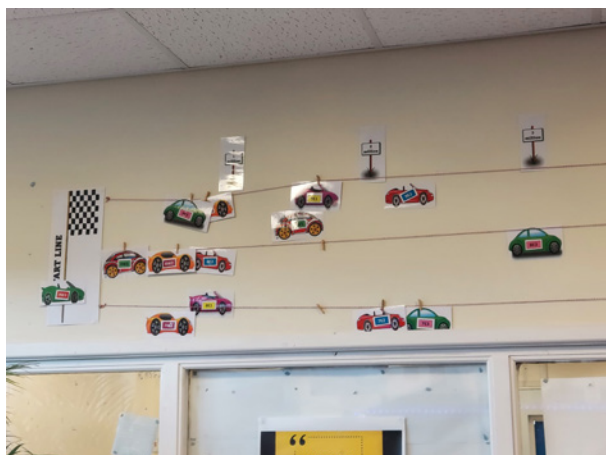
Across all three year groups participating in the AR programme, here are our individual racers this week giving Lewis Hamilton a run for his money!

Words banked in a week...

Taya C	278,400 words
Jessica D	266,778 words
Libby H	263,941 words

Check out the display in the library where each class has a car and classes race across the library based on word count.

7E1 are still out in front - but it could be anybody's race!



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Year 7 Football

SPORTS REPORT

A fantastic team performance on Tuesday night saw the Year 7 football team beat Wellfield Academy 5-2 in the league fixture match.

Every player gave their all with goals from Alex H, Finn T, Connor S and Josh M.

Congratulations!

Team:

Adam B, Will B, Theo H, Ossian H, Alex H, Excellence I, Josh M, Daniel McC, Harry M, Isaac S, Connor S, Finn T, George W, Will D.

Mr Bullock
Head of PE
& Sport



Walton Le Dale Swim School currently has spaces and availability for children's swimming lessons for beginners, developing swimmers and improving swimmers.

The pool has very recently undergone considerable re-building and refurbishment.

If you are looking for children's swimming lessons, please visit their website for further information, timetables and to make a direct booking:

www.wldswimschool.com

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Mrs Gidden's Cool Readers Club

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

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, Lewis...

Year 9, Lewis, enjoys action books and is currently reading a book in the series by best-selling author Chris Ryan.

Lewis is reading the final one in the 'Special Forces Cadets' series which is 'Assassin.'



"I read the blurb and was interested in this book," said Year 9 Lewis.

"I like action and fiction. I don't really have a favourite author just a favourite type of book.

"My favourite subjects at school are geography and history. Out of school I like playing football and I am a Manchester United supporter.

"In the future, I would perhaps like to do something with computer technology."

Mrs Gidden added, "Lewis is a keen reader and writer and a joy to have in class. Well done, Lewis!"

*Mrs Gidden
Head of English*



Bedrock - Parental Access Codes

Over the next couple of weeks we will be issuing access codes to Year 8 parents which will enable them to set up a free Bedrock account to track their child's activity on the programme. Year 9 parents were given this information last year however we will be sending out refresher information at the same time.



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WE'RE HIRING!

Part Time Catering Assistant

We are seeking a Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties.

Little or no experience is required.

16.25 hours per week

For further information and to download an application pack, please visit our website at>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Closing date 28 November at 12 noon



Catering Assistant (part-time)

We are seeking a Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties.

Days	Monday to Friday term time only
Hours	16.25 hours per week 10.15am-2.00pm with 30 minute break
Pay	Grade 2 Point 2 Gross salary £20,441 per annum Actual pro rata salary £7,556 per annum

Experience not essential however candidates must have good customer care skills and standard of hygiene. Candidates must also be able to work under pressure, have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

Closing date: Mon, 28 November at 12 noon

Please contact Mrs Barker, Business Manager, or Mrs Titterton, Catering Manager, for enquiries or download an application pack from the school's website at:

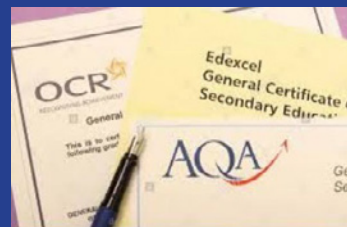
www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies
c.barker@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320250
j.titterton@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Interviews will be held on 5th and 6th December 2022.



Class of 2022 GCSE Certificate Collection

Certificates are now available to collect during school hours by either the former pupil or their parent/carer and must be signed for.*



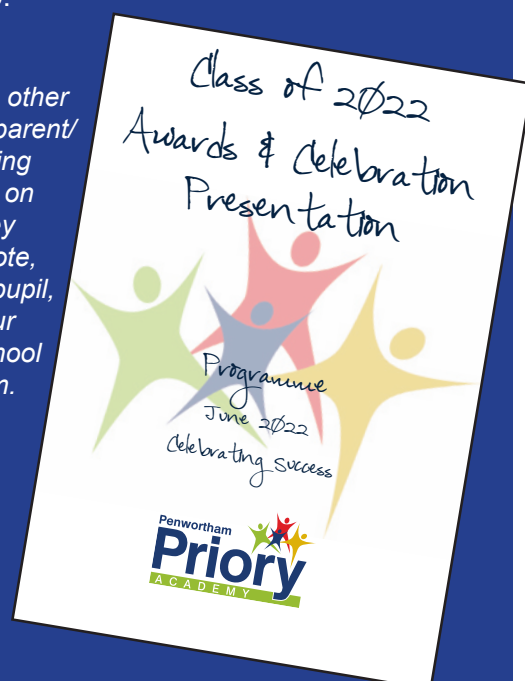
Any trophies, certificates and other prizes not collected during the leaver's celebration event on their last day, as well as the event programme, will be available to take at the same time.

We would like to take this opportunity to emphasise how important it is that the exam certificates are collected, as they are very important documents that are likely to be needed throughout their career and particularly if a path to university is planned.

School is only legally obliged to keep certificates for a 12 month period, after which time they are disposed of. If copies of certificates are needed after that time, pupils will need to contact the appropriate examination board(s) directly and pay to obtain copies. As you will appreciate, these costs can mount up.

***If any person other than the pupil/parent/carer is collecting the certificates on your behalf they must have a note, signed by the pupil, authorising your consent for school to release them.*

School hours
- 8am-4pm
Monday to Thursday
(Friday 3.30pm)



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This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Ms K'!

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 - 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
26 November



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£1 TICKET

2

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3

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- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Penwortham Priory

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

POEMS FOR THE PLANET COMPETITION

Greenpeace is holding a nature/environmental poetry competition to celebrate the beauty of nature and National Poetry Day on the 6th of December.

HOW DO I ENTER?



- 1 Write a poem of no more than 400 words.
- 2 Your poem must follow the theme.
- 3 Hand in your submission to Mrs Massey by 28/11/22



More information at

www.greenpeace.org.uk/recourses/poems-planet-competition/



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