

Penwortham Priory Post



Christmas Card Design Competition

Priory's perfect Christmas Card design this year belongs to Year 10 Tilly who is keeping it in the family!

Tilly's mum won the Priory Christmas Card competition in 2003. Her winning design was a bauble (pictured next page) and, 20 years later, Tilly used aspects of her mum's card to move up from finishing third last year to seeing her design sent out in Priory's name this Christmas.

"I liked the fact I could use my mum's idea and then add aspects to the design. I started with the bauble and worked from there," said Tilly who is studying GCSE Art.

"I added more Christmas items and colour. I feel I could have done better, the line around the bow is thicker than I would have liked but I am a perfectionist!"

"My mum was really happy I won, like her. She did Art at Runshaw College and I think I will possibly do the same as she enjoyed it.

"I was happy to win. I wasn't sure how it would come out when it was printed but it came out perfectly."

Year 10 Emma earned second place with her design incorporating the 70th anniversary of Priory. This is featured on the back of the card.

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Key Dates

Diary Dates

Did you know that the term dates for the academic year are available to view and download from our website?

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

Dates for 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years are available too.

Fri, 22 December
End of Autumn term
Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm

Mon, 8 January 2024
Start of Spring term

Tues, 16 January 2024
STEAM Careers Fair (in school)
Year 11 Preston College interviews

Thurs, 18 January 2024
Production cast and crew wrap meal, Salvatores. 5pm-7pm.

Fri, 19 January 2024
Rewards trip

Weds, 31 January 2024
Year 9 Parents Evening (options) (online)



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"I started with the Priory logo and then saw the 70th one on a Christmas decoration so I decided to include that and built it from there," said Emma, who also studies GCSE Art.

"My mum was surprised I came second and is proud. I want to be an architect so Art is an important subject for me."

Year 8 Ruth finished third with her Christmas tree design and judge, Mrs Yates, was impressed when she spotted that the tinsel around the tree was made up of the 'Priory People'.

Mrs Shaw, Lead Teacher of Art and a judge, said: "Tilly's design has great composition – all elements work really well. The quality of the finish is excellent."

"Emma's design is amazing again – great composition and content. Very creative and fun."

Principal Mr Eastham, one of the judges, said: "Tilly's has the real WOW factor in design, colour and messaging – it's very impressive. The attention to detail on the stockings is great too. Emma's is the only one to incorporate our 70th - which is significant this year."

The printed design has now been posted out to key contacts around the county including other local primary and secondary schools. Tilly also won a £15 Amazon voucher, Emma won a £10 Amazon voucher and Ruth a £5 Amazon voucher. All other entrants received House points and a selection box which will be given out after the full school assembly on Friday.



Left: Winning design from 2003.

Below: Runners up entries.



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Priory In The Community

Priory Brings Festive Cheer to Penwortham



On Thursday last week, a selection of singers from across all year groups visited Longton Nursing Home and Booths Supermarket, Penwortham, to perform a selection of Christmas Carols and other festive tunes.



This event gave pupils the opportunity to perform in different venues and offered the chance for members of the public to experience musical performance for themselves who might not ordinarily be able to come into school.

Many of the pupils had blended their practising with the Production rehearsals after school and some stepped up to perform as a soloist or duet. As a reward, the 20+ group of pupils were able to oil their vocal chords with a trip to McDonalds for their lunch time break.

Mr Taylor commented, "Our presence was very well received and it was so pleasing to be able to take such good numbers of pupils to offer some Christmas cheer to both the residents in Longton and the shoppers in Booths. We look forward to going again next year."

Mr Taylor
Lead Teacher of Music



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'Hamilton the Musical' Trip

"I am not throwing away my shot."

We certainly didn't and when we heard Hamilton was in Manchester we made sure we got tickets.



Hamilton is something we study in Key Stage 4 Performing Arts but is also loved by many other students. This revolutionary musical is well known for its Rap and Hip Hop which means it is accessible for young people.

