

Penwortham Priory Post



Geography Pupils Have A Field Day

During the last week of half term, the Geography department took four groups of GCSE pupils out to Wycoller, near Colne.

Wycoller itself is a gorgeous village where the beck flows through, passing under the arches of the medieval pack horse bridge and two ancient slab bridges. Once the home of Penelope Keith, now home to a small community who are devoted to the village.

Lead Teacher for Geography, Mr Watters, added, "After the short trip down the M65, Wycoller would be a great walk for families and / or dog walkers, the Bronte Way is an easy walk whether you fancy the 3.4 mile round trip or one of the more strenuous strolls. Note, there is a great little cafe in the village open most weekends!"

The four GCSE groups completed a number of fieldwork measurements, recordings and sampling procedures. Pupils studied the processes for the waterfall system and made their own videos explaining how the combination of fluvial processes erode the varying geology to cause the waterfalls to retreat.

After stopping at the first site, pupils recorded sampling methods that they used to test the discharge, velocity, width and varying bedload of the Wycoller Beck as it went downstream. The pupils will share their videos, photos and results for each to produce an analysis and series of graphs which illustrate how the streams correlate with Bradshaw's model.

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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, 7 - Thurs, 24 November
Year 11 Mock Exams

Tues, 8 November & Thurs, 10 November
Year 7 Lancaster Castle trip (two cohorts)

Weds, 9 November
Schools' Mace Debate Competition after school

Thurs, 10 November
Year 8 Creative Cookery Club after school (booking essential)

Fri, 11 November
Sponsored Walk

Sat, 19 November
South Ribble Cross Country Championships Hutton Grammar School (selected pupils only)

Mon, 21 November
Learning for Life Day 2 (early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm)



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Many thanks to the wonderful Year 10 and 11 pupils who were absolutely brilliant on both days. Everyone kept reasonably dry, apart from Tom S, Year 10, who was absolutely fantastic in his own explanation of the differing velocities of the stream going round the meander. He deserves special praise and will always be remembered for his adventurous and clever way of showing his peers how friction slows down the speed on the inside beach compared to the relative pace of the stream!



Thank you for the superb help and support in the teaching from Mrs Kursitis, Mr Gee and, of course, Mr Metcalfe. It was the teaching debut of our trainee Miss Tabberer. We managed to avoid the worst of the weather so we had a couple of great picnics.

Thanks for reading.

*Mr Watters
Lead Teacher of Geography*



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SENECA: Priory Leads The Way

We are pleased to report that Seneca homework continues to be completed well by the vast majority of students across a range of subjects. Last week we again topped the local school leader board, by a significant margin. Considering this was half term, it demonstrates the excellent attitude to learning of Priory students, something that will serve them well in the long run and bring success in year 11.



A reminder that Seneca homework (www.senecalearning.com) is set weekly for multiple subjects. Students login using their school email and chosen password. Parents can link to their child's account to monitor homework completion and scores. If you have any questions on how to do this, please email d.bedford@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

The Seneca School Leader Board

Each time a student works on a Seneca task, a point score is assigned based on effort, success and completion. It then displays a leader board of local schools using Seneca based on total scores.

School name	XP
1 Henworth Priory Academy Preston, Lancashire	334,340
2 The Hyndburn Academy Boulton, Lancashire	268,658
3 Marsden Heights Community College Marsden, Lancashire	205,609
4 Preston Muslim Girls High School Preston, Lancashire	131,412
5 Our Lady's Catholic College Lancaster, Lancashire	114,884
6 Southlands High School Chorley, Lancashire	111,196
7 Robin Royal School, Preston Preston, Lancashire	105,906
8 Pinfold High School Preston, Lancashire	96,345
9 Christ The King Catholic High School Preston, Lancashire	95,319

Mr Bedford
Head of Science



Debate Club Ready For National Competition

Good luck to Miss Ackers and her Debate Club team who will be representing the school in the ESU's Schools' Mace Debate Competition next Wednesday.



The first round heats will be facilitated via Zoom on the evening of Wednesday, 9 November where the team will battle it out with words.



