9 February 2024

Penworthan Privy Post



Year 11 Football Team On Target For The Cup

Priory's Year 11 football team are up for the cup after reaching the quarter-finals of the Lancashire Cup.

The talented team have seen off St Augustine's in Billington 3-1, the Armfield Academy in Blackpool 3-1 and Darwen Aldridge Community Academy 4-1 so far in the competition.

They will face the winners of Hutton Grammar v Ormskirk High School on 23rd February for a place in the semi-finals.

Harry is the captain while top scorer is Mason has scored six goals so far in this competition.

Striker Mason is currently having trials with League Two side Accrington Stanley.

Assistant, Principal, Mr Gee has been coaching the team since Year 7 and said: "I have watched them grow-up and grow as a team. It's the furthest we as a school have ever been in this competition and we hope to go further!"

Read more about our footballing stars overleaf...

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.

12 -16 February Half term - School Closed

19 February - 19 March Year 11 Mock Exams 'Scratching the Surface' auditions.

Weds, 21 February Royal Volunteers Service Assembly (Year 1)

Mon, 18 March Year 9 DTP/ACWY Vaccinations

Tues, 26 March Year 11 Parents Evening (online)

Weds, 27 March Easter Bingo Evening (Year 7 & Year 8)

27-29 March London Trip (Year 10 & Year 11 Performing Arts pupils)

Thurs, 28 March End of Spring Term Early lunch followed by school closure at 1.10pm







Connor will attend one of the biggest kickboxing

competitions when he goes to Holland to take part in the European Cup.

The Year 11 pupil is already an English, British and European champion and will travel to Holland this month to compete in the -63kg for age group 16-18.

He is a member of NSK in Leyland, trains six days a week and has been kickboxing for more than 10 years.

"It's a really big event, one of the biggest and you have to get selected to go so I am excited," said Connor. "I am going there to win it."

Theo has made history by becoming the school's first Platinum Priory+ pupil.

The Priory+Award is a programme where pupils are rewarded for engaging in activities that contribute to their own personal development. It's to encourage pupils to take part in a wide range of activities both in and out of school.

Priory+ is rewarded with a star badge, certificate for pupil's records of achievement and achievement points towards trips and visits. They have to compete an activity from five strands to earn a coveted badge at each stage of the programme.

Theo said: "I have been travelling around England increasing my knowledge of culture and heritage, I have also played football and basketball and have generally been helping out."

Principal Mr Eastham said: "Theo has earned our first Platinum Award, which is a huge achievement and he deserves a massive well done. It's such a big achievement."

Mason is having trials with Accrington Stanley Academy.



NO NEWSLETTER THE FIRST WEEK ON OUR RETURN FROM THE HALF TERM BREAK.

The next issue will be out Friday, 1 March 2024.







From Primary to Priory: Trampolining with the PE Department



Over two separate visits, we invited Year 3 classes from Whitefield Primary School to learn how to 'bounce' on our giant trampolines.

PE Teacher and Head of Year 10, Mrs Bullock said, "They were amazing and made so much progress in an hour. They were all so resilient and performed a range of trampolining skills from basic shapes to swivel hips."



Whitefield Primary School staff were delighted with their experience, saying, "Thank you Priory Academy and your amazing staff for allowing us to attend."



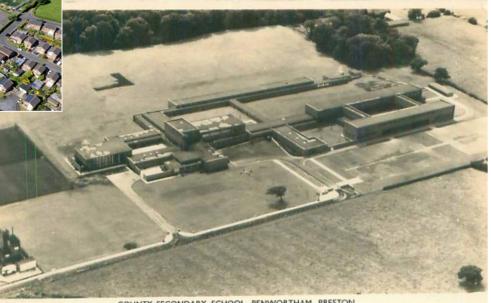
Penwortham Priory Academy Flash Back



Taken, we believe, in the very early years of the 1950s, when the school was known as Penwortham County Secondary School.

It's a far cry from how it looks now, with many additional buildings and the housing opposite. Earlier this week, we found the photo below shared on social media.





COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL, PENWORTHAM, PRESTON.





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.