Lead Teacher of Drama, Miss Howell, said, "Our students were so excited to see this and the buzz was electric as we were all going to be *"In the room where it happens!"*"

The biographical musical, which pupils saw at the Palace Theatre, covers the life of American Founding Father, Alexander Hamilton. It's based on Ron Chernow's biography and features a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, R&B, and show tunes. It tells the story of Hamilton's involvement in the American Revolution, his relationship with George Washington, and his role in shaping the political history of the early United States.

Miss Howell continued, "I want to thank all the staff that helped out and made the trip happen."

"The biggest thanks needs to go to our students, what amazing students we have. They all understood theatre etiquette and this was noticed by members of the public, as they commented on how well behaved they all were. So, the biggest thanks goes to them for their impeccable behaviour and an enjoyable evening."



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WE'RE HIRING!

Catering Assistants x 2

PART TIME

Post 1: 16.25 hours per week

Post 2: 22.5 hours per week

We are seeking two Catering Assistants to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages plus related catering duties. Little or no experience is required.

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

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies

Closing date 18 January 2024 at 9am

Please note, school will be closed from 22 December until 8 January and we will therefore respond to any enquiries on our return.



Catering Assistants x 2 (part-time)

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

Days	Monday to Friday term time only
Hours	Post 1: 16.25 hours per week 10.15am-2.00pm with 30 minute break Post 2: 22.5 hours per week 9.30am 2.30pm with 30 minute break
Pay	Grade 2 Point 2 Full Time Equivalent gross salary £22,366 per annum Actual pro rata salary: Post 1: £8,305 pa Post 2: £11,500 pa

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

Closing date: Thursday, 18 January at 9am.

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

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies
c.barker@priory.lancs.sch.uk | 01772 320250
h.rigby@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Interviews will be held on 23-25 January 2024.



Trafford Centre Reward Trip

Rewards

Friday, 19 January

Letters have gone out this week to pupils who have worked hard, had a good attendance record and have demonstrated the Priory standard over the past term. These pupils are invited on a reward trip to the Trafford Centre in January.

The cost of the trip is £9 which will cover return transport and must be paid no later than 10 January via SCOPay where parents will also be asked to complete a consent form.

Pupils will have the opportunity to go shopping, to the cinema, arcades or to play crazy golf. Please note, pupils who wish to do an activity on the day, will require additional funds for this.

Pupils will set off after morning registration and will return in time for the school buses. Pupils are welcome to wear their own clothes that are appropriate for the trip, but they are to remember they will still be expected to represent and uphold the Priory standard.

There will be a range of enrichment activities for those that choose to stay in school instead, such as crafts, sports, photography, music and cookery.

It is expected that pupils will continue to meet the Priory standard in the time from the issue of the invitation and the day of the trip. Attendance remains at the discretion of the Head of Year and Pastoral team.



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Parents & Carers

SCHOOL SYNERGY

We encourage parents / carers to login to Synergy regularly for updates on their child's achievement record in school.

We award 'points' via Synergy for many events and activities in school including school contribution, positive behaviour, staff recognition, attitude, attending clubs, representing school, 100% punctuality within a school week, contribution in lessons and much, much more.



For further information on Synergy, including the Parent App and how to register, please visit the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/synergy

If you have any enquiries or issues please email Mrs Crank, Assistant Principal, at d.crank@priory.lancs.sch.uk and put 'Synergy' in the subject line.

Diary Dates



Year 11 Prom

The date has been set so it's time to start booking the hair appointments and shopping for that elusive evening wear.

Thursday, 4 July 2024

Charnock Farm, Wigan Road, Leyland, PR25 5DA

Further information, costs and timings will be issued to pupils and parents in the Spring term.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) scheme aims to provide free healthy food and enriching activities for children aged 4 to 16 who are eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals, or other criteria detailed on the South Ribble Borough Council website.

