

Penwortham Priory Post

A Message From The Principal

Dear All,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you back following our Easter break. Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a much-deserved rest.



At the start of this summer term, there continues to be so much to celebrate about Priory. Not least the way in which all our young people have continued to demonstrate those personal attributes in school that are essential for employability and life: Leadership, Organisation, Initiative, Resilience and Communication. It was wonderful to see the pupils returning to school, rested and refreshed after the Easter break and it has been an extremely positive return back in school with pupils having a real enthusiasm towards their learning and involvement in extra-curricular clubs.

Once again, we will welcome a full intake of new pupils who will be starting with us in September. We remain proud to be a school where pupils and families choose to come and learn with us, and we will continue to provide the best possible opportunities, facilities and care for those pupils who are fortunate enough to secure a place with us.

Thank you, too, as parents and guardians, for the continued support you provide to your daughters and sons and equally, to the ongoing support you give to us as a school.

I hope that we have an equally successful summer term and that those pupils involved in public exams can be supported to do the very best they can.

On that note, I am sure each of you will join me in offering our very best wishes to our Year 11 pupils who are preparing themselves not only for their forthcoming GCSE exams in school, but preparing to go on to further education, employment or training once they leave us here at Priory. Until that point, we will continue to support them in whatever way we can over the coming weeks and months to not only ensure they feel supported and prepared for their exams, but equally to ensure their transition from Priory to whatever it is they might move on to, is as good as it can be for 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 year, are available to view and download from our website?

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

Mon, 1 May
May Day closure

Tues, 2 May
INSET (Day 5)

Mon, 8 May
King's Coronation
School closed

Tues, 9 May
Year 10 Parents Evening

Thurs, 18 May
Year 10 Faith Day
Culture Day (all pupils)

Fri, 19 May
Year 8 HPV vaccinations

29 May - 2 June
Mid Term Closure

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As ever, throughout this summer term, our primary focus will continue to be our shared responsibility to uphold our daily school aim, our 'Priory Standard' – 'ensuring the highest expectations of all, from all, so that all pupils learn to succeed and leave Priory equipped with the right skills and attitudes to help them succeed in life, contribute positively to society and go on to further education, employment or training'. Thank you for your support in ensuring pupils have adhered to our approach with mobile phones that I wrote to you about prior to the Easter break. The pupils have been superb in working with us on this since their return and we thank them for this.

Please don't forget that every pupil will continue to have the opportunity to regularly achieve reward points in recognition of their contribution, effort, achievement, behaviour and progress. These positive reward points will continue to be consistently and fairly awarded to each pupil's individual total throughout the remainder of this academic year through their ongoing attendance and effort in lessons. Equally, our behaviour sanctions will continue to be applied in the same way as always.

So, the very best to all for a positive term. Please continue to do all you can at home to support your sons and daughters in putting school work at the top of their priority list. Please do continue to take an active role in their studies, planning with them at home to ensure the balance between their social time and their academic focus is the right one.

My continued best wishes to you all,



Mr M Eastham, Principal



Year 10 Faith Day

Year 10 will be involved in a Faith Day on Thursday, 18 May.

This will involve examining the question – '*Is the death penalty ever right?*' Pupils will examine this from a historical as well as different world view perspectives and religious points of view.

If you would like to know more please contact Mrs Ham at k.ham@priory.lancs.sch.uk.



Year 11 RE Intervention

Revision sessions for Year 11 pupils taking GCSE Religious Education will now run on Thursdays after school until 3.45pm and at Friday lunch times.

Please note, this is a change to that previously advertised.

Mrs Ham
Lead Teacher for RE
Head of year 11

Year 10 Experience the World of Work



Priory's Year 10 pupils have been finding out if their work experience could turn into their careers of the future!

Pupils spent a week at their chosen place of work and for some it confirmed their choices, while others want to sample a different work life.

Katie has always wanted to be a vet and she went to a dairy farm.

"It was a family friend's farm and I loved it! I have never had the chance to work with larger animals so it was really interesting. I was involved in milking and pregnancy detecting and it made me want to be a vet even more although I don't know if I want to work with small or larger animals now."



Olivia didn't move from Priory – but that worked to her advantage!

"I enjoy Humanities and I worked with our history department and got an inside view of what it is like to be a teacher and stand there in front of a class."

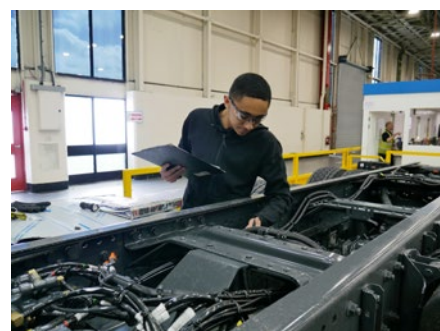
"I planned a lesson and delivered it to Year 7s and it was fun, they were co-operative. I obviously know what it's like to sit at a desk so it was nice to see it from a different point of view. I would like to be a history teacher."

Cameron went to Leyland Trucks as an Assembly Assistant.

"I did a bit of everything and liked quality control the best, inspecting cabs which had come in from France and the Netherlands, checking they were safe to be used. I would fancy working at Leyland Trucks in the future."

Maddison attended White Friars Nursery as a Nursery Assistant.

"It was brilliant. I don't know if it's something I will do but I loved working with the pre-school children, having conversations with them and taking part in activities such as painting."



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Lily already volunteers at Turbary Woods Owl and Bird of Prey Sanctuary every Saturday so she settled into her work experience role easily.

"I want to work with animals and be a vet and I already volunteer there. I got to do some fun jobs like fly the birds. I love animals – I have a dog and three budgies at home."

Joe went to be an Apprentice Electrician with his dad.