The English-Speaking Union's Schools' Mace is the oldest and largest debating competition for schools and aims to hone pupils' debating skills in a fun, competitive environment. Throughout the competition build-up, History teacher Miss Ackers and Mrs Ham have coached pupils with their speech-writing, public speaking and critical thinking which will not only help them to excel in the competition but in school and beyond as well.

We wish you the very best of luck:
Grace D, Olivia B, India P, Aisha B,
Millie H and George H.

Miss Ackers
History Teacher

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Whole School Sponsored Walk Friday, 11 November



As we head towards our 70th anniversary celebrations, next Friday the school will take part in a sponsored walk to raise funds to develop the Assembly Hall and stage.

All pupils have been given a sponsor sheet before the half term break and we encourage everyone to get involved and help us hit our first target of £8000. The Assembly Hall needs considerable work especially on the stage, lighting and a sound system and the legacy of this event will be greatly appreciated for many years to come.

Arrangements on the day

All pupils will be completing the walk with their Learning for Life group on Friday, 11 November, regardless of sponsorship. The walk is a five mile circuit.

Pupils need to come to school in their PE kit. They will need to wear walking boots or old trainers as the ground may be soft and wet (pupils may bring a change of footwear for when they get back to school).

Pupils should bring a small rucksack to carry their refreshments and juice/water bottle for hydration.

Pupils should wear a warm waterproof coat plus hat if they wish. A sweatshirt/hoody can be worn under their coat but must be stored in lockers during lessons.

All years will have a short extension to lunchtime as there will not be a break.

Details of the route and timings, including assembly areas will be announced next week.

Sponsorship Forms and Collections

Pupils should hand in their sponsorship sheet by Wednesday, 9 November no matter how much is completed. These can be given to Learning for Life teachers.

What's the fundraising for?

All funds raised will be put towards the refurbishment and development of our Assembly Hall. With a modern lighting and sound system, the range of school and community uses will increase significantly. The school has already invested in upgrading the hall which is one of the few original buildings from when the school opened in 1953. We aim to create a long lasting legacy for our pupils and for the local community in they live.

Your support is truly valued - thanks for your continued help.

Mr Watters
Lead Teacher of Geography
Event Organiser





Glow In The Dark Dodgeball

SPORTS REPORT



On Monday, we got into the Halloween spirit with a game of 'glow in the dark' dodgeball.

Six Year 9 pupils organised the event which took place at lunchtime for all the year group to participate in - and the excitement even carried over to some PE lessons throughout the day.

Darcey K, Rosie S, Eloise G, Sophia S, Jolie T and Paige M organised the event and promoted it to their year group. They also organised a Halloween quiz for all Year 9 groups to compete with during Learning for Life.



PE teacher, Mrs Bullock, said, "The activities were thoroughly enjoyable and it was a great way to encourage participation in sport - everyone had fun! The girls are looking to organise another event before Christmas".

The group of six will all gain recognition for leadership, communication, organisation and initiative which will earn them credits towards their Priory+ and PiXL Edge awards for personal development.



Mrs Bullock,
PE Teacher & Head of year 9

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Have Your Contact Details Changed?

We send direct communications to our parents/carers in various ways such as email, text and letters. We may also need to get in touch with you if your child is ill or there is an emergency. It is important, therefore, that the school holds up to date contact information.

Parents/Carer...

If you need to update any personal information such as change of address / contact numbers / email addresses it is important that you only do this directly with school as below. Please **do not** provide updates solely via any online channels you may have access to such as SCOPay, BlueRunner or Synergy.

If your contact details change you can update us with the necessary information in various ways:

- Email enquiries@priory.lancs.sch.uk
- Email your child's Head of Year or Form Tutor
- Contact the school office by telephone or in person



In the case of an emergency, we need to contact you urgently. It is important, therefore, that the school has more than one contact name and number for your child and that any changes to these are also advised as soon as they occur.

*Mrs Swire
Inclusion & Family
Support Manager*



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

On the curriculum w/c 7 November

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.

Year 7	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Starting as we mean to go on' My hobbies
Year 8	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Celebrating our difference' Expressing opinion through debate
Year 9	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Finding my voice' Motivational leadership
Year 10	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Owning my journey' Active learning
Year 11	Autumn Term - Theme: 'Breaking down the journey' Mental health Part 2

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Pupils are Sew Good at Eco Fashion Club

It was the first session of Eco Fashion Club on Monday, a branch of Eco Club where pupils have the chance to make something new out of old clothes and unwanted fabric.