The HAF scheme:

- Is free of charge
- Offers fun activities and experiences
- Includes free food and refreshments

The latest you can book an activity is 48 hours before it starts. See poster opposite for calendar of events>>

Where it is a family activity (eg family swimming for four) if one child is eligible the rest of the family can attend.

If your child isn't eligible for Free School Meals or any of the listed criteria, but would like to attend, you are welcome to turn up on the day and can join in if there is availability in the session.

To book your place>

<https://www.southribble.gov.uk/HAFTimetable>



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 2nd Jan to Friday 5th Jan

The Council have lots of free activities to enjoy during this winter's school holiday.

You will receive a Free Lunch!

Head to southribble.gov.uk/HAFTimetable to secure your place

FUTSAL	Academy@Warden, Leyland	Tuesday 2nd Jan	2:30pm - 4:30pm
	All Hallows Catholic High, Penwortham	Wednesday 3rd Jan	2:30pm - 4:30pm
	Lostock Hall Academy	Thursday 4th Jan	2:30pm - 4:30pm
Girls Only Gym Sessions	Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre	Tuesday 2nd Jan	2:30pm - 4:30pm
	Leyland Leisure Centre	Wednesday 3rd Jan	2:30pm - 4:30pm
	Penwortham Leisure	Thursday 4th Jan	2:30pm - 4:30pm
Basketball	All Hallows Catholic High, Penwortham	Friday 5th Jan	2:30pm - 4:30pm
Indoor Cricket & Kiri-Ball	All Hallows Catholic High, Penwortham	Tuesday 2nd Jan	2:30pm - 4:30pm
	Academy@Warden	Wednesday 3rd Jan	2:30pm - 4:30pm
	All Hallows Catholic High, Penwortham	Thursday 4th Jan	2:30pm - 4:30pm

South Ribble
Borough Council

Please book via
southribble.gov.uk/HAFTimetable
or
Turn up on the day

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Year 10 Qualify As Peer Mentors



Last week, the first cohort of Year 10 pupils undertook their ASDAN short course to qualify as Peer Mentors.

Pupils attended two full day training sessions in school with an external trainer where they were given an introduction to mentoring and 'buddying' younger ones.

Peer mentoring can support children and young people by:

- Enhancing social competence,
- Building security within the setting and wider community by realising their worth as social beings,
- Improving attendance and educational attainment whilst
- Developing friendship skills in a positive environment.

Each learner participated in a number of activities across five challenges to gain a 10 hours accredited ASDAN certificate. They also bagged themselves a £25 'Love 2 Shop' voucher!



Ms Smith, Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, said, "It is great to see that we have kind pupils who want to give up their own time to support younger pupils in school. In the New Year, we will have a Peer Mentor Station where pupils will be able to see a Peer Mentor to ask for advice or support."

Year 10 Umar said, "During the sessions we developed our communications and team working skills. We chatted about scenarios that could happen and how we would deal with them. I am looking forward to helping pupils in their difficult times or whatever they need help with. I would recommend this course to any other pupils in my year group, as it has given me motivation and confidence. Thank you to Mei from We Are With You for teaching us."

ASDAN offers nationally recognised qualifications based around the development of personal, social and employability skills, making the course the perfect addition to a pupil's college application or CV.

The next cohort will begin their training in January. Pupils wishing to join further courses should see Ms Smith, or contact her via Teams Chat.

Well done to Year 10 pupils: Christopher C, Emily P, Umar H, Jake L, Oliver E.

Ms Smith
Lead Practitioner for Personal Development

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Year 7 Pupils Line Up Their Models To Impress Geography Teachers



Pupils were praised as 'extremely creative' as the annual Geography Contours Competition enjoyed record entries!

Led by Geography teachers Mrs Kursitis, Mr Momoniat and Mr Metcalfe, it was a competition run across all classes in Year 7 as an addition to lessons.