"It was ok, we fixed computers and fitted CCTV cameras but I don't think I want to do it in the future. I am not sure what I want to do."

Alex went back to his old primary school, Walton-Le-Dale, as a PE teacher.

"It felt like the school was tiny going back there. I taught most year groups and it was good. I don't know if I want to be a primary school teacher but I want to do something with sport."



Harry went to Axa Insurance where his mum works.

"My mum works in Human Resources so I spent a day there, one in health and safety and one doing paperwork. I want to be a pilot really."

Jake was a Junior Programmer at Elstat. "They make programmes for lights and fans in fridges. My dad works there and I enjoyed it. I want to be a computer programmer and going there confirmed it."

Mrs Eastham, who co-ordinated the work experience alongside Mr Bullock, added, *"At Priory we feel work experience is important for pupils as it allows them to gain insight into the world of work where they develop transferable skills such as communication and teamworking. They gain first hand knowledge that will help them stand out from the crowd when applying for jobs in the future."*

During the Learning for Life Day on Tuesday, the Year 10s had sessions in CV writing, Apprenticeships, T-Levels, A-Levels and BTecs along with talks from Preston College, Cardinal Newman College and the Army. The year group will also give short talks to pupils in their Form about their experiences, where they went, how they got their placements and a brief overview of their roles.



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Chilli Challenge Winners

Well done to all of our Chilli Challenge winners!

Participation is definitely moving faster for some year groups than others with the majority of the entries coming from Year 10 and 11. Key Stage 3 pupils are encouraged to get more involved, especially Year 8s!

Thank you to Miss Nicholls, Mr Owen and Mr Walker for producing the challenges.

DON'T FORGET

A reminder for Year 11 to please add their House and Form to their entry so that Mrs Cowell can attribute it to the leader board.

W/c 17 April

Year 7 Wren T (Mrs Simpson)
Year 8 No winners
Year 9 Hannah B (Mrs Kusitis)
Year 10 Lochlan S (Miss Beesley/Miss Thornton)
Year 11 Leo K (Mr Kenrick)

W/c 24 April

Year 7 Ben C (Mr Walker)
Year 8 Daniel H (Miss Makinson)
Year 9 Emma H (Mr Owen)
Year 10 No winners
Year 11 Sean M (Mr Hunter)

These pupils have now received their chilli tokens to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining room.

The next chilli challenge will run until 11 May due to the bank holidays.

Pupils: Don't forget to reference the persist lists (see opposite). The lists are displayed above the post-boxes and all the answers come from the lists.

This is also an interhouse competition and the leaders will be those with the most individual entries. There'll be an interhouse prize at the end of the year.

1st **Calder** | 2nd **Douglas**
 3rd **Ribble** | 4th **Hodder**

English persist list



Address	Doesn't	Rhyme
Aggressive	Embarrassed	Rhythm
Because	Enjambement	Separate
Believe	Hyperbole	Successful
Caesura	Implies	Tension
Colloquial	Mischievous	Unnecessary
Connotation	Necessary	Weather
Definitely	Onomatopoeia	Weird
Disappear	Receive	Whether
Divide	Responsibility	Withhold

Maths persist list



Alternate	Forty	Quadrilateral
Angle	Height	Rhombus
Approximately	Isosceles	Scalene
Chord	Metre	Similar
Circumference	Median	Simultaneous
Column	Ninth	Symmetry
Correlation	Parallel	Tessellation
Discrete	Perimeter	Translation
Enlargement	Perpendicular	Trapezium
Fibonacci	Prism	Triangle



Have you seen Miss Makinson's History competition in conjunction with the Historical Association? (See back page)

We shared it on our social media and it was endorsed by Historian and BBC presenter, Simon Schama!

If you want to enter this competition, you've still got plenty of time. Deadline 19 May.



Simon Sc... @simon_s... · Mar 30

I absolutely love this - read so much hist fiction when I was a nipper - RL Stevenson, Scott, Conan Doyle,

@PriorySTC



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Year 8 Pupil Leads The Way in £2 Million Project



Priory pupil Taejun is helping to change the face of The Foxton Youth and Community Centre by leading on a £2m funding bid.

The Year 8 pupil has been attending the youth centre since he was young but has now developed a more influential part, being on 'The Youth Forum' and now extending his voluntary role even further.

"A couple of months ago I was asked to join 'The Youth Forum' which talks about how we can update the building and develop the centre and I have also become involved in interviewing new workers for the Centre.

"I really enjoy it. The Youth Centre is important, it provides activities for young people such as residentials and days out.

"They want a new building and applied for funding and we had to answer questions to get through the first part about what the Foxton Youth and Community Centre means to you, is it a safe environment and so on.



"We got through that and then we had to make a presentation. I recorded it, appeared in it and edited it and we are currently waiting to hear if we will get the funding.

"It is nice giving back. I have also been involved in helping to devise and co-ordinate the holiday activities for our Fox Kids, which are 6-11 year-olds and ATO's 11-18-year-olds, such as archery, sports days, Zorb football, drugs awareness courses and more."

Cath Coffey, Development and Youth & Community Manager at The Foxton Centre, told us about Taejun's work and said, *"We are very proud of Taejun here at the centre and wanted to share with you how he is volunteering in his local community. He has been an outstanding committed member and has showed leadership skills and maturity in leading on a £2 million pound funding bid for our organisation. He has also volunteered to be part of our interview panel to recruit new youth workers and has formally interviewed them and assessed their responses."*

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Year 10 Pupil is Running for Nana in aid of Cancer Charity

Olivia will have her two 'nanas' in her mind when she competes in the Preston Pretty Muddy 5k in June.

It's in the Race for Life series and all money raised from the event will go to the charity Cancer Research UK.