Spring Half Term 2 - February - March 2024

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	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
l	Monday	Monday	Monday
	Sausage, mash and beans or peas Cheese and broccoil pasta with garlic	Brunch OF* Vegetable curry with rice and naan (OF	Butter chicken curry with rice and naan H (GF without naan)
	bread V	without naam) V	Tomato & red pepper pasta with garlio bread V GF*
l	Tuesday	Tuesday	luesday
l	Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread GF* Vegetable samosas with rice and curry	Savoury mince with Yorkshire pudding and mash GF*	Mexican chicken burrito with nachos GF* H
l	sauce V	Cheese pie and mash V	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread V
	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
	Cheese and tomato calzone pizza with wedges and beans or sweetoom V	Vegetarian sausage with wedges and beans or peas V	Vegan sausage roll with wedges and beans or sweetcom V
	Chicken likka pasty with wedges and beans or sweetcom	Popcom chicken with wedges and beans or sweetcom H	Spicy chicken burger with wedges and beans or sweetcorn
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l	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
l	Roast dinner GF*	Roast dinner OF	Chicken tikka in a folded naan with salad
	Cheese and onion pasty with diced potatoes and beans or peas V	Jamaican jerk vegan burger with skin on wedges and beans or peas V GF*	and sauce, served with sweet potato fries and beans or peas GF* H
	Friday	Friday	Halloumi burger with sweet potato fries and beans or peas V GF*
l	Fish Pizza V GF* Steak and kidney	Fish Pizza V GF* Hot dog H	Friday
	pudding with gravy All served with chips and beans or mushy peas	All served with chips and beans or mushy peas	Fish Pizza V GF* Beefburger All served with chips and beans or mushy

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



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

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		Rec - Year 6 Family Fun Penwortham Community Centre	10am - 11:30am	
	Monday 12th February	Rec - Year 6 Family Fun Tardy Gate Recreation Ground (Lostock Hall)	12:30pm - 2pm	
		Year 7 - Year 11 Football Withy Grove Sports Hub	2:30pm – 4:30pm	
	Wednesday 14th February	Year 7 - Year 11 Football Penwortham Priory Academy	10am - 12pm	Y





Email sports@southribble.gov.uk if you have any quesitons

Chilli // // // // Challenge Winners

Here are this week's winners who received their chilli token this morning to claim their free breaktime snack from the dining rooms.

Year 7	Morsal M	H4
Year 8	Esa B	R3
Year 9	Charlie W	H5
Year 10	Tyler F	C4
Year 11	Emmie P	Gr6



Although the leaderboard remains the same as last week, there was a noticeable increase in entries from Ribble pupils and they made a good leap forward. Hodder are going to be hard to beat with more than double the amount of entries than their closest rival, Douglas :

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

Don't forget to pick up your next challenge sheet from the post boxes in your dining areas. There are three challenges to complete, each one with an increasing difficulty, and pop your

answers in your year group post box.

Mrs Jowell Vice Principal

Translation

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Discrete

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Enlargement



Spring Update

Priory's gardens are our pride and joy and award-winning gardener Mr Farron wants to let parents and pupils know what to expect each season as the landscape changes.



Seasons greetings fellow composters

Well, we are in deep mid-winter and the weather continues to bring fresh challenges for all who are engaged in horticulture ie, gardeners!

So I thought it would be worth engaging in what splendour is around us all. The garden needn't be dull at this time of year as the days get chillier, many tough plants give an amazing display through colour and structure.

Pot up your containers with seasonal plants to give several months of pleasure therefore I have been researching my plant guides so as to recommend the following plants for display:

Containers

Gaultheria Procumbens - Brings an instant stylish look using the white or red berries gaultheria, combined with dwarf conifers, pansies and miniature Cyclamen for an extra splash of colour.



Stunning Seed Heads

Both ornamental grasses and perennial seed heads look terrific covered with frost and it pays to delay cutting back until spring to enjoy a long-lasting display. So be aware of your surrounding stock. There are a number of plants that give a wonderful sculptured effect and they are: *Sea Holly, Miscanthus sinensis, veronicastrum virginicum, verbena bonariensis*

For Winter Scent

Abeliophyllum - Related to Forsythia Daphne Bholua – Heady fragrance Viburnum Bodnantense – Heavy scented Winter Honeysuckle – Scented tubular flowers Witch Hazel – Fantastic citrus scent

Foliage & Berries

Plants with more than one season are invaluable, particularly those that form berries, while evergreens provide structure and formality.