Mr Momoniat said: "Pupils had two months to make a 3D contour model and include the criteria of key, scale and the right colours for the different levels.

"Pupils used cardboard and paint but the winner, Arjuna, used air dried clay and made a waterfall on his design.

"Some pupils used a 3D printer while one pupil used material from Plaster of Paris, usually used in casts for broken bones.

"It was a competition at home and many pupils went above and beyond. They were extremely creative and we had the biggest ever submission this year which is superb.

"It shows their enthusiasm for Geography, something we obviously encourage. Year 7 pupils have already shown a great passion for the subject."



Mrs Kursitis said: "There were some wonderful entries, they really did think outside the box and it was hard to judge the winners."

Arjuna was the winner and said: "It was my mum's idea to use air dried clay and it took us about an hour to make. I found it quite easy but I do enjoy geography. My mum was very shocked when I told her I had won. We were pleased with the outcome."

Sophia said: "I made my mountain in pieces and put a flag in it. I used cardboard and it took me around an hour. I love geography so I was pleased to be a prize winner."

Imogen said: "I really enjoyed doing this, Mr Mo is my Geography teacher and is very enthusiastic."

Class Winners



7E1: Jess H, Theo L, James A

7E2: Jacob V-Z, Freya Clark, Eli P

7E3: Marshall T, Dexter H, Salahuddeen I

7W1: Lola B, Thomas A, Lily W

7W2: Joel O/Joe W, Ella R, Joel W

Overall: Arjuna P, Imogen C, Sophia L.

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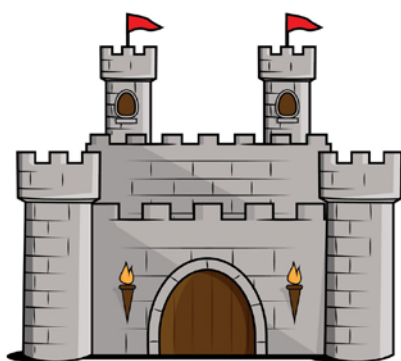
Christmas in Food Technology



Mrs Lockwood's Year 8 Food Technology class has been enjoying the fruits of its labour in the run up to the Christmas break.

The longer half term has meant the pupils were lucky enough to have a bonus week in their Technology rotation and they were delighted that we could squeeze in an extra practical lesson.

Technology teacher, Mrs Lockwood said, "It was the first time that many had used puff pastry so that was interesting and a bit of a challenge! We created chocolate twists which apparently tasted just as good as they looked!"



Year 7 Castle Competition!

Would you like the chance to win a History badge and collect some Points for you and your House?

The History Department are running a competition for Year 7 pupils to design their own castle.

You need to make a 3D model of either a motte & bailey castle or stone castle.

There are examples in HU1 from last year's competition, and if you have any questions ask your History teacher.

**Deadline for entries is
Friday 26th January 2024.**

**All models are to be
brought to HU1 for
judging!**

Good luck everyone!

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Year 8 Gymnast's Chance to Qualify For National Championships



Year 8 Millie has battled back from a double ankle break to win a gold medal in the English Championships and qualify for a chance to compete at the National Championships.

Millie, who says her favourite discipline is bars, has been involved with gymnastics for eight years.

"I think I just wanted to try it and see if I liked it and I did," she said.

"I train 14-and-a-half hours a week with the City of Preston Gymnastics Club – which is four days a week so I am dedicated."

Millie has competed in Malta, where she came third on the vault and third overall as a team, and the Isle of Man, where she won overall, but suffered a setback earlier this year.

"I broke my ankle both sides when I fell off the bars. I was out for around six months."

