

Penwortham Priory Post



Year 9 Discover Languages At Work

Year 9 pupils learnt about careers where a foreign language is vital, in the third successful 'Make Languages Work' event held at Priory.

Head of Languages, Mrs Scully, split the day into two parts with the aim to show how languages can be used in a range of careers.

"I started with an assembly where I talked about languages and links to different careers," said Mrs Scully.

"I spoke about how Manchester GCHQ outreach programme is looking for linguists which will provide opportunities in the future and is always good to know.

"It's the third year we have run this event and every time it gets better.

"The pupils are so engaged, they really buy into it, asking a lot of questions and the relevance of languages to different jobs."

One half of the day included presentations in Chinese from the Confucius Institute at UCLan as well as a presentation from Médecins Sans Frontières where they talked about the value of different languages and the need for translators in the developing world.

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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

Mon, 9 December

Year 9 & Year 10

Astronomy Club moon

observation 4.30-5.30pm

Tues, 10 & Weds, 11

December 7pm

School Production - High

School Musical

Thurs, 12 December

Christmas lunch and

Christmas jumper day

Fri, 13 December 2024

Cake Decorating

Competition and Bake Sale

Priory Pod Official Opening

Mon, 16 December

Year 11 Parents Evening

(online)

Christmas Raffle Drawn

Tues, 17 December

Community Carol Singing

(selected pupils only)

Fri, 20 December

House colours day

Early lunch followed by

school closure at 1.10pm

END OF TERM

START OF SPRING TERM

Mon, 6 January 2025

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The second part was a career speed-dating session which was popular. The hall was filled with tables and the Year 9 pupils moved around to engage with each of the visiting organisations. There was a huge range of people available to chat to about their jobs and the importance of different languages to their roles.

They included: Sarah Cutts Translation, who specialises in Spanish and French to English translation of legal, academic and commercial documents.

A magician talked about how he had to speak four different languages for his shows while Mrs Bailey held a drink tasting session where pupils could question her in languages about the drinks, using authentic phrases.

Mr and Mrs Taylor are involved with food and wine from Europe and they chatted about the importance of languages for their business among others.

“There was a varied range of jobs to show the Year 9s,” continued Mrs Scully. “We also had good feedback saying how engaged the children were and how well-behaved they were.

“There was something to grab everyone’s attention.”

Thank you to our Year 11 pupils who supported the event and made our visitors welcome:

Connie B, Geetha D-R, Ella G, Imogen H, Darcey K, Charlotte M, Emily P, Olivia Grace S, Navah T, Sophia T, Jolie T, Summer W & Chloe W



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What's coming up at Priory before Christmas

Even though it's coming to the end of the Autumn term, it's full steam ahead at Priory with lots of activities taking place in school around lesson time. Here's a round up...

Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 12 December



Next Thursday, Christmas dinner will be served in the dining room for all year groups. In addition, 'lite-bites' will be available for all year groups to purchase

at the Bistro and the Pod.

You do not need to pre-order however Heads of Year have asked pupils for their preference to gauge approximate numbers for catering.

Cake Decorating Competition & Bake Sale

Friday, 13 December

Decorate four cupcakes with a Christmas theme and take your entries to the Food Tech room on Thursday, 12 or Friday, 13 December before Period 1. It's open to all year groups and there are prizes to be won!



The competition is in conjunction with the official opening of the Priory Pod and will be followed by a Bake Sale in the Nucleus at lunchtime.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday, 12 December

This is the same day when Christmas lunch is served and, should pupils wish to do so, Christmas jumpers can be worn with their normal school uniform on that day. The Christmas Jumper simply replaces the Priory jumper.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

£1 donation towards Derian House via SCOPay or in cash to your Form Tutor or School Office.

House Colours Day

Friday, 20 December



As an alternative to wearing their uniform, pupils may wear a top or bottoms in their house

colours alongside their own clothes. A hair bobble, wrist band, socks etc on its own will not suffice. Those not wishing to participate should wear their uniform as normal.

£1 donation towards Derian House via SCOPay or in cash to your Form Tutor or School Office.

NEXT ISSUE

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.

The next issue will be out Tues, 17 December

Thank you for your support.

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The Countdown Is On!

If you've missed all the hype so far, this is a reminder that it's our musical performance of High School Musical next Tuesday and Wednesday evening... and you're all invited!

As usual we also have a Christmas raffle with some mega prizes, and funds raised will be directly invested into the refurbishment of the Assembly Hall.