Year 10 Olivia explained: "My mum's mum Ann made a full recovery from bladder cancer while my dad's mum Valerie battled cancer for nearly 40 years as it was attached to a blood vessel in her stomach.

"She died in 2019 and it was really hard. I want to raise awareness and tell people how cancer affects the whole family not just the person who has the illness.

"We were all really sad and it's hard, we miss her."

"This race is important to me as I feel I am representing them and anyone else suffering or who has suffered cancer."



The event is around Moor Park with muddy obstacles along the way.

"I will be doing it with my auntie Imogen and my cousin Ilona and it's just a series of muddy obstacles that will take around an hour."

The event is on Saturday, 10 June and for anyone who would like to sponsor Olivia it's>>

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/olivias-race-for-life-19763441>



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Priory+ What are you going to do this term?

At the end of the Spring term, we were pleased to announce the names of pupils that had achieved their Priory+ Bronze 1 or Bronze 2 Award.



Priory+ was introduced at the start of 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**. When pupils complete an activity from one of these strands, they should inform their form tutor who will then add this to their personal development record.



Priory+ Award Activities

Awarded for achievements in Personal Development



Culture and Heritage	Future Citizen	Health & Wellbeing	Skills Builder	Bright Futures
<p>Visit to a;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ castle➢ religious building➢ museum➢ art gallery➢ theatre➢ musical event➢ dance event➢ sporting event➢ heritage site or building <p>Participate in or watch;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ a competition➢ a religious event➢ cultural event➢ creative art event <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Join Culture Club➢ Learn about an aspect of another culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Give money to charity➢ Put items in a charity bag➢ Donate to a food bank➢ Donate to the homeless➢ Help organise a community or school event➢ Volunteer to help someone➢ Speak in public about an issue (includes assemblies) <p>Participate in;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ an election or vote➢ a community event or festival	<p>Participate in an activity that keeps you physically fit and well;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Participate in a sport➢ Ride your bike➢ Go for a walk or jog➢ Create an eating and drinking plan➢ Sleep the recommended time <p>Participate in an activity that keeps you mentally and emotionally well;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Meditate➢ Mindfulness activities➢ Get organised➢ Create a positivity book➢ Plan your future➢ Manage your money➢ Pray	<p>Continue or learn a new;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ skill➢ craft➢ language <p>Develop employment skills such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ leadership➢ organisation➢ resilience➢ initiative➢ communication➢ presentation➢ teamwork➢ problem solving <p>Join a club or an activity in school which develops a skill.</p>	<p>Research;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ KS4 options, further or higher education➢ apprenticeships➢ T Levels➢ colleges and universities➢ careers and jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Visit a careers fair or expo➢ Practice writing CVs and application forms➢ Regularly volunteer in and out of school as work experience➢ Careers interview➢ Year 10 work experience➢ Part time job➢ Working with an adult

Rewards

Priory+ is rewarded with a star badge, certificates for pupils' 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.

LORIC | Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication

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Welcome Year 6 & Good Luck Year 11!

It is about this time of year when we have our annual photoshoot with a selection of Year 7 pupils.

With the A3 letters, they spell out messages to the Year 6 pupils who will be joining us in September and, at the same time, we have a just as an important one for our Year 11s as they embark on their final exams this term.

As usual, we had lots of fun on the shoot, and the pupils involved - one representing each of our feeder primary schools - were absolute stars. We'll be sharing the final results and hearing more from these Year 7s in our next issue.

Well done and thanks to -

Zara W, Georgia R, Alexis G, Merdi A-M, Joshua W, William D, Ava S, Noah J, Wren T, Jessica J, Excellence I, Finn T, Aidan B, Yusuf A.



Speaker In School - Reserve Your Place!

As Pride Month 2023 is on the horizon, we have the opportunity to invite a speaker (either via Zoom or in school) to come and talk to a group of pupils about all things LGBTQ+.

Topics range from creating a more inclusive and diverse school environment, coming out, allyship, breaking down harmful stereotypes, and so forth.

If you're interested, please send Mrs Hopes a message via Teams to reserve your place.

Mrs Hopes

Personal Development Lead Practitioner

Equality and Diversity club

In EN1 every Monday lunch time starting from 26th September.

Come along to help promote equality and diversity at Priory!

We talk about LGBTQ+ related issues, disability equality, racial and religious equality, and so much more!

Pride is for everyone!



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Are You A Random Reader?

FINAL CALL

We've had some amazing entries so far and it looks like these two may be our winners - can you beat them?

The deadline is 30 April so you have until this Sunday to send Mrs Elliott your most creatively random photo of you reading. Don't forget to tell us the title of the book you're holding.



Here's Year 7 Reese under the sea and Year 9 Jane who took the opportunity for a snap whilst on the trip to Iceland and shows her on the plate boundary of Europe and America - wow!



Are you a Random Reader?

COMPETITION TIME

We want your most **RANDOM | INTERESTING | FUN | CREATIVE** reading pictures.

As long as you're in the photo reading a book and it's creatively random, you could be in with a shot of winning. It's a perfect excuse to read, be a little bit silly and, more importantly, share your love of books.

Entries must be in by **Sunday, 30 April**. Email your 'Random Reader' photos to English teacher, Mrs Elliott, at j.elliott@priorityacademy.co.uk or tag her (@elliott) on Twitter. Don't forget to tell us what you're reading! The winner will receive an Amazon voucher. All entrants will receive achievement points and also go into a prize draw lucky dip.




The Parents' Guide to University has been produced to help parents and guardians to support a young person with their higher education decisions.

Editorial has been provided by over 40 colleagues at universities and schools and colleges throughout the UK. On topics including student finance, university applications, university events, student wellbeing and more.