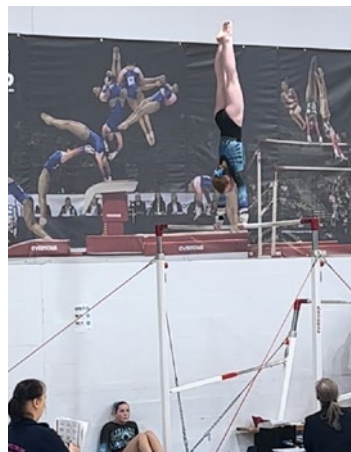
She admitted it was frustrating not being able to train but she kept in 'good condition'.



She is back in full training now and last month took part in the Moss English Gymnastics Championships winning gold in her category and coming fourth overall. She competed at a higher level this year too, moving up from Bronze to Silver Intermediate.

"My next big event is the North West Prelims in March at Wigan, which are qualifiers for the National Finals. It's a chance to represent the North West team so it's one of my biggest events so far."

Millie also enjoys netball and football.



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Year 11 Basketball Slam Dunk the Competition



REPORT BY MR GEE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AND PE TEACHER

Priory's Year 11 basketball team produced their strongest performance of the season running out 59-6 winners against Walton Le Dale High School in the U16 Lancashire School Basketball Cup.

A strong first quarter saw Priory take a 19-0 lead with Sales scoring frequently supported by the ever-willing runner, McGovern.

Priory's dominance continued throughout the game which Priory lead 28-0 at the end of the second quarter, 48-2 by the end of the third quarter and eventually ran out 59-6 winners.

All ten players scored at least two points in the game with Waterhouse scoring his first points for the school team.



Team: Sales (24 points), Collinson (2 points), Matthews (8 points), Coleman (2 points), McGovern (10 points), Ogdin (2 points), Dave (4 points), Andre Manuel (5 points), Waterhouse (2 points)

Year 7 South Ribble Champions

Congratulations to the Year 7 Football team after winning the Year 7 South Ribble 5-a-side Tournament last Tuesday evening.

Priory topped the group stage against Lostock Hall, Walton-le-Dale and Wellfield with 2-1, 3-1 and 7-1 wins respectively. This put them through to the semi-finals to face Leyland St Mary's.

Despite going a goal down, the team showed great resilience and came out 3-1 victors. This meant playing the hosts, All Hallows, in the final.

The game was very even throughout, with some great long range strikes from both teams. There was nothing to split the teams, even after extra time with the score 4-4. Down to three penalties each, Priory triumphed as Birley made two good stops meaning a 2-1 win on penalties.

Head of PE & Sport, Mr Bullock said, "Well done lads, some fantastic individual and team performances throughout the competition".



Year 8 and 9 Girls Football 7-a-Side Competition

SPORTS REPORT

Tuesday, 28 November saw the last of the girls' 7-a-side tournaments held at Leyland St Mary's.

The team began a very frosty football fight against their South Ribble competitors. We didn't get off to the best of starts against Penwortham Girls High School, however we gradually began to get into our stride after that, with less goals conceded thanks to goalkeeper Jess J.

As each game passed by, the girls kept fighting and working together as a team with some great defensive work from Georgia and Kelsey stopping the attack from their opponents.

The attempts from our attack just kept on coming, with Lainie and Millie narrowly missing, until Lexi scored our first goal!



Team Coach and PE Teacher, Miss Beesley, said, "In the end, the tournament just wasn't meant to be for Priory, finishing in 7th position overall. However, thank you girls for continuing to be determined and carry on in the freezing conditions!"

Well done team :Jess J, Georgia R, Kelsey-Rae D, Sienna M, Lainie W-S, Millie D, Harriet H, Keira H, Emily A, Lexi S.

Year 8 Success in 7-a-Side Competition

Priory was proud to host the South Ribble Schools 7-a-side B team competition for Year 8 footballers on Tuesday afternoon.

Coaches Mr Raynor and Mr Sneddon selected a number of players making their debuts for the school and the lads responded with excellent performances. As one of six teams in the tournament, Priory's five matches produced 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 defeat.

