

Penwortham Priory Post



Pupils are energised for Priory's battery recycling campaign

Priory pupils are certainly not running low on batteries! They have been energised to search their homes and also help the environment by Priory's Eco-Committee.

The Eco-Committee launch new projects every half-term with their mission – **'To be a school that cares about the local and wider environment and takes action to improve it.'**

They launched Eco Fashion Club, promoted National Recycling Week and encouraged pupils to enter the Poem for the Planet national competition. This term, the Eco-Committee has entered the school into Duracell's national competition 'The Big Battery Hunt,' with the idea to get everyone to recycle their batteries, with the possibility of winning £3,500 of outdoor equipment.

Committee Leader, Mrs Massey, said, *"The Eco Committee aim to raise awareness about the world around us and ways we can help to support and protect the environment. One of the Eco Committee member's parents suggested we enter the competition, and we all thought it was a great idea."*

Teachers delivered a session during Learning for Life lessons on why it's important for the environment to recycle batteries and encouraged pupils to bring their old and used batteries into school during the campaign.

Mrs Massey continued, *"Recycling is something we can all do. A simple way for us all to start being more aware of what we do with the waste we produce."*

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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

Weds, 1 February

School open for Year 11 and vulnerable pupils only
Year 11 Preston College interviews
POSTPONED Year 9 Options Evening

Fri, 3 February

Learning for Life Day 3 (early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm)

Weds, 8 Feb & Fri, 10 Feb

Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip Liverpool (two cohorts)

Fri, 10 February

Year 9 Mid Year Science Assessment
Katherine Fletcher MP Visit

13-17 February

Half term closure

Tues, 28 February

Year 10 Faith Day

Fri, 10 March

Year 11 Faith Day

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We have been really impressed with the response we have had. We have a lot of batteries to take to be recycled!"



Did you know that more than 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites and it can take 100 years for a battery to decompose? 400 million batteries are recycled each year – but that's just a small fraction of those sold.

Priory held an inter-class competition to see which Learning for Life group brought in the most old batteries - and so far Science teacher Mr Cox has the winning formula.

"The pupils were really enthusiastic and they enjoyed the challenge of it," said Mr Cox.

"We talked about batteries and the importance of recycling and the pupils embraced it, going home, talking to their families and bringing in their old ones. It fired their imagination although we had to make sure they weren't taking good ones from their remote controls!

"They brought batteries in in huge numbers which was fantastic to see."

Pupil Phoebe said: "I found batteries in a cupboard, there was a massive box that may have been there for years!"

Emily said: "I got some from home and my grandparents also contributed some as well. I never realised how heavy they were!"

Oliver said: "We didn't have so many in our house as I think we must have recycled them recently."

Aiden added: "I picked up a box from home that must have sat there for years! It certainly made me think about recycling and its importance."

A final count of batteries collected will be totted up at the end of today and we will announce the total in next week's issue.



reminder



Year 8 & 9 Parents

Don't forget to set up your parental accounts.

Instructions have been sent out again this week via text. If you don't have your access code, please contact your child's English teacher.

Log in at <https://app.bedrocklearning.org/>



What's on After School Next Week

Monday

Year 7 & 8 Football Practice

Girls Football Practice

Year 7 Netball Tournament @ All Hallows

Tuesday

Dance From The Heart - Primary School Event in the Assembly Hall 1pm-3pm with Priory's Young Leaders

Badminton Club (All years)

Dance Club (All years)

Year 9 South Ribble Cup Football vs Walton-le-Dale

Wednesday

No practices on

Thursday

Basketball Club – Sports Hall (All years)

Trampolining Club - Gym (All years)

Friday

Learning for Life Day – Staff football cancelled

Learn to

Industrial Action

Important update:
1 February 2023

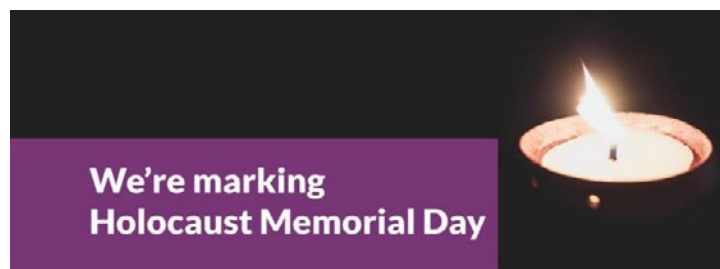
All parents should have received a letter regarding the industrial action taking place on 1 February by the NEU and how this will effect Penwortham Priory Academy.

