

# Penwortham Priory Post



## European Day of Languages at Priory

Year 7 went off-timetable on Friday to celebrate the European Day of Languages, an important day in the Languages Department's calendar where we highlight the importance of learning a language across Europe.

There were numerous activities including Greek crafts and flag making, constructing a European landmark using straws, a café and quiz, and a music special led by Mr Taylor. Pupils also got to sample various Greek delicacies, whilst in PE Mr Bullock started the pupils off on a game of handball.

Head of Languages Mrs Scully said: "This day is so important and everyone, from staff to pupils, has been so enthusiastic about it.

"Days like this are vital to highlight the importance of learning a different language, and culture, which are on our doorstep, and all the school have embraced it.

"It raises the profile of languages and it was great to see the teachers get involved too. We tried to incorporate a European language in many different ways we could think of; the pupils have got a lot from the day."

Pupils embraced building a European monument out of straws, with the Eiffel Tower and the Leaning Tower of Pisa proving popular, under the watchful eye of Mrs Bailey.

Mrs Bailey said: "The pupils have been so enthusiastic, they have had a great time and it's got them thinking about European countries."

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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](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates)

**Mon, 7 October**  
Year 11 Runshaw College Assembly

**Weds, 9 October**  
Year 7 Settle Factor Parent's Evening (in school) (7EW1 also on Tues, 8 October)

**Thurs, 10 October**  
Year 10 & 11 Faith Day

**Mon, 14 October**  
Year 11 Newman College Assembly  
Year 10 Settle Factor Parents Evening (online)

**Friday, 18 October**  
Year 11 GCSE History Trip  
Gawthorpe Hall, Burnley

**HALF TERM**  
21-25 October

**Mon, 28 October**  
Year 11 Hutton Sixth Form Assembly

**Thurs, 31 October**  
Online Assembly - Bonfire Safety (all years)

**Tues, 5 November**  
Nasal flu immunisations

**12-14 November**  
Year 7 Lancashire Castle Trip (three cohorts)

"The winning monuments were outstanding. This year we also saw the Louvre, the London Eye and Big Ben amongst the more common structures. We certainly have some very creative Year 7s who worked extremely hard!"

Mr Taylor's music class had maracas, drums, cymbals and more as they played and danced to the French football anthem 'Ramenez la Coupe à la Maison'.

Mr Bullock gave the pupils a run around in the Sports Hall with a game of Handball, one of the most popular sports across Europe.



Many pupils brought in language and European-themed cakes which were sold off for Macmillan's at break, raising money for the charity's annual 'Coffee Morning' cancer support campaign. Please don't forget to collect your containers from the Food Tech room if not done so already.



We have some tremendous bakers and we are really grateful to those that took the time to bake cake donations. Names have been noted and all entries will be awarded house points. Prizes for the best effort go to: Tom B, Max F, Isla S, Archie H and Zachery B.

Special mentions to Navah L, Emilie H, Charlotte M, Phil S, Luke B, Olivia T, Imogen D, Scarlet F, Lois J, Charlie M, Daniella E and Ava G.



**We are pleased to announce that we raised £182 for Macmillan's.**



Thank you too to our Year 11 helpers: Max B, Imogen H, Sophia T, Chloe W, Emily P, Navah T, Jolie T, Summer W, Charlotte M, Indy J, Geetha D, Ella G, Connie B, Darcey K, Kaycee M.



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# MaBaL (music at break and lunch)

## Bringing music to your ears at break and lunch



We play music through the school's 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 across the school.

We will focus 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. Over the next few weeks, we'll be celebrating the music of:

## Black History Month

As a theme for all of October, as it is Black History Month in the UK, Mr Taylor has been working with Year 11 pupil, DaMari, on playlists for the three weeks leading up to half term and the one week afterwards, all in October and all by black musicians from around the world.

Black History Month began in the US in the 1920s, and was first celebrated in the UK in 1987, providing an opportunity for everyone to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

100 years ago, the event was the brainchild of Carter G Woodson, known as the father of black history. Born in Virginia in 1875 to parents who were former slaves, he had limited access to education and job opportunities. But he was able to study at one of the few high schools for black students after saving money earned by working as a coal miner. Woodson went on to gain various qualifications, including a PhD in history from Harvard University, and became a professor at Howard University. Throughout his life, he worked tirelessly to promote black history in schools.

The music is organised into decades rather than specific genres so it will run as,

w/c 30/9/24 - 1960s & 1970s

w/c 7/10/24 - 1980s

w/c 14/10/24 - 1990s

Theme suggestions are welcomed - pupils should see Mr Taylor, message through Teams Chat or email [a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.taylor@priory.lancs.sch.uk)



Mr Taylor  
Lead Teacher of Music

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NEWMAN  
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DAYS**

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**09**  
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## GSCE History Trip Gawthorpe Hall

18 OCTOBER 2024 - YEAR 11

The Humanities department would like to invite Year 11 GCSE pupils on a trip to Gawthorpe Hall, Burnley, on Friday, 18 October.