These results led to a credible third place finish for the team.

Mr Raynor said, "We were delighted with the way that each of the lads stepped up and played their part. To only concede one goal in 5 games was a great team effort."

Well done: Merdi A-M, George W, Elliott S, Charlie T, Alfred A, Callum M, Zishan H, Alfie, Shivam Y.



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Year 8 Are Seeing Eye To Eye in Design Technology



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 have also learnt about the material, 'felt', which they have used 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?

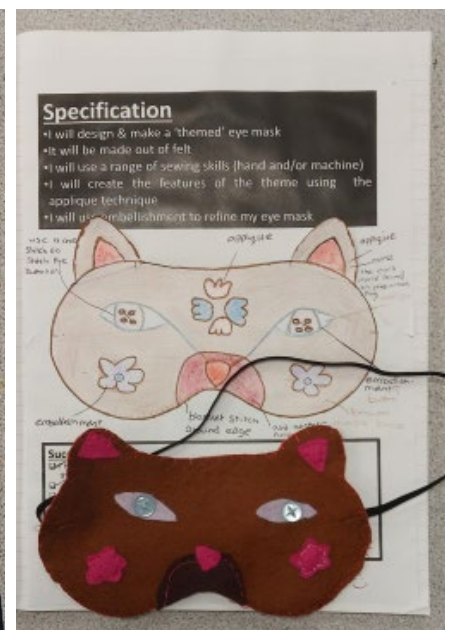
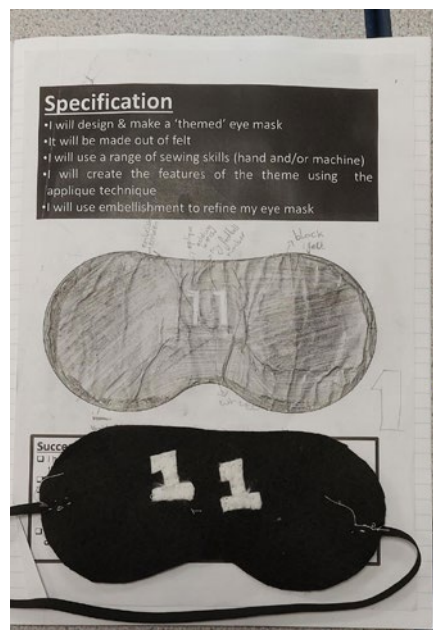
A specification is a list of specific points which the finished item should include. The pupils had to:

- 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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Dinner is Served - Priory Style!



Priory well and truly got into the festive spirit last Wednesday when Christmas jumper day was matched with Christmas lunch.

The catering team could take a step back whilst pupils had the pleasure of being served their turkey, with all the trimmings, by the Senior Leaders. It was all a bit Christmas crackers!



Christmas Jumper Day was one of our two fundraising days that is taking place in the run up to Christmas, in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. Pupils who took part were encouraged to donate £1 to the charity and, during Learning for Life, all pupils learnt about the vital work the hospice does for terminally ill people and their families.



The second fundraiser is this Friday when it is House Colours Day. On the last day of term, pupils may wear a top or bottoms in their House colour along with their own clothes. Clothing worn must be sensible and appropriate for the school environment. A £1 donation towards St Catherine's Hospice is appreciated and can be brought into school to be collected by form tutors or paid online via SCOPay.

Thank you for your support.



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Year 10 Work Experience



Priory has traditionally run a one week work experience placement for all pupils in Year 10.

This will run from

Monday, 20 May to Friday, 24 May 2024.

Pupils will be expected to secure a self-placement, attend an interview and complete five full days of work experience.

Year 10 pupils have been given a self-placement pack with all the information they require for us to support them with this. Pupils/employers must complete and sign all four forms and also obtain a copy of the Employers Liability Insurance document.

All five documents must be returned to the school office by Monday, 29 January so that the relevant visits for risk assessments and the collation of paperwork needed prior to placement can be completed.