So here at Priory there are continued plans for the overall appearance of a well planned and colourful environment for the benefit of student, staff and visitors to enjoy the seasons to come. I am especially excited to see the recently finished planting and design of our rose garden in full bloom and I look forward to that moment.

Work in Progress

Out in the Priory garden central, I have started to

remove the old shrubs from the side walls to create a noticeable herbaceous and perennial display which will flower year on year. Also planned, will be a colourful planted area by the four seasons figures to add a



further interest to this beautiful place.

To conclude I would like to thank the students especially for respecting our gardens and we can look forward to a happy new year in these pleasant surroundings,

Mr C Farron, Gardener

Honorary Member of the RHS Winner of North West Britain in Bloom, South Ribble in Bloom and Penwortham in Bloom Judge for South Ribble and Penwortham in Bloom competitions



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 Craig and George...

Two Year 7s have been discussing their latest reading adventures as part of our Cool Reader series.

Craig is reading 'What Monster?' which is the 15th title in the multi-million bestselling Tom Gates series of books by Liz Pichon.

It's about a 'scary beast which has escaped into Tom's sort-of-normal world' and it's about trying to find out who it is.

Craig said: "It's very easy to read and it's funny so it's good. I read at home and in the school library.

"My favourite subject in school is Geography. At home, I enjoy playing on my X-Box."

Year 7 George tests himself at the Street Monkeys Academy in Preston but he does have time to rest with a book.

George is reading 'Five Night's at Freddy's' which began as a video game series and is now a book.

"It's ok. I do like horror books but I am not sure about this one yet," said George.

"I prefer reading books by authors like David Walliams. They are funny and a break from the normal.





"In my spare time I do attend Street Monkeys Academy which is a running, parkour and stunt academy. I enjoy climbing."

Mrs Elliott English Teacher and Chief Librarian

Learn to succeed

Newcomer Charlie Beats The Drums To Success



Year 9 Charlie is an extremely talented drummer who practises at home but also uses the school facilities every day to hone his skills.



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Charlie said: "I started

drumming when I was four. I went to a talent show when I was at primary school with a teenager drumming and it inspired me to play the drums.

"From then on I started taking lessons and I go to a teacher every Monday.

"I listen to a lot of music and the different drumming styles from Latin, rap, jazz and heavy metal.

"I also like to listen to different genres of music and different techniques. I

listen to it on an iPad, record player and even cassette player to see how it sounds. Music helps me relax.

"In the future, I would like to be in a band or a music producer."

You may see Charlie in our summer showcase in July!

Mr Taylor Lead Teacher of Music



Mock Exam Timetable

The exam timetable for the Year 11 mock exams beginning w/c 19 February through to Tuesday, 19 March, is available to download from the school website at>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/ pupils/revision



Humanities Department Rewards Artists For Their Postcard Designs

Talented Priory pupils put pen to paper to design a Humanities rewards postcard. The last set were designed two years ago and so it was time to refresh them.

It was a tough choice for Head of Humanities Mr Metcalfe to select the winners out of 70 exceptional entries but finally he chose Year 10 Agnes and Year 9 Junaid's designs.

Mr Metcalfe said: "It was a whole school competition and we got 70 entries and they were all really strong.

"The last Humanities rewards postcards were designed two years ago so it was a good time to revamp them.

"It was a tough choice but both Agnes and Junaid created fantastic designs. They were both stunning and we have to thank Mrs Cauchi for running the competition.

"Rewards postcards are given out for a number of reasons such as good work, polite manners and Priory standards."

Agnes and Junaid will both receive a £20 Amazon voucher.

Agnes said: "My design took me around four hours but I enjoyed doing it. I based it around a compass and then pointing to different items for History, Religious Studies and Geography. It's nice to see it in a postcard form."

Junaid said: "I had a few attempts but was happy with my final version. I am very proud to win as it means my hard work has paid off."

Nr Metcalfe Head of Humanities





while very provid of you

Have your design put in print for the new Humanities reward postcard

Learn to succeed



Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch

MaBaL (Music at Break and Lunch) is music played through the school's loud speaker system during break and lunch. Chosen by Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, this is designed to offer exposure to the curriculum in different ways, and support pupils' appreciation of music.