To download a copy, go to >> www.unitasterdays.com/parents

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We're Recruiting!

Catering Manager

Closing date: 8 May

Catering Manager

Hours: 35 hours per week Term Time + 5 Inset days (Mon to Fri 7am to 2.30pm)

We are seeking a highly motivated, experienced and creative Catering Manager to manage the school's catering service. You will be someone who wants to grow and develop their skills while also having the opportunity to show your skills and innovation. You will be confident in your craft cooking skills and strive to push the boundaries of school food to the highest standards, ensuring the pupils are offered imaginative, flexible, and nutritious meals.

The post holder must be able to manage and organise a busy school kitchen; produce high quality, nutritious and varied meals for pupils and staff; plan menus which comply with national food and nutritional standards; ensure high standards of cleaning and hygiene adhering to recommendations for school meals and Health and Safety regulations; and manage accounts with a variety of suppliers to ensure high quality products, prompt delivery of stock and best value.

Application Deadline: Monday, 8 May 2023

Interviews: Friday, 12 May 2023

For any questions regarding this role please contact Mrs Cheryl Barker, Strategic Business Development Manager at c.barker@priory.lancs.sch.uk or 01772 320250.

Applications should be emailed to Mrs S Spencer, Academy Manager via s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk with 'Application for Catering Manager - your name' in the subject line.

We're Recruiting!

Pastoral Manager

Closing date: 10 May

Pastoral Manager

Hours:

37 hours per week Term Time + 5 Inset days

We are seeking to appoint a reliable, conscientious, calm and committed Pastoral Manager with high levels of drive, energy and integrity.

You'll be joining a team of dedicated and skilled staff who ensure that pupils are supported so that they develop as effective, independent, kind individuals who make good progress.

You should:

- Have recent experience of working with young people in an educational setting and of relevant age
- Have experience of supporting pupils with their behaviour
- Have the ability to identify any potential barriers to learning and identify strategies to help pupils overcome these
- Have excellent communication skills

Application Deadline: Wednesday, 10 May 2023

Interviews: TBC

Visits to the school are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Mrs Donna Crank, Assistant Principal at d.crank@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Applications should be emailed to Mrs S Spencer, Academy Manager via s.spencer@priory.lancs.sch.uk with 'Application for Pastoral Manager - your name' in the subject line.

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Iceland Trip - The Land of Fire & Ice!



Leading into the Easter break, a group of 70 pupils and seven staff set off to enjoy a five day adventure to Iceland. During the trip, Humanities teacher Miss Ackers posted regular updates on our social media. If you missed it, here's what they got up to:

Day 1

We have arrived safely, been for a trip to the local geothermal pool and took in some of the sights that Reykjavik has to offer. The students are tired and ready for a good rest after an early start.



Day 2

Day 2 of Iceland consisted of a trip to the Geyser, Gullfoss waterfall, the Secret Lagoon and Thingvellir National Park. The students were able to take in the natural beauty of Iceland and got the chance to stand on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge with one side belonging to Europe and the other to America.

Day 2 of Iceland has been a successful, jam packed day. Lots of happy faces.



Day 3

Iceland certainly continues to amaze us with its awe and wonder. Today we have explored the southern coastline and have been lucky enough to visit the magnificent Skógafoss Waterfall, the beautiful fishing village of Vik, the black sands of Dyrholaey with stunning coastal features and the incredible Myrdalsjokull Glacier. It's been another action packed day and we're about to top it off with an evening outdoor swim under the stars at the local geothermal water park. What a trip this is turning out to be!



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Day 4

Our last full day in Iceland has seen students walking between continents along the Mid Atlantic ridge, observing boiling geothermal mud pools and taking a cultural visit to Hallgrímskirkja Church where we listened to a Norwegian choir in the Palm Sunday service. The afternoon was spent with some well deserved retail therapy in the centre of Reykjavik, where we all enjoyed a potter through the charming streets of the capital.

A great day and a perfect end to a brilliant trip. What a fantastic bunch of students.

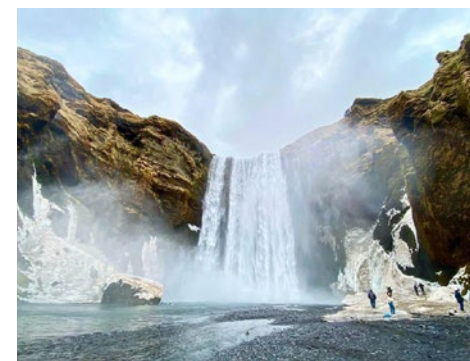
You have all made Priory very proud.

Day 5 - On our way home

After what has been a fantastic five days in Iceland, we are finally on the way to the Keflavík airport and are saying goodbye to this beautiful country.

We would like to thank the students for being absolutely exceptional every single day and to the staff for supporting the trip in every way they can. I'm sure everyone would agree that we have had a brilliant time.

Mr Watters, Mr Metcalfe, Miss Achers,
Mrs Holland, Mr Bullock, Mr Eccles and
Mrs Massey.



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With Thanks From The Library

Priory's library should have a whole host of new books to read thanks to the generosity of our families.

English teacher and Chief Librarian, Mrs Elliott, put out an appeal in the spring term for pupils to donate books from home to the school library which they no longer read.

Year 8 Evie and Year 10 Jack donated the most books.