We will depart from school at 9am and spend the day exploring the Jacobean historic property and its grounds. The aim of the trip is to learn about the history of this house in the heart of industrial Lancashire with its extensive grounds and walled garden, including life as it was in the Victorian period for the family that lived there.

The cost of the trip is £10 which includes return transport. The group will travel by coach and leave school at 9am. We expect to return to Priory around 2pm.

Please note that there are a limited number of places available which are allocated on a first come, first served basis. The closing date is Monday, 7 October, however this will close earlier if places are filled. If you would like your child to attend the trip, please make the required payment via SCOPay, where you will also be required to provide parental consent. This replaces the need to complete a reply slip.

Pupils should see History Teacher, Mr Eccles, for a copy of the letter or it can be downloaded from the school website at >>

[www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters)

Any queries can be directed to Mr Eccles via email at [a.eccles@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.eccles@priory.lancs.sch.uk)



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# Celebrating Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Achievements



On Monday, we had the pleasure of celebrating the remarkable achievements of our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils who successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. The event, held in the school hall, was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of our pupils.

The evening began with a warm welcome from Mrs Cauchi, Humanities teacher and Duke of Edinburgh Leader, who expressed her pride in the pupils' accomplishments. Parents and guardians were invited to join the celebration, making it a truly special occasion for everyone involved.

After explaining briefly how the Award is achieved, Mrs Cauchi encouraged the pupils to consider pursuing the Silver award at Priory, challenging them to take their achievements to the next level. A representative from the Duke of Edinburgh, Dan McArthur-Greenall, delivered a short speech, highlighting the rarity of having such a large number of successful participants in a single cohort. He praised their dedication and spoke about the numerous opportunities that the program offers including becoming a DofE Young Leader. He also mentioned that those who go on to achieve the Gold award receive an invitation to Buckingham Palace, adding an extra incentive for the pupils to aim higher!

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During the event, Principal Mr Eastham presented the official awards to the 58 successful pupils. It was a proud moment as each stepped on to the stage to receive their embossed certificate and bronze pin badge, marking the completion of a challenging yet rewarding journey. The audience was treated to a video montage showcasing the pupils' expedition, which took place in June. This provided a glimpse into the various activities and challenges the pupils faced and overcame during their two-day expedition at Rivington.

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award requires students to complete three sections: volunteering, physical fitness, and learning a new skill. Our pupils excelled in all areas, demonstrating their commitment and resilience. Their efforts have not only earned them this prestigious award but have also contributed to their personal growth and development.

Mrs Cauchi said, "*The celebration was a fitting conclusion to a year of hard work and dedication. It was heartening to see the pride and joy on the faces of the students and their families. We are incredibly proud of our students and look forward to seeing them continue to achieve great things in the future. They must wear those pin badges on their blazers with pride.*"

Congratulations to all our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award recipients!



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This is the first of a series of articles where we get to know our trainee teachers. Trainee teachers attend two placements in the academic year so are with us either from September to Christmas or January to June. They initially observe then start to take over sections of lessons, leading to being in charge of several classes by the time they finish their placement with us. Along with assignments and studies in pedagogy, they work towards their Post Graduate Certificate in Education and Qualified Teacher Status by the end of the summer term.

**This week, we interviewed someone who was so inspired by the school, her colleagues and our pupils that she decided to give up her day job as Priory's Technology Technician to train to become a teacher. After leaving Priory at the end of the summer term, we were delighted to have Miss Higginson back with us in the Technology Department this September.**

## Meet The Teacher - Miss Higginson (Technology)

*What made you want to become a teacher?*

Both my parents were teachers so it is something I considered but initially I became a graphic designer/illustrator. I started my own business, which I still have. I design greeting cards, gift wrap, canvas prints, wallpaper, mugs, accessories and much more. I write and illustrate my own children's picture books and have just completed a Masters in Children's Book Illustration. I also love textiles and have my own business creating teddy bears. Last year I started as a Technology Technician at Priory and I just loved working with the pupils so much, I decided to train as a teacher in order to share my knowledge and professional experience; hopefully encouraging the children to indulge in their creative journey and inspire Design, Technology and Art based career ambitions!



*What do you like about your placement at Priory?*

I already feel settled here, I love the environment, the culture and the ethos. I love working with the children and the staff here. There is an energetic and friendly vibe across the school and it's a really positive working environment!

*What's the hardest thing about your job?*

It's a busy role and I have a young family so it can be hard juggling everything at times but I love it so much, I just embrace it all.

*What do you like to do in your free time?*

I enjoy creating new designs for my website [www.anyaillustrates.com](http://www.anyaillustrates.com). I also love cooking cuisines from all around the world. I enjoy playing the piano and reached grade 8. I also love spending time with my family - hiking in the Lake District, travelling and walking our dog!





## JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY MEAL



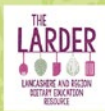
Join us to cook and enjoy (or just enjoy) a meal with your community and learn more about The Larder's Food Champions programme.

**TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER  
KINGSFOLD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**11am - 1pm: Cooking Class (7 places)  
1pm - 2pm: Community Meal (20 places)**

All welcome - booking required.