The main points arising were:

- With over 60% of our staff members in the NEU, and the number who have already indicated that they will be striking, **school will be closed to all pupils in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10.**
- Pupils in **Year 11 however, will be expected to attend school** as normal and they will follow an alternative timetable on the day. **Preston College interviews will still go ahead.**
- The pastoral team will contact families of **vulnerable pupils** directly to ascertain if they require a place in school on the strike day.
- Further information will be sent out in due course regarding the expectations of pupils in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 and the work they will be able to access throughout the day.
- School buses will run as normal.
- Catering will run a reduced service and pupils are encouraged to pre-order their food online. Please remember to cancel routine orders if you will not be in school on Wednesday.
- **Year 9 Options Evening** which was due to take place on 1 February will be **postponed.**

This letter is also available to download from the school's website at >

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



#HolocaustMemorialDay / 27 January

Today marks Holocaust Memorial Day, a day when we stop and remember not just those who died at the hands of the Nazis during WW2 but the thousands who have died in genocides since.

The theme this year is **Ordinary People**. This is an extract from the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust about this year's theme:

Genocide is facilitated by ordinary people. Ordinary people turn a blind eye, believe propaganda, join murderous regimes. And those who are persecuted, oppressed and murdered in genocide aren't persecuted because of crimes they've committed – they are persecuted simply because they are ordinary people who belong to a particular group (eg, Roma, Jewish community, Tutsi). Ordinary people were involved in all aspects of the Holocaust, Nazi persecution of other groups, and in the genocides that took place in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Ordinary people were perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers, witnesses - and ordinary people were victims.

This clip was shared with Learning for Life groups today on behalf of the Humanities department >>



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY



[www.youtube.com/
watch?v=vjN7VpbCoP4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjN7VpbCoP4)

Mr Eccles,
Miss Achers &
Miss Mahinson
History Teachers

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Year 8 Are Seeing Eye To Eye in Design Tech



Who thought that Textiles could be so much fun!

In Year 8, pupils have the learning opportunity to create a fully functioning product based on their own chosen theme. Pupils learn how to apply a range of hand stitches, use the applique technique and some also having a go at adding embellishment to their final eye mask. During the term, pupils will also learn about the material, 'felt', which they will be using to make their mask as well as natural and man-made fibres and the importance of sustainability.

The theme for their eye mask could be football, cartoons, Pokémon - anything they fancy - which they need to research. They then use this research to create a design, but they also have to use a specification.

What is a Specification?

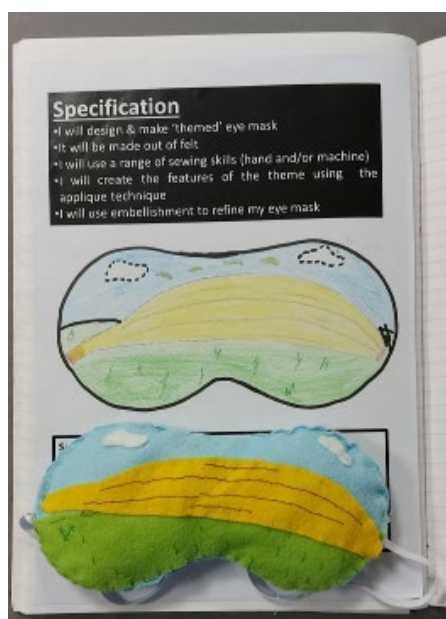
A specification is a list of specific points which the finished item should include. The pupils had to:

- Design and make 'themed' eye mask
- It will be made out of felt
- Use a range of sewing skills (hand and/or machine)
- Create the features of the theme using the applique technique
- Use embellishment to refine the eye mask



The first Year 8 rotation did an amazing job and I wanted to share with you some fantastic, well executed, fully functioning products.