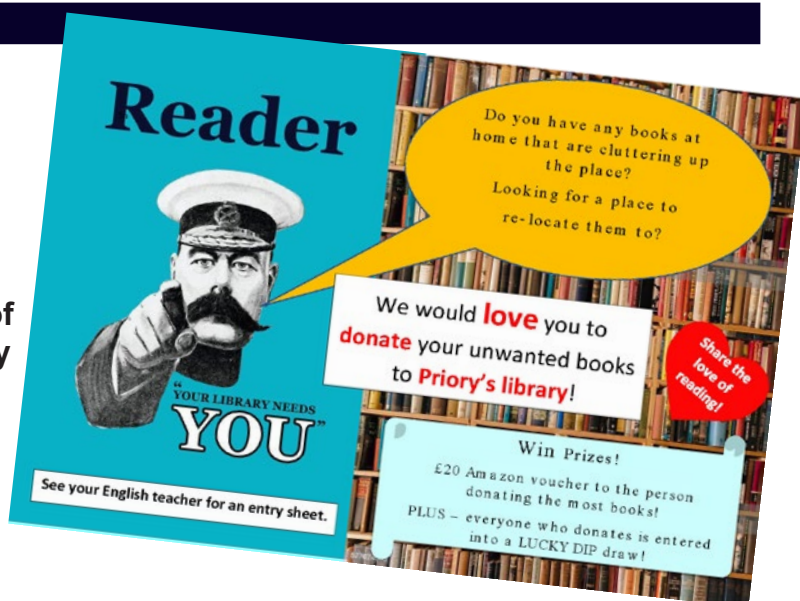
Evie, whose favourite subject is English and who writes a lot in her spare time, said: "I am going to bring some more in too as we are moving house shortly!

"Everyone in my family is an avid reader and we have two bookshelves full from floor to ceiling!

"I tend to be a person that, once I have read a book, I don't want to read it again.

"I kept my favourites, by author Rainbow Rowell, but I am not sentimental about things so I did donate around 50 and have another 10-15 to give to the school library."

Jack, whose favourite subject is history and who wants to work in private security, said: "I stopped reading in Year 9 due to my GCSE work and other things so I donated the books which were at home. There was no point in hanging onto them. It emptied the house and hopefully other people will enjoy them."



Mrs Elliott said, *"The challenge was a great success, with over 200 books being donated! We are always grateful of and open to receiving book donations at any time in the school year, as they provide a valuable boost to our library stock. A big thank you to all who donated!"*

Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Chief Librarian

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Mrs Elliott'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, Darcey...

Darcey says the book 'STAGS' by M A Bennett is a real page-turner.

The Year 8 said: "It's about a girl that moves to a school and apparently all her friends are killers and she doesn't know why. She also fancies a boy and that's where I am up to.

"It's really interesting and I can't wait to find out what happens next so I am reading it when I can!



"Another book I enjoyed was 'Black Flamingo' about a boy who is a mixed-race gay teen who becomes a drag artist. It's interesting to find out about people's lives."

Darcey's favourite subjects in school are Science and English.

"I like reading but I am not sure what I want to be in the future. I think I will go to Newman College and see where I go from there."

Darcey's AR teacher, Mrs Shaw, added, "Darcey has had the book for a few weeks now and at the start she was really unsure whether she would like it. She persevered and now loves it and can't read enough! She came in to lesson to tell me about the story so far and that she was reading more - at bedtime, in the morning before school and instead of sleeping in the car on the way in, she is reading. Her favourite character in STAGS is Shafeen, a kind and thoughtful teenager who has the potential to 'murder' the people who are mean to him."

Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Chief Librarian

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Priory Welcomes Penwortham Mayor



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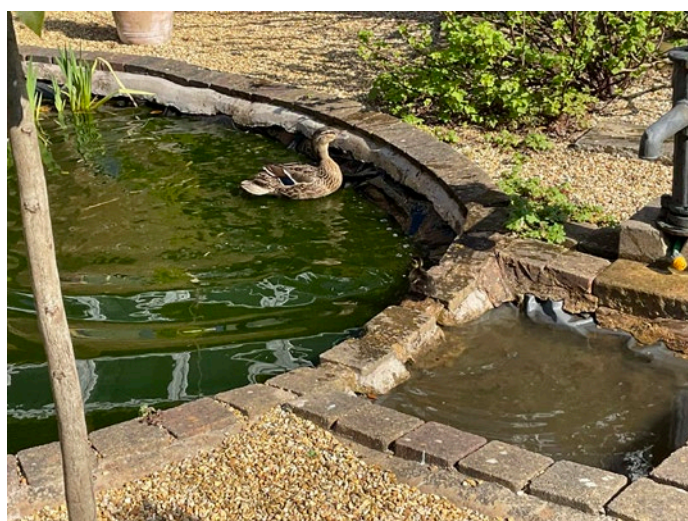
We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Penwortham to Priory last Tuesday morning.



Cllr Ange Turner met with Principal, Mr Eastham and gardener, Mr Farron and was overwhelmed by our gardens which are just starting to bloom. The ducks even came over to see what was going on!

As winner of Penwortham in Bloom on numerous occasions, Mr Farron has now been invited to become one of the competition's

judges. During the Easter break, the school also received confirmation that our entry into the North West in Bloom competition had been accepted.



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Ms Young

Penwortham Priory Academy 2001 - 2019

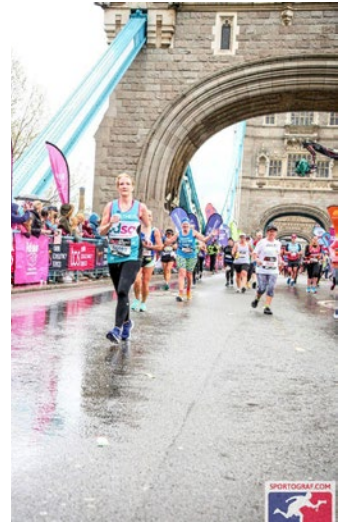


Well done to Ms Young who ran the London Marathon last Sunday.