The focus is on one theme each week across a genre, a country or from history. The theme could also link to the season, a festival or an event in school, such as last term's production, Legally Blonde.

After half term, it's all about: The Music of Film

John Williams, John Barry and James Bond dominate proceedings here and coverage ranges from 1939 Gone with the Wind, through to films from the present day.

A film score is original music written specifically to accompany a film. The music is usually performed by an ensemble of musicians - an orchestra or band, instrumental soloists, and choir or vocalists. Film scores encompass a wide variety of styles of music, depending on the nature of the films they accompany. The majority of scores are orchestral works rooted in Western classical music, but many scores are also influenced by jazz, rock, pop, blues, new-age and ambient music, and a wide range of world music styles.

More recent films, since the invention of digital technology and audio sampling, have their music created and performed wholly by the composers themselves, by using music composition software, synthesizers, samplers, and MIDI controllers.

Although John Williams may be the most widely known composer of film music, Hans Zimmer is certainly running him close, and has been prolific in recent years.

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

> Mr Taylor Lead Teacher of Music





Year 9 Immunisations

IntraHealth, the schools' immunisation team will be visiting Penwortham Priory Academy in March to administer the DTP (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations to Year 9 pupils.

Parents of Year 9 pupils have been emailed details, including the link to the consent form. It is important that you follow the link (also below) and complete the form even if you do not wish your child to have the immunisations - click the green YES box(es) to consent to the vaccination or the red NO box if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine. Further information about the immunisation programme can also be accessed via the link.



https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/bbf8af59

If you have made an error or are unsure whether you have already completed a form, please contact IntraHealth on the telephone number below. Please do not attempt to complete another form.

If you experience any difficulties with the link, have any questions or your child's health changes, please contact IntraHealth direct on 0333 358 3397 Option 2 and then Option



Please note that the link will close at midnight on Friday, 1 March.

This week's winner...

Congratulations to 'Ms H'!

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 iackpot!

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

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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/

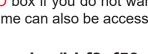
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Next Draw Saturdav

10 February





Important Notice



I Love Maths Because...



Head of Maths Mr Sneddon, along with the Maths Department, is running a competition asking pupils to say what they particularly enjoy about their subject.

Pupils are tasked with completing the following sentence, "*I love Maths because...*" and qualifying responses are rewarded with an *I love Maths* badge.

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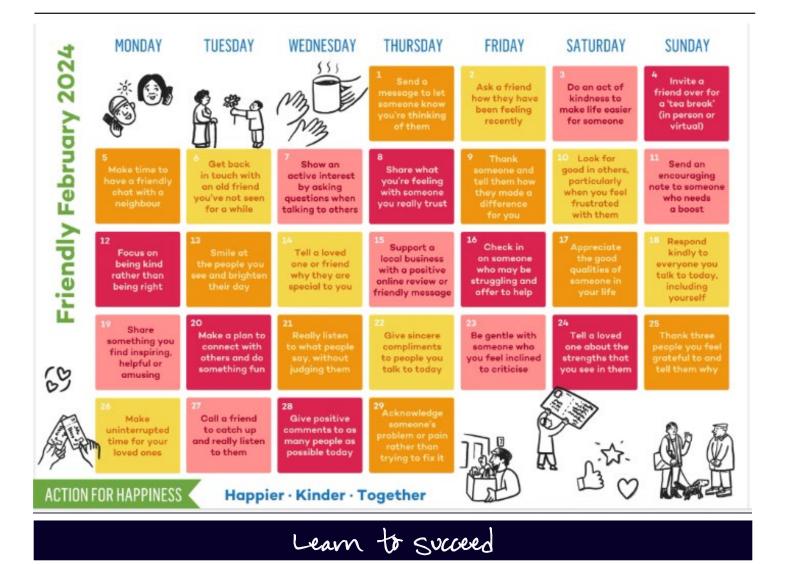
Here's why Year 11 Daniel loves Maths:

Daniel... because it's absolutely incredible. When I see mathematical equations, I immediately get engaged in the lesson. This lesson is absolutely madness. Love it. Love it more than anything. Love it more than English.