For primary school placements, pupils must not make direct contact with the school but instead provide a letter of application to Mrs Eastham/Mr Bullock providing the name of the primary school and explaining why they wish to carry out work experience there.

Please note: For placements that are considered to be high risk, a parental contribution of £35 may be needed so we can employ an external risk assessor to assess the placement. No financial contribution is required if a placement is deemed to be low risk.

This is a wonderful opportunity that we are able to facilitate for all pupils in Year 10 and we would like to thank parents in advance for working with us to make it yet another successful programme.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr Bullock or Mrs Eastham via email at m.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk or v.eastham@priory.lancs.sch.uk



Year 7 London/Paris Trip 2024 Expression of Interest

We are pleased to announce that we intend to offer a 3 day residential trip to Harry Potter Studios, London, and Paris, incorporating Disneyland and many key tourist attractions in the cities. The trip is currently exclusive to Year 7 pupils and will run in September 2024.

We will travel by executive coach from Priory, ferry from Dover to Calais, and then the same coach into Paris and return. The overnight accommodation will be twin/triple rooms with ensuite facilities. Food and entrance fees to attractions are included in the quoted price. Insurance, travel costs and a trip t-shirt are also included. During the trip, pupils will have great opportunities to practise their French speaking whilst ordering food and buying goods.

The total cost of the trip is expected to be approximately £660, with a five month payment plan, and the potential date for departure is 19 September 2024. NB Both may change at this stage.

Letters of intent to ascertain interest in the trip have been issued last week and the deadline for reply slips has been extended to **Friday, 22 December at 9am**. Reply slips should be handed to the School Office.

There are a maximum of 40 places available. Parents of successfully selected pupils will receive an offer of place and further information via email.

A copy of the letter can be collected from the School Office or downloaded from the school website at >

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

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Design Competition Marks The Page For Key Stage 9 Pupils

Year 9 Kacper will see his imaginative design transformed into Priory's 2024 bookmark for all Key Stage 3 pupils and the new pupils coming to Priory in September.

The English department hold the competition every year for pupils to design a bookmark.

Assistant Head of English, Miss Hearn, said this year's competition was important as the winning bookmark was going to be produced on a bigger scale than previously.

"We know Priory has done the bookmark competition in the past and we have revived it on a bigger scale."

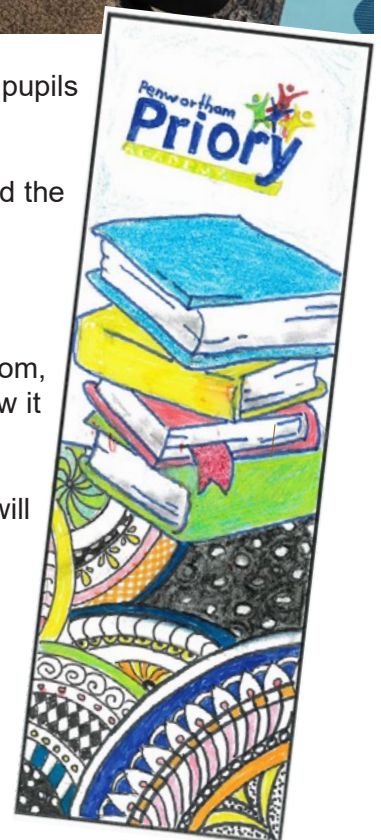
"Not only will the winning design be printed and given out to Key Stage 3 pupils, it will be available in the library to pick up and will also be given to new pupils starting next September."

"Mr Eastham chose Kacper's design because it was beautifully drawn but also had the Priory logo on it so it was the perfect bookmark for Priory."

"It was a tough selection as we had around 150 entries."

Kacper said: "I like to draw so I just used my imagination. I did mosaics at the bottom, books in the middle then copied the Priory logo for the top. I was pleased with how it worked out."