The former Assistant Headteacher and Head of Science was fortunate to get her place in the race through the public ballot and managed to complete it in 5 hours, 53 minutes.

Ms Young said, "I got through on public ballot so I couldn't turn it down even though it meant a lot more training than my usual 3 mile Park Run! Running more was always something I planned to do after taking retirement but then during lockdown there were no races."

Ms Young was running for the animal charity PSDA and has raised over £500. Amazing!



Book Your Place At Lancashire Science Festival

Visit UCLan for their public day on Saturday, 20 May. Enjoy an unmissable programme of events showcasing the wonders of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Suitable for all ages, with fun and engaging sessions from scientific experiments to mathematical activities, Lancashire Science Festival has plenty to inspire future generations.

For further information and to book your free festival pass, go to>>

www.uclan.ac.uk/lancashire-science-festival/public-day

Your festival pass will gain you access to shows, the showfloor and drop-ins but there will also be a selection of workshops taking place which need to be pre-booked.

Take a look at the programme of events >> www.uclan.ac.uk/lancashire-science-festival/public-programme



When?

Saturday 20 May between 10am and 4pm

Where?

The University of Central Lancashire in Preston

Who?

Lancashire Science Festival is aimed at children between the ages of 7 - 11 years old.

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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 Year 8 Skye and Kacper love Maths:

Skye...

... because it's my favourite subject at school! There is only one correct answer to the question, it's either correct or not, it's quite fun finding out what the answer is. I also love maths because here at Priory, Mathematics is so much easier than primary school. For my two years of experiencing maths, my former teacher, Mr Henshaw, and my teacher for Year 8, Mr Raynor, they have both helped me really well and built up my confidence in Maths. You will need maths for other subjects like Science, Geography and sometimes in Computing!

Kacper...

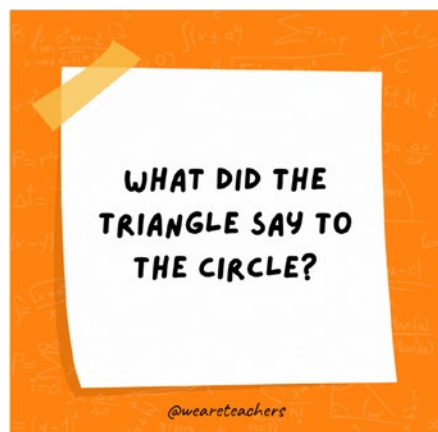
... because I can learn my whole life and I still won't learn it all and it is like space. So that's why I like maths - I will be learning it in the future when I am an adult and it is impossible to learn alllllll of it. I ♥ MATHS!

Pupils that want to claim an 'I love Maths' badge should simply click the link below to access the survey and write Mr Henshaw a sentence or two explaining why they love maths. The best responses from each year group will be selected and also featured here in our article.



<https://forms.office.com/r/PX8A5GBMzR>

Mr Henshaw
Assistant Head of Maths



Learn to succeed

Healthy School Week

As we are all well aware, none of us function well without the five areas of a healthy lifestyle and our well-being is significantly impacted when we do not address these. Therefore next week we will be looking at our **Physical Well-Being** to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Pupils will be reminded how to keep themselves healthy and thrive now and in the future. We are also asking parents to participate too on each day with encouragement and reminders.



 EAT WELL <small>AT PLEASANTON PRIORY</small>	 DRINK PLENTY <small>AT PLEASANTON PRIORY</small>	 SLEEP WELL <small>AT PLEASANTON PRIORY</small>	 STAY ACTIVE <small>AT PLEASANTON PRIORY</small>	 SUN SAFE <small>AT PLEASANTON PRIORY</small>
Eat Well	Drink Plenty	Sleep Well	Stay Active	Sun Safe
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday



Week 1: *Let's learn and discuss how to do this. Why it is important?*



Each day next week, Learning for Life lessons will go through the focus for each day, starting with 'Eat Well'. We will be promoting healthy behaviours, interjecting discussions regarding unhealthy behaviours, and demonstrating healthy behaviour.



Week 2: *A week of making changes which we will attempt to continue for a healthier future.*




In our second week, during Learning for Life classes and form time, we will discuss what we could do for each theme, share ideas, pledges and discover what we are already doing. Teachers will also discuss what they do and why.



Healthy School Week

Drink Plenty - Information



What is the challenge?
Have at least 6-8 unsweetened drinks every day – water is a great choice!

Why do we need to drink plenty?

- The body is about 60% water and this is needed for many roles in the body. One role is to control our temperature.
- We lose water when we sweat, breathe and use the toilet, so it is important we drink plenty.
- If we do not drink enough, we can become dehydrated. This can cause headaches, tiredness and make it harder to concentrate.

Super challenge!

Come up with three new flavours of infused water using vegetables, fruit and/or herbs – be creative!

Healthy School Week

Sleep Well - Information



What is the challenge?
Get the sleep you need every night – get into a good night bedtime routine!

Why?

- Regularly having a lack of sleep can affect your health.
- A lack of sleep can make you at greater risk of getting colds and infections and may also have a negative effect on your mood.
- A lack of sleep can also increase your risk of developing some diseases and can make it harder to communicate, think creatively and remember which are all skills which help us learn.

Super challenge!

Based on the recommended amount of sleep for your age range, write a sleep plan to help you get the sleep you need every night for a week!

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New Term - New Culture Focus:

Staying Safe



The new termly focus began this week with assemblies on 'Without Harm'. Harm is both harming others and harming yourself - possibly physically.



Key Stage 3 pupils learnt about recognising harmful actions in themselves and others.

What does it mean to be safe? What do we mean by harm? Harm to others - power, revenge, peer pressure. Harm to self - picking, scratching, smoking, cutting, bingeing. Not all harm is physical. Harm in the community - litter, graffiti. Harm on a global scale - war, global warming, deforestation.