Pupils that want to claim an 'I love Maths' badge should simply click the

link below to access the online form and write Mr Sneddon a few sentences or paragraphs 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/e/cAKzEBpP1H



Inter-House Competition | Calder | Douglas | Hodder | Ribble A Game Changer for Health Food House Challenge

During last Thursday's lunchtime, the four Houses went head to head once again.

At this 'just for fun' event, the contender's skills were tested when they were challenged to get the sprout as far down the table as they could whilst also playing against the clock.

Following on from the Healthy Eating focus in Learning for Life sessions the previous week, pupils had to use the spoon in their mouth to transfer sprouts from bowl to bowl, along the line to the end of the table.

Mr Raynor's Ribble team won Gold overall, with Hodder in second for the Silver. Calder and Douglas taking Bronze medals.

See following page for the next House competition- the Pancake Flip!







School is now closed for the half term break.

We return on Monday, 19 February.



Interhouse Competition Douglas | Calder | Hodder | Ribble



Pupils Prepare for Pancake Day with Some Flipping Fun

Tuesday, 13 February is Pancake Day however, as it's during half term week, Mr Raynor started the annual pancake tossing competition early.



At lunch on Wednesday, pupils gathered in their House teams to take part in an interhouse pancake flipping competition in the Assembly Hall.

Each House had a team of four pupil volunteers and each had 30 seconds to score as many flips as they could. The House with the highest total won the contest.

Special mentions for Year 9 Thomas E of Hodder who managed an incredible 39 flips on his go and Mrs Kursitis

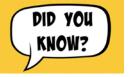


who stepped in to play for Calder, scoring 29. Thank you to Mrs Lockwood for the pans and Miss Beesley for the 'pancake' rubber discs.

The winners were Hodder (92 flips), followed by Calder in second place with 75 flips, and Ribble and Douglas third and fourth respectively (74 flips and 46 flips).

Priory pupils certainly know how to have flipping fun!

What's the History of this event?



Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before

the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the "Pancake Bell" and is still rung today.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year but will always be between 3 February and 9 March. In 2024 Shrove Tuesday will fall on 13 February.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

A pancake is a thin, flat cake, made of batter and fried in a frying pan. A traditional English pancake is very thin and is served immediately. Golden syrup or lemon juice and caster sugar are the usual toppings for pancakes.

Here's a basic recipe and method...

www.bbcgoodfood. com/recipes/easiest- (ever-pancakes-0





Presents



A verbatim play by Mark Wheeller I Commissioned by Alderbrook School

Tuesday 30th April Wednesday 1st May

All Tickets £7

Age 12+

Directed by Miss Howell



Easter Bingo

at Penwortham Priory Academy

Wednesday, 27th March

Doors open at 6pm ~ Eyes down at 6.15pm

Evening closes at 7.30pm approx.

We invite Year 7 & 8 pupils and their families to join us for a cracking evening of bingo fun.

Egg-cellent prizes to be won!

Free Admission | Book Online | £1 a book | £5 for six books

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Rugby events taking place in the February half term for Year 11s.

Football Applicant Day (see poster below)

This is running during half term on Tuesday, 13 February for applicants and any interested Year 11s who have not yet applied.

Pupils can book using the link below:

Myerscough

Football and

College's

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/myerscough-collegeuniversity-centre-applicant-day-preston-februarytickets-771371311357

Rugby Studies Advice Morning

The upcoming Rugby Advice Morning for interested Year 11s is running on the same day as the above event - Tuesday, 13 February. Again, this is for applicants and interested Year 11s who have not yet applied.

Not only will the college be showcasing their education pathway but also the rugby opportunities and playing pathway to unlock student's potential. The day will culminate in the U17s playing Sharks U16s SDG.

For those that haven't already applied for a place, pupils can book onto this via the link below or email sgough@ myerscough.ac.uk. www.myerscough.ac.uk/whats-on/ rugby-course-advice-morning/



Myerscough Support in the Community

Barnardo's Lancashire Link Social Prescribers

Longton Library Thursday, 15 February (half term) From 2.30pm – 6.00pm

This is open to everyone registered at ANY surgery. No appointment necessary. There will be crafts available for the younger children whilst parents are chatting to professionals. Any young person who wishes to come by themselves are welcome to pop along for a chat too. See below for details.