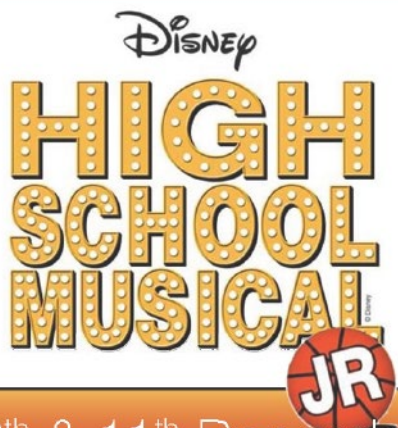
Tickets for the show and the raffle are available to purchase via SCOPay, reception or on the door on the night (cash only).

For a preview of what you could win in the Christmas raffle, please click on the link below. Tickets £1 each.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/school-production-raffle

Thank you for your support.

Penwortham Priory Academy
Presents



10th & 11th December

Starts 7pm

Adults £8 | Concessions £6

Tickets available via SCOPay or Reception (cash only)

Book by David Simpatico | Songs by Matthew Bernard & Robbise Nevel, Ray Chien, Greg Chinn & Andrew Steeley, Randy Peterson & Kevin Quinn, Andy Dodd & Adam Welts, Brian Louisella, David N Lawrence & Faye Greenberg, Jamie Houston
Music Adapted, Arranged & Produced by Bryan Lousselle | Based on a Disney Channel Movie Written by Peter Barsocchini

Director **Miss Howell** | Music Director **Mr Taylor**

Disney's High School Musical JR is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 212-541-4684 | mtishova.com

Performances
start at 7pm

**Tuesday, 10
December**

and

Wednesday, 11 December



Adults £8 | Concessions £6 (school age children / adults age 65 and over)

Tickets can be purchased via SCOPay or with cash from Reception/School Office.

Members of the public, friends and extended family are also extremely welcome. Tickets will also be available on the door, subject to availability. Cash only, thank you.

Find our more at>>

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/news/2024-11-18-it-s-show-time-at-priory-high-school-musical

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Festive Frosting

CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION

Frost, Compete & Share the Treat

As we officially celebrate the completion and opening of the Priory Pod, it's time to get out your piping bags and sprinkles for the biggest cake decorating competition of the year!

Friday 13th December

How?

To get involved, simply decorate four cupcakes in a Christmas theme.

Who?

This competition is open to all who wish to enter.

Simply drop off your entry to Food Tech before **Period 1** on **12th/13th December.**

Why?

The festive treats will be judged and prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Achievement points also awarded to all who enter.

Bake Sale

All cakes submitted will be included in our Bake Sale taking place during **Lunch on Friday 13th December in the Nucleus.**

Money raised from the bake sale will be donated to charity

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Cowell

Win Win Win

in our Christmas Raffle



Amazing Prizes!

5 x £50 'All for One' Vouchers*, £30 Amazon Voucher*, Andreas Fish & Chips for 2, £20 Artisan Deli Voucher, £50 Guy Wakeling Voucher, £30 Soni & Co Voucher, 2 x £10 Cici Nails & Spa Voucher, £20 No16 On The Hill Voucher, Costa Drinks Cup, Bottle of Bowmore Scotch Whisky*, Bottle of Courvoisier Cognac*, Pamela Jane Florist Floral Arrangement, Box of Cadbury's Heroes*, 6 x Bottles of Wine*, Bottle of Finest Brut*.

This raffle is in conjunction with the school's production of High School Musical - 10 & 11 December at 7pm

Tickets are just £1 each and can be purchased via SCOPay, the school office or on the night of the performances (cash only).

The prize draw will take place on Monday, 16 December and all funds raised will go towards the refurbishment of the Assembly Hall to benefit our current and future generations of pupils. *Donated by Walker Gabbott Electricals, WL Coller, James Mercer Group Ltd x 2, Tesco, Dukefield Foodservice respectively.

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/fundraising-priory/school-production-raffle

Business & Enterprise Pupils Face Ethical Dilemmas at Runshaw College



On Wednesday, the Year 10 Business & Enterprise pupils visited Runshaw College for a Business Ethics Challenge.

Every day in the highly dynamic and complex world of Business, entrepreneurs and large corporations are challenged by ethical business dilemmas while balancing the need to make a profit. For many companies, Corporate Social Responsibility is at the heart of their decision-making process on many daily business issues. Yet it is not always easy to 'do the right thing' or to act ethically when stakeholders may have very different views about how a business should act. For example, a customer may require something very different to an employee or an investor. Eventually, business owners must balance the needs of its stakeholders with the benefits to the business of acting responsibly.