Anger can raise your heart rate in seconds to 180 beats a minute
It can raise your blood pressure from 120 over 80 to 220 over 130.



Key Stage 4 pupils learnt about not harming others.

What does this mean? What comes to mind - bullying, hitting, physical violence?

Accidental harm - saying something offensive without realising, hitting a raw nerve without knowing, ignoring someone without meaning to, accidentally knocking into someone. When accidental harm happens, apologise and try to make things right.

Deliberate harm - saying something offensive to cause hurt, intent to hit a raw nerve, physically intending to hurt someone, spreading rumours, make people feel insecure.

Emotions and feelings when you are hurt - scared, insecure, anxious, upset, withdrawn, angry, bitter, wanting to seek revenge.

We all want to feel happy, safe and like we belong. Can we work together to make sure we can all feel like that? This means that we should:

- Think before we speak
- Develop empathy
- Show kindness
- Be slow to anger
- Be quick to help
- Show we care



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Menu Update Halal Meals



In response to feedback, this term's menu has now been updated to indicate meals that are Halal (marked with a pink 'H'). No other changes have been made.

Download a copy at: www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/catering-at-priory



Eden Singleton Dance Company

Based at Priory every Monday to Thursday evening.

Ballet | Tap | Modern | Lyrical | Latin American | Street | Cheer | All Ages | All Abilities

Contact ESDC direct at
edensingletondancecompany@gmail.com or tel
07521 279214.



Hot Food Menu

Fresh home cooked meals and snacks available daily.

We have a three-week rolling menu which will be displayed around school, on our website and in the newsletter.

Summer Half Term 1 - April to May 2023

Week 1

Monday

Brunch | Vegetarian brunch **V GF***
Breaded cod fishcake served with sweet potato fries and beans or peas
Tomato soup with bread roll **V**

Tuesday

Chinese chicken with vegetable rice **GF**
Macaroni cheese with garlic bread **V**
Chicken soup with bread roll

Wednesday

Cheese & tomato ciabatta pizza served with spicy wedges & beans or sweetcorn **V**
Popcorn chicken served with spicy wedges and beans or sweetcorn **H**
Leek & potato soup with bread roll **V GF*** (bread)

Thursday

'No meatball' arrabiata pasta served with garlic bread **V GF***
Roast dinner **GF***

Friday

Fish | Beef burger | Cheese & tomato ciabatta pizza **V** | All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

Week 2

Monday

Sausage and mash with beans or peas
Onion bhaji burger served on a folded naan with salad and yoghurt & mint sauce served with diced potatoes & beans or peas **V GF***
Tomato soup with bread roll **V**

Tuesday

Butter chicken curry with rice & naan **H GF***
Vegetable ravioli with garlic bread **V**
Chicken soup with bread roll

Wednesday

Cheese & tomato calzone pizza with spicy wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**
Chicken tikka pasty served with spicy wedges and beans or sweetcorn
Leek & potato soup with bread roll **V GF*** (bread)

Thursday

Tomato pasta with garlic bread **V GF***
Roast dinner **GF***

Friday

Fish | Sausage roll | Cheese & tomato ciabatta pizza **V** | All served with chips and beans or mushy peas

Week 3

Monday

Spicy chicken burger served with skin on wedges and beans or peas **H**
Fish goujons served with skin on wedges and beans or peas
Tomato soup with bread roll **V**

Tuesday

Mexican chicken burrito with nachos **H GF***
Cheese and vegetable lattice served with diced potatoes and beans or peas **V**
Chicken soup with bread roll

Wednesday

Cheese & tomato ciabatta pizza served with spicy wedges and beans or sweetcorn **V**
Warm tandoori chicken barm with spicy wedges and beans or sweetcorn **GF***
Leek & potato soup with bread roll **V GF*** (bread)

Thursday

'No meatball' arrabiata pasta served with garlic bread **V GF***
Roast dinner **GF***

Friday

Fish | Cheese & tomato ciabatta pizza **V** | Steak & kidney pudding with gravy | All served with chips and beans or mushy peas



New Sandwich & Salad Fillings

Chipotle Chicken Mayo | Cheese & Onion Mayo
NEW - Chicken Tikka Pasta Pot

*Chicken Wraps With New Chicken Flavours

all served with salad and sauce
Monday - BBQ | Tuesday - Thai sweet chilli | Wednesday - Piri piri
Thursday - Tikka | Friday - Southern fried chicken

Chicken wraps*, jacket potatoes with various fillings and paninis available every day.

V = Vegetarian **H** = Halal **GF** = Gluten Free **GF*** = Gluten Free Option Available - See Below

Where there is a gluten free option available, pupils will need to pre-order either via email to enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk or by speaking to the catering team before 9am on the day it is required (staff can pre-order GF options online).



NEVER MISS A CHANCE TO DANCE WITH ESDC.

We proudly invite you to unleash your inner dancer at Eden Singleton Dance Company. Offering a full range of dance genres including ballet, tap, modern, lyrical, cheerdance, streetdance and Latin American for all ages and ability with fully qualified teachers that have 20+ years in dance experience.

Joining for the social aspect? Have dreams of becoming a professional dancer? Anything is possible here at ESDC.