Contact Kay - 07718901813  
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**TABLETOP SALE FOR DERIAN HOUSE**

**Date: Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Venue: Penwortham Priory Academy Sports Hall**

**Time: 1.30pm-3.30pm**

To raise money for Derian House and to support Priory's Eco Committee mission to reduce waste in its local community, Priory is organising a tabletop sale.

**VENDORS NEEDED:** We hope to have a variety of stalls available.

- nearly new or second hand items e.g. clothes, books, toys
- handmade
- locally made
- refreshments

The cost of a table / stall will be £10 – all proceeds from this will go to Derian House. Vendors will then keep all the profit they make.

To express an interest in having a stall please email Mrs Massey at [emassey@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:emassey@priory.lancs.sch.uk) or contact Penwortham Priory Academy.



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## What's the best thing you've learnt this week?

Every week, Miss Thornton, ventures out of the classroom to chat with our pupils and find out what they've really enjoyed the most about their learning this week.

**Year 7 Matilda M** spoke about her French lesson with Mrs Bailey and how she enjoys learning new words in French through singing the songs.

**Year 9 Kenzie S** spoke about his English lesson with Mrs Brindle and how he is enjoying studying Animal Farm.

*"I'm learning new things that I didn't know before."*

**Year 11 Ruby E** also spoke about her English lesson with Miss Beswick.

*"I really remember the Mr Birling lesson because of the detail Miss went into and I have a good relationship with her."*

**Year 11 Alex P and Kai W** spoke about Mr Sneddon's Maths lesson.

*"We really liked the way he explained how to work on equations in a way that made it simple to follow."*

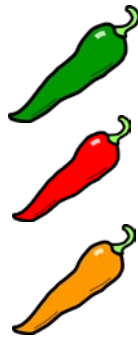
**Year 11 Owen H** told us about his Computing lesson with Mrs Qadri.

*"I really enjoyed learning about Python and Turtle because it was fun working through the PowerPoint with the challenges built in."*

Miss Thornton  
English Teacher & Research, CPD & Teacher Development Lead



# Chili Challenge Winners



This week's winners are:

- Year 7 Scarlett F (Mrs Elliott) **Douglas**
- Year 7 Luke B (Mrs Lockwood) **Ribble**
- Year 9 Millie D (Mrs Roberts) **Hodder**
- Year 11 Ruby T (Mrs Shaw) **Douglas**
- Year 11 Alex P (Mrs Qadri) **Calder**

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

## Pupils:

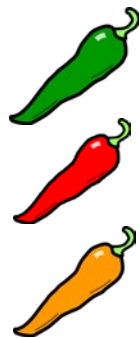
Pick up your challenge sheet from the top of the post boxes in your dining areas. When you've had a go at them, pop your answers in your year group post box.

**GET INVOLVED!**

The leaderboard has shuffled again!

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

Mrs Cowell  
Vice Principal



# Faith Day Year 10 & Year 11 Thursday, 10 October

Over the year Key Stage 4 pupils are taught their entitlement to the Religious Education curriculum on what we call Faith Days. These are separate days in the calendar where pupils focus on a particular faith-based topic, lead by Mrs Ham, Lead Techer of RE.

On these days, Year 10 & Year 11 pupils attend their timetabled lesson and the class teacher will deliver the Faith Day material from Period 1-4. Period 5 and 6 will be their normal lesson.

Year 10's topic for the day will be 'Prejudice and Discrimination' with a focus on Hate Crime and Cohesion. They will look at why hate crime happens, identify evidence of prejudiced attitudes through case studies and discussion, learn what community cohesion is and why it is important.



Year 11s topic is 'In the Beginning'. They will gain an overview of theories about the creation of the universe, look at Christian and Muslim creation stories and learn about the scientific theory of evolution.

Year 11 will go on to examine Christian and Muslim responses to the theory of evolution and the conflict between science and religion. Pupils will also learn about the concept of stewardship and how humans should care for the planet. Pupils will end with a discussion and debate around the sanctity of life.

Mrs Ham  
Lead Teacher of RE  
Head of year 9

## PLAYERS NEEDED LSGFC U13'S GIRLS TEAM

We are looking to recruit players for our Under 13's Girls Team (School Year 8). They would join our wonderful club and be part of our NEW team at Lostock St Gerards FC.

Training is on Wednesdays with a UEFA B qualified coach and games on Sundays. Please get in touch if you think your daughter would enjoy playing in our safe and friendly environment.

Interested? Call Damien on 07551 388 475

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# CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY month

This October it's Black History Month and we're celebrating the achievements and contributions of black people around the world and those doing great things in our communities.

Optimistic October 2024

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



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# BIM2024

**DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER**

## HISTORY COMPETITION

October is the annual Black History Month in the UK where we look to celebrate the lives of people of colour from all over the world.

This year's national theme is *Reclaiming Narratives*.

Design a poster or a PowerPoint presentation about a figure from Black history who has helped to contribute to British society or the wider world.



Entries to be handed to your History teacher by Monday, 28th October