Mrs Shaw
Design Technology Teacher



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70th Anniversary Raffle

This weekend is your last chance to get your tickets before the draw closes.

Winners will be drawn on Monday by three former pupils from Class of 1953. Tickets are available at Reception (cash only) or via SCOPay.

Be in it to win it!

Details at>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fund-raising-priory/70th-anniversary-ry-raffle



Win Win Win in our 70th Anniversary Raffle

Amazing Prizes!

£50 Argos Voucher

£50 Bangla Fusion Voucher

Amazon Vouchers | £150 x 1 | £50 x 2 | £10 x 5

Amazon Echo Dot | Pair of PNB Match Tickets

Martin Mere Family Admission Voucher

BOGOF Blackpool Pleasure Beach Ticket

3 x Bottles of Wine | Box of Milk Tray

Box of Foxes Biscuit Selection

Moonpig Mini Hamper

We're kicking off our 70th year with a spectacular raffle with over a dozen amazing prizes up for grabs. The hamper of goodies is on display at reception and tickets are available to everyone.

Tickets are just £1 for a strip and can be purchased via SCOPay or at reception (cash only).

The draw will take place at the end of the month and all monies raised will go towards our gardens and outdoor facilities.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/70th-anniversary-raffle



**WE
NEED
YOU!!!**

WIN A £50 VOUCHER

FOR A CHANCE TO WIN:

Send us **5 pieces** of media content that's helped you with your mental health and wellbeing.

Any of the following will be accepted:

TV shows, Movies, Poems, Artwork,
Memes, Motivational Videos and
Music.

The draw will be recorded and shared the first week back after half term.

GOOD LUCK!

Please send all entries to:

info@charlottelowepsychologicalservices.co.uk



Recalibrating

**COMPETITION
-TIME-**

Charlotte is Priory's school counsellor and she has launched a competition for pupils to send her media content that has helped them with their mental health.

Pupils could win a £50 voucher!

Email your links, screenshots or photos (or any other format) to:

info@
charlottelowepsychologicalservices
.co.uk



Charlotte Lowe
Psychological Services

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Assistant Head of Maths Mr Henshaw, along with the Maths Department, ran a competition asking pupils to say what they particularly enjoy about the subject. **Pupils were tasked with completing the following sentence, "I love Maths because..."**

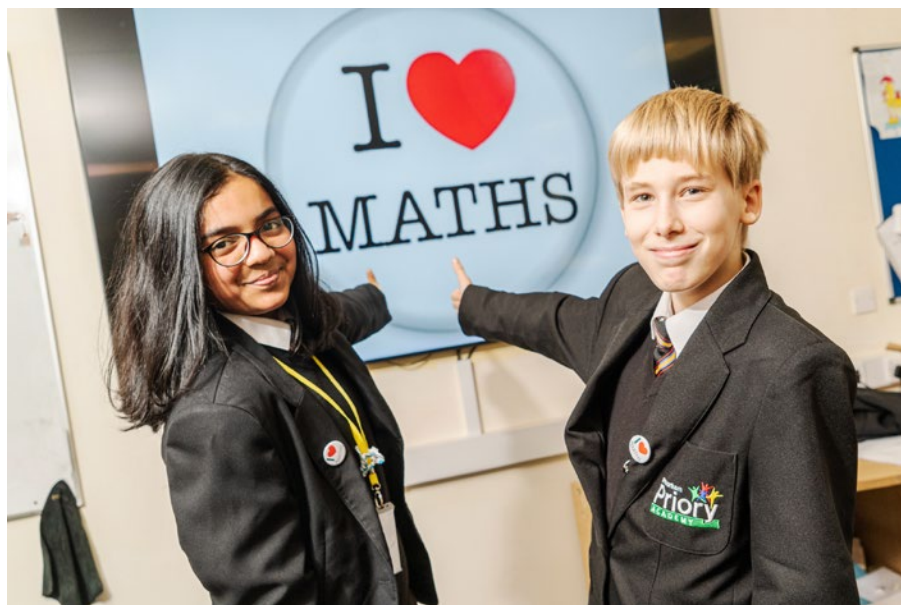
Here's why Saachi and Jensen love Maths:

Saachi...

I love Maths because all the teachers help us. Mr Henshaw is my favourite Maths teacher.

Firstly, when I told Mr Henshaw that I completed all my work and went onto the extension in Mr Kenrick's room I felt proud of myself because I always used to hate it.

Secondly, without any of the Maths teachers we wouldn't be able to do addition or subtraction. We use it in our daily lives. This will even help us when we get older as well, like paying for things and checking our balances. When you give us challenge questions it challenges our brains and helps us think. Mr Henshaw encourages me whenever I get things wrong. If I can't count mentally you say you don't mind using our hands. The wages they pay you won't fill any banks but your hard work really matters and you deserve a big THANKS! Thank you so much.



Jensen...

It is really fun and I love it because of how much it can help you in life and ALSO because it's THE BEST!

Mr Henshaw
Assistant Head of Maths



Singing Practice

Mr Taylor is inviting pupils to join him for singing practice in MU1 on Thursdays after school until 4.30pm.



We have some events to aim for in Spring and Summer which it would be good to get new pupils involved in. At Christmas it was great to have so many pupils supporting the singing in the school production and carol singing at Longton Residential home and Booth's Supermarkets.

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music

It will be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible!
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Learning for Life

Day 3



LEARNING
FOR LIFE



Friday, 3 February

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

Students should report to their session 1 teacher in their usual Learning for Life classroom for 8.40am (with the exception of Mrs Lawe's class now in HU5). Lunch is brought forward and school buses have been rearranged for this earlier time.

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 **Medical Care** - Physical health and the recovery position. CPR and bleeding.

Year 8 **Diversity & Equality - Disability** - Diversity. Discrimination. Equality, Disability and Bullying.

Year 9 **Addiction - Knowledge** - Alcohol and its effects. The effects of drinking too much. Illegal drugs. Prescription drugs and legal highs.

Year 10 **Pregnancy** - Consent and contraception. Pregnancy (consequences and choices). Parenthood including: roles, responsibilities and fertility.

Year 11 **My Money** - Understanding and managing debt. Money and work.



Mrs Hopes
Lead Practitioner for Personal Development



LEARNING
FOR LIFE

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

On the curriculum w/c 30 January

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' What are acts of kindness?
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Routes to work
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Content and rhetoric
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Helping 'them' groups at risk of harm
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Apprenticeships

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.

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Priory+ Awards

In a full school assembly last Friday, we were pleased to announce that over 100 pupils had achieved their bronze Priory+ Award.



This new initiative was introduced this academic year to encourage and reward pupils for working on their own Personal Development.

At Penwortham Priory Academy we believe that strong Personal Development provision contributes to making a positive difference to pupils' lives. The opportunities provided not only allow them to engage in activities they are interested in, but enables them to explore and build a strong pathway to, and foundation for, a successful future.

Our activities fit into five overarching strands, which supplement our Character and Culture Personal Development sessions in Learning for Life. There are five strands: **Culture & Heritage**, **Future Citizens**, **Health & Well-Being**, **Skill Builders** and **Bright Futures**.



Rewards

Priory+ is rewarded with a star badge, certificates for pupil's Record of Achievement and Achievement Points towards trips. On completion of activities which are LORIC (see pink text below) in nature, pupils can choose to convert evidence to contribute to the PiXL Edge Award.