Location: Penwortham Priory Academy

Phone Number: 07521279214

Email: edensingletondancecompany@gmail.com

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Facebook: [https://m.facebook.com/](https://m.facebook.com/Edensingletondancecompany/)

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Eden Singleton Dance Company

Based at Penwortham Priory Academy

Timetable:

MONDAY:

UNDER 12 BALLET, TAP & MODERN 6:00PM-7:00PM
UNDER 12 LYRICAL 7:00PM-8:00PM

TUESDAY:

UNDER 12 CHEERDANCE 6:00PM-7:00PM
12+ CHEERDANCE 7:00PM-8:00PM

WEDNESDAY:

ALL AGES LATIN AMERICAN 6:00PM-7:00PM
ALL AGES STREET DANCE 7:00-8:00PM

THURSDAY:

12+ BALLET, TAP AND MODERN 6:00PM-7:00PM
12+ LYRICAL 7:00PM-8:00PM

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VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY

Penwortham Community Centre
Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham PR1 9EQ



MONDAY

'Penwortham Luncheon Club' followed by a game of bingo
11am-2pm | every other Monday | 01772 750533

'Singing for the Brain' - Alzheimer's Society
10am-12noon, appointment only | tel: 01772 788700

TUESDAY

Penwortham Care and Share Clothes and Toy Bank
9am-12noon | last Tuesday of the month (collection arranged too)
Lindsey Harrington 07763197615 | email: harringtonlindsey10@gmail.com

Pilates Class for Beginners | 10-11am
5 weeks course at £25 | Contact Celia on 07597556397

WEDNESDAY

Exercise Class | 10-11am | £3.50 per class
tel: Julie on 07908419816

Art Club | 1-3pm
tel: Linda Woollard on 01772 745981 | email: woollard2@gmail.com

Ivy Home Birthing Classes | 6-7.30pm
tel: Julie on 07415231127 or email homebirth.team@lthtr.nhs.uk

Rhythm Dance | 6.30-9.15pm | dance classes for various ages
tel: Maisie on 07849867201 | email: maisieaeccles@icloud.com

THURSDAY

Ladies Group | 2-3.30pm | first Thursday of the month
tel: Helen or Penny on 07851130584

Pilates Class for Beginners | 7-8pm
5 weeks course at £25 | Contact Celia on 07597556397

FRIDAY

Penwortham Food Bank | 9am-12noon
No referral needed

Time 4 Craft Group | 1-3pm

Linus Quilting Group | 10 am-4pm | 2nd & 4th Friday of the month
tel: Loretta on 07817048139

SATURDAY

Go Create | Saturday 22nd April
tel: Penny on 07523330562

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Penwortham Community Library

Open every Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday from 10am-4pm.

Come in for a brew, a chat and a good book!

The Venue: Penwortham Arts Centre
Liverpool Road, Penwortham PR1 9XE

Comedy Night

Comedians' Dom Woodward and Dan Antepolski are coming to Penwortham
for the May Comedy Night, with Tony Vito joining as the MC.



Friday 19th May | Doors open at 7.30pm
£12 tickets via www.eventbrite.co.uk

Maelstrom

Maelstrom—The award winning male acapella vocal group are
storming into Penwortham this May!

Wednesday 31st May | Doors open at 7pm
£5 tickets via www.eventbrite.co.uk



Hattie Bee - A Right Royal Knees Up

Celebrate the Coronation with vintage performer Hattie Bee,
transporting us back to music's golden age.

Thursday 6th May | Doors open at 7pm
tickets via www.eventbrite.co.uk



Film Night

The Penwortham Community Cinema's May film is
'The Birds' (1963, cert 15).



Wednesday 24th May | Doors open at 7pm
£4 tickets via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/s/penwortham-community-cinema-3492472993>

Lol Goodman Band

One of the most highly regarded and original Blues and Rock bands
touring today.



Saturday 20th May | Doors open at 7pm
£15 tickets via www.eventbrite.co.uk



Scan the QR code to go
straight to our Eventbrite
page to purchase tickets.

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Historical Association

The voice for history

The Historical Association is running an Historical Fiction Competition and we want you to get involved!

Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition

What do you need to do?

Given that 2023 will be the year of a royal coronation, we have decided to mark the occasion by asking competition entries to be linked to the theme of coronations.

One of the key attributes of historical fiction is that it has a convincing setting in a past time and place. You can still set your stories in any period or place across the world in the past, so long as it links to the theme of coronation.

Your story can be about a real coronation and the events surrounding it – whether it's an Egyptian ruler, the Oba of Benin, a Mughal emperor, the last French king or perhaps the first English queen; or it might be a fictional coronation but in an accurate and real historical context that hooks into some of the symbolism and themes around a coronation.

If you are looking for inspiration, you can take a look at some of the books listed on the Historical Association website www.history.org.uk

Entries

As a school we can only submit five entries to the Historical Association for the chance to win a £25 book token and a commemorative notebook, so we would also like to run the competition within school.

Following the same requirements, we are asking you to get creative and take us on an historical journey. We will then select five stories to be entered to the Historical Association each winning £15 voucher from school, and three runners up who will win £10 voucher. All winners' stories will be published in the Priory newsletter.

What are the judges looking for?

- **Historical accuracy** – even down to the choice of names characters are given and any props additional to the historical setting. Research is key!
- **A riveting read** with a good plot!
- **A convincing story** – ie, is it plausible that these events and/or this character could have existed at the time?
- **Use of historical knowledge** to feed the plot, context and character
- **Effective use of historical vocabulary** and **literary conventions**, including where dialogue is included in the story
- **Creative and interesting perspectives of storytelling.** In the past we have received an entry telling the story of a siege from the perspective of the castle!
- **We recommend a minimum story length of 400 words and a maximum of 3500 words. Entries that go over this word limit may not be considered.**
- You don't need to, but you can include illustrations.

For more information and to submit your entries, see Miss Makinson in HU2 or email m.makinson@priory.lancs.sch.uk

You may like to check out the Historical Association's competition page: www.history.org.uk/secondary/categories/531/news/3451/write-your-own-historical-fiction-competition-2023

Deadline for entries is Friday, 19 May 2023.