"Drawing is just a hobby although I do enjoy Art but I was surprised I had won. I will be proud when I see them."



Miss Hearn
Assistant Head of English

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, William...

Year 8 William admits he has enjoyed reading 'Cold Bath Street' by AJ Hartley which is set on the streets of Preston.

"It's good being able to visualise the area and know the places being described," said William who has moved onto the sequel 'Winter Stone Lane'.

They are ghostly, gothic thrillers and William said: "Cold Bath Street was discussed in one of my classes and so I thought I should read it and it was a really good decision. It's really interesting and is well-written."

William's favourite subjects are Maths and Technology but he has found a talent for music.

"I got a keyboard for Christmas so I have been practising and teaching myself new songs. I am currently learning 'Fur Elise' which I am playing at the end of term assembly. It's tricky in the middle but I am getting there!"



Mrs Elliott
English Teacher & Chief Librarian



NEXT ISSUE

The next issue will be out
Friday, 19 January 2024.

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Autumn Term Attendance Winners

Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good, regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and life.

At the end of each term, prizes are announced to recognise consistently high attendance throughout the academic year. Many pupils achieve 97%+ attendance and names are drawn out of a hat; the four winners of each year group receiving a prize.

The following pupils' names have been drawn and will be presented with their goodies on the last day of term.



Year 7

Yosef B,
Artin B,
Areesha I-W,
Harry W

Year 9

Hannah N,
Phoebe W,
Jessica D,
Ellis J

Year 11

Oli H,
Rylan S,
Lexie P,
Billy M

Year 8

David F,
Sophie P,
Mollie R-P,
Oliver C

Year 10

Hannah B,
AJ F,
Layla H,
Indra J

Kooth's live chat hours over the holiday period

24th December (Christmas Eve) - 4pm - 8pm
 25th December (Christmas Day) - 4pm - 8pm
 26th December (Boxing Day) - 4pm - 8pm
 31st December (New Years Eve) - 4pm - 8pm
 1st January (New Years Day) - 4pm - 8pm

Other days over the holiday period will follow our usual live chat hours of 12pm - 10pm on weekdays and 6pm - 10pm on weekends.

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Chilli Challenge Winners

Another upsurge in entries has kept Mrs Cowell busy checking the completed forms. Keep it going! Here are the final winners for this term.

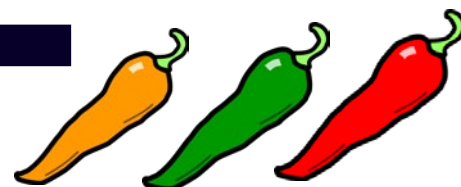
Year 7	Archie S	H2
Year 8	Wren T	H2
Year 9	Ben T	C2
Year 10	A-J F	C6
Year 11	Maddison P-H	Hodder



Chilli tokens were distributed last Friday morning during Form time for winners to claim their free breacktime snack from the dining rooms. The next challenge will be out on our return from the Christmas break.

The boost in entries from Hodder has meant the leaderboard has changed with the gold house making a meteoric rise up the ladder from 4th to 2nd place! :

1st	DOUGLAS	2nd	HODDER
3rd	CALDER	4th	RIBBLE



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

This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Ms S'!

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!

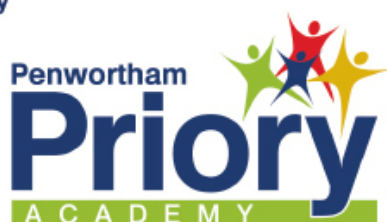
Play along! It's easy to get your tickets online - only £1 each.

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
23 December



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2

BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



3

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It's As Easy As



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

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and search for: Penwortham Priory

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

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School closes for the Christmas break on Friday, 22 December at the earlier time of 1.10pm.

We wish all our families a season of delight, a season of cheer, and to top it all off - a wonderful New year!

Spring term begins on Monday, 8 January 2024.



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