Led by Mrs Massey and Mrs Lockwood, the group had a very productive hour after school in the Technology block (TE4).

Mrs Lockwood commented, "Our volunteer grandparent, Mrs Lazonby, was amazing and with her expert sewing experience pupils made a good start on some practical skills of pattern cutting and machine sewing."



Photos show pupils garment upcycling to make hair scrunchies.

Pupils had some wonderful ideas for other items they would like to produce in the weeks ahead.

The class runs after school every Monday from 3.10pm to 4.15pm up until Christmas. All year groups welcome.



ECO FASHION CLUB

- RECYCLE -

- REDUCE -

- REUSE -

Penwortham
Priory
ACADEMY

MONDAY'S 3.10-4.15PM
(FROM 31ST OCTOBER)
TECHNOLOGY TE4

LEARN GREAT WAYS REDUCE WASTE AND UPCYCLE
YOUR OLD CLOTHES!
TEXTILE DONATIONS WELCOME!

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EnglishDepartment



Seneca Smashers

This week the spotlight is on our Key Stage 4 pupils and praise for Year 11 pupils who are doing very well using the Seneca programme for their homework.

For achieving 100% on their poetry revision, this week's Smashers are:



Alesha B, Kacey S, Lucy A, Lily A, Lewis C, Zoe D, Maddie E, Abby B, Hollie H, Kyra M, Ameer H, Daniel B, Holly E, Courtney M, Ebony S, Grace T

Message to our Year 11 Seneca Smashers from Mrs Gidden:

"The poetry mock exam on Thursday won't know what's hit it - you are incredible!"

To all Year 11:

"Oh, and by the way Year 11, every fortnight, Mrs Gidden will draw one lucky winner from a bag of Seneca Smashers (100% on Seneca homework) and they will win a prize (Amazon vouchers/chocolate/high street voucher)."



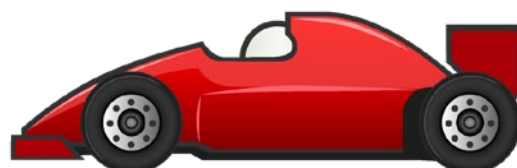
Our AR Racers

We cannot believe how many of you superstars read literally thousands of words during the half term break!

Mrs Gidden says, "There's nothing quite like these dark autumn nights when you're snuggled up with some chocolate and a good book! It seems as though plenty of our Year 7-9 took full advantage of the half term holidays to read, read, read. I hope you all remember to move your Reading Racing Car on our AR track."

Words read so far this academic year:

Oliver C	263,076
Sophie P	191,035
Emily C	73,000
Thomas E	101,611
Sa B	356,621
Jacob R	1,244,281
Will D	123,554
Freya B	79,257
Jessica D	456,207
Emma B	103,029
Navah T	103,029



Our Brilliant Bedrock Blasters...

Three Priory pupils have been recognised by Bedrock Learning for their hard work on the English literacy application last half term.

Bedrock's Customer Success Manager, Mr Collier, said, "*We were blown away by your students' hard work on Bedrock Learning last half-term. With over 300,000 students using Bedrock, three of your students have been selected for their consistent completion of lessons - this amazing achievement should be rewarded!*"

The English Department is thrilled to announce that **Mia C (Year 9)**, **Maisie C (Year 8)** and **Summer P (Year 8)** have all been awarded a £10 Amazon voucher directly by Bedrock for their dedication.

Well done!

Bedrock Stars prize draw

Congratulations to these learners!

Maisie C - Year 8
Summer P - Year 8
Mia C - Year 9



We Have Millionaire Readers!

We already have three millionaires this year.

Year 8's Jessica D has achieved millionaire status again after gaining multi-imillionaire status in Year 7. Year 9 pupil, Emily P, has also achieved residence in millionaire's mansion for the third consecutive year.

We are also very excited to announce our first Year 7 word millionaire, Jacob R. Jacob was so proud to receive his certificate from Mrs Gidden and commented that he couldn't wait to take it to show everyone at his uncle's wedding this weekend! Jacob - you're amazing!



Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

The skeleton timetable has been issued to Year 11 pupils and their parents. A copy of the schedule, which starts next week, can also be downloaded from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/pupils/revision

A reminder to all that there will be two early lunches during the Autumn mock exam series - Monday, 7 November and Friday, 18 November. Lunch will be brought forward one hour to 12.15pm to 12.50pm, followed by Period 4, 5 & 6.





November 2022

WHAT'S ON GUIDE

Penwortham Arts Centre - 'The Venue'
Liverpool Road, Penwortham PR1 9XE



Community Events Penwortham Arts Centre

Comedy Night

Comedians' Tony Burgess and Martin Mor are joining us for the November Comedy Night, with Alex Boardman as your MC.



Friday 11th November | Doors open at 7.30pm
£12 tickets via www.eventbrite.co.uk

The Yard Dogs

Local band The Yard Dogs are playing their first gig at Penwortham Arts Centre!

Saturday 12th November | Doors open at 7pm
£5 per person



St Catherine's - In The Frame

The annual Christmas sale of original art and photography to raise money for St Catherine's hospice care.



Friday 18th November: 1-7pm
Saturday 19th November: 10am-4pm
Sunday 20th November: 10am-4pm

Outlier

Preston's own Jazz Fusion trio OUTLIER are proud to announce a very special Christmas Show.

Saturday 26th November | doors open at 6.30pm
£10 tickets via www.eventbrite.co.uk



Film Night

The monthly Film Night's November film is: The Phantom of the Opera (2022, cert 12A).



Wednesday 23rd November | Doors open at 7pm
£4 tickets via www.eventbrite.co.uk



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

COMPETITION Design The School's Christmas Card

Deadline: Monday, 7 November



The Brief:

Be creative and design the school's Christmas card for 2022

Would you like the chance to have your design put in print and circulated to key people around the county?

For the chance to get your creative work recognised, win an Amazon voucher and House acclamation:

- Submit an original design **by Monday, 7 November 2022.**
- Designs must be an original **winter or Christmas-themed** painting or drawing **and incorporate a connection to Priory.** Alternatively, you may like to submit a photograph of a model or a Christmas bake that you have made yourself that can be used for the design.
- Artwork must be in an 'A' format ie, A5, A4, A3, and can be portrait or landscape.

Entries can be dropped off at the school office or passed to Head of Art, Mrs Hopes. Make sure your name and class are on the back! Photographs or digital artwork can be emailed to Mrs Hopes at t.hopes@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

The overall winner will receive a £15 Amazon voucher and we'll turn your design into the school Christmas card which will be sent out to over 200 people across the county. This is also a House competition.

Two runners up will receive a £10 and £5 Amazon voucher respectively and we will award achievement points to all entrants who have demonstrated effort.



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Physical Education Department Extra-Curricular Timetable (Autumn Term 2)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – Sports Hall 13.15 – 13.50	Badminton	Basketball	Badminton	KS3 Development Club	Basketball
After-School 15.15 – 16.15	Year 7 & 8 Football Practice (dependent on fixtures) Year 7 – 11 Netball	Badminton/Table Tennis Club Girls Football Practice	Staff Meetings KS4 Badminton Club	Cricket Club Basketball Club Rugby Club Hockey Club Primary School – Young Leaders	

NB In addition, school teams will have fixtures through the half-term. These may result in some clubs being moved locations / cancelled. (KS3 Years 7, 8 & 9 / KS4 Years 10-11)

This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Ms J'!

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
5 November**



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BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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**UP NEXT!
UP NEXT!
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Football Taster Session
Thursday November 10th
6.30pm - 8.00pm



**Myerscough
College**

- Are you in Yr 11 and serious about your education and football?
- Want to learn in a high quality environment with amazing facilities?
- Register your attendance for our taster session on Thursday 10th November.
- <https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/football-taster-event/>



**Football
Taster
Session**

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The session will be practical and take place on either their 3G pitch or inside their High Performance Centre Sports Hall. For more information and to register for this evening event, please go to

www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/football-taster-event/



RUNSHAW COLLEGE



OPEN EVENT

Tuesday **22** November 3.30pm - 7.30pm

runshaw.ac.uk/openevent



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