Criteria

Pupils will achieve a star when they: Complete one activity from each of the five strands, in each term, from the activities' spreadsheets. One activity must be a co-curricular club/activity/group from the timetable provided.



Parental Involvement

We would welcome parents support by:

- encouraging their child to attend clubs in/out of school
- encouraging their child to consult the spreadsheets of activities (accessible via Teams)
- guiding them through completion of any home activities where necessary.
- encouraging them to write-up their learning on A5 for their Personal Development Journey files in school.
- reminding them to show this to their form tutor

LORIC | Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication

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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, Maddison...

Maddison has the drive to succeed – she wants to be a Formula One engineer!

Aside from her sport ambitions, the Year 9 enjoys romance novels.

"I am reading Colleen Hoover's November at the moment," said Maddison.



"It's about two people who meet and have a five-year agreement to meet each other on that date every year.

"I like a good romance book and Colleen Hoover is my favourite author, I like her books and they are easy to read."

In school, Maddison enjoys drama and art but her dreams lie elsewhere.

"I want to be a Formula One engineer and I am studying engineering at Priory.

I love sport and I have grown up with bikes. I have had a motorbike since I

was young and I have watched Moto GP since I was little as all my family are into motorbikes."

Maddison's English teacher, Mrs Elliott added, "Maddison loves the start of her English lessons where she gets to bury her head in her most recent Colleen Hoover novel and has done a stalwart job of encouraging some of her peers to also sample Hoover's work. Maddi is really capable and certainly has the 'drive' to achieve her F1 dream!"

Mrs Gidden
Head of English

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Music at Break and Lunch

Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch

MABAL is music played through the school's sound 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.

history. The theme could also link to the season or an event in school, such as the school production.

Next week it's all about: *Animals*



Inter-house competition!

The theme will be 'Animals' and the animal reference may be found in either the song title, the name of the group or a combination of these. If an animal name is spelt incorrectly but sounds as the animal, such as the Beatles, then we'll class that as valid.

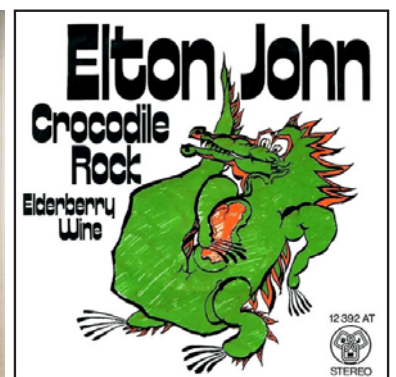
There will be a playlist of 10 songs per day to answer played across break and lunchtime. Pupils then send their answers to Mr Taylor and results will be calculated as per...

- Overall top 3 across the school
- Top 3 from each house
- A list of participants from each house

Examples are: Song - Tiger Feet, Singer/Group - Adam Ant or both - The Octopus's Garden by The Beatles

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

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of



Vitality Netball International Trip

Last Wednesday, 11 January, over twenty Priory girls from Years 7-9 were invited to the AO Arena in Manchester to watch a Vitality Netball International test match.

England's Vitality Roses welcomed Jamaica's Sunshine Girls for a three-match test series. Jamaica were ranked third in the world, one place above England, after winning an historic silver medal at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

It was the England team's first international match in Manchester since November 2016 when they also played Jamaica. The Roses had to come from behind to beat Jamaica 73-52 in the first game of their match series which was an amazing game to watch.

After this event England played two more games in London losing the second and then going on to beat Jamaica 63-59 in their final match to wrap up a 2-1 series victory against the Sunshine Girls.

England are now ranked third in the world!

Girls PE teacher and Head of Year 9, Mrs Bullock, said, *"The girls had a fantastic evening, watching the match, getting involved with the sponsors' activities such as The Vitality Photo Booth and the Army reaction challenge. They really enjoyed the whole atmosphere of the evening and we can't wait for another match!"*

Mrs Bullock
Girls PE Teacher
Head of year 9