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COLLEGE

To demonstrate this, pupils were invited to participate in a boardroom simulation which generated discussion and pushed them to make strategic decisions focused on some typical everyday dilemmas a business might face.



Business & Enterprise Teacher, Miss Gregson, said, "The issues raised provoked debate amongst the pupils who each acted as different stakeholders. The event was very interesting and gave them a wonderful insight into some of the challenges business owners need to negotiate. They will use the skills they learned today throughout their two years study and in life so it was a very worthwhile visit."

Ellis T said, "This was my first experience of being in a boardroom setting. I was able to use my knowledge of Business whilst gaining confidence for public speaking."



Charlie W added, "I was taken out of my comfort zone but I attacked it with my knowledge, thank you."

Ciello D-L agreed that it wasn't easy by saying, "Today was fast-paced and difficult but we overcame it as a team."

Miss Gregson
ICT & Business Teacher

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Astronomy Club Moon Observation Special Session

Monday, 9 December

In addition to their usual after-school lesson next week, Mr Evans has planned a special session to provide Year 9 & Year 10 Astronomy Club pupils with an opportunity to observe the moon through a telescope. This is arranged for Monday, 9th December from 4:30pm to 5:30pm as the weather forecast indicates clear skies.



Students are welcome to stay on at school until the session begins and a room will be made available for them to wait in. Alternatively, they may leave and return for 4:30pm if they prefer. We recommend pupils have a warm coat, gloves and hat, and they may wish to bring in a drink and snack.

Please note that this plan is weather-dependent and may be subject to change if the forecast alters. We apologise for the short notice but hope you will understand that we need to ensure the best possible conditions for this observation.

Parents of Astronomy Club pupils should email Mr Evans if their child would like to attend, and indicate whether they will be staying in school or returning for the 4.30pm start.

j.evans@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Mr Evans
Science Technician and
Astronomy Teacher

December's Safeguarding Newsletter Out Now

The next edition of the Safeguarding newsletter is now available.



December's issue includes information on Instagram teen accounts and how they work; gaming streaming sites, their associated risks and how you can protect your child from them.

This will be emailed to all parents today (6th December) and can also be downloaded from the school website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/newsletters, where earlier editions are also available.



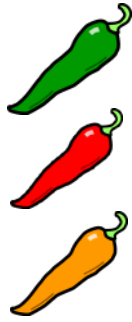
Liverpool Trip Postponed

Unfortunately, the Year 11 Geography field trip to Liverpool has been postponed until the New Year due to an unforeseen staff absence.

Rearranged dates will be confirmed and shared with pupils.

Mr Metcalfe
Head of Humanities

Chili Challenge Winners



This week's winners are:

- Year 7 Lucy F (Mrs Elliott) **Douglas**
- Year 8 Maxi B-S (Mr Eccles) **Calder**
- Year 9 Tayla H (Mrs Scully) **Douglas**
- Year 10 Yasmine C (Mrs Massey) **Douglas**
- Year 11 Edward H (Mr Metcalfe) **Ribble**

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

GET INVOLVED!

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.

The leaderboard remains the same this week.

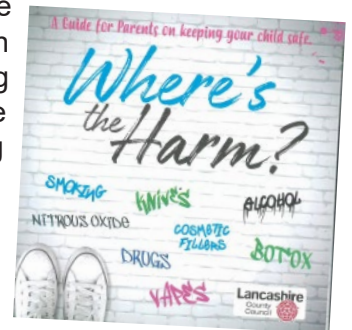
Ribble	1st	Douglas	2nd
Calder	3rd	Hodder	4th

Where's The Harm?

On behalf of Lancashire County Council, Trading Standards and Lancashire Constabulary, we have been asked to distribute the Where's The Harm booklet to all Year 7 pupils. We have also provided online access to it for the other year groups via the school website (Year 8 received a printed copy last year).

The Where's The Harm booklet has been designed for parents, to raise awareness of current health and well-being issues for young people - how to keep them safe, and access further information and support. The booklet includes advice on alcohol, tobacco, drugs, vaping, nitrous oxide and knives.

The resource contains a range of strategies to approach and combat risk taking behaviours; all of which have been developed by working with local young people.



Download it here>>
www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/about-priory/pastoral-care

If you're a **Break Time member**, you can now get a free **Max Card**, giving you reduced or free entry to many UK attractions.

The **Max Card** is a discount card for families of children with additional needs. Families can save money on great days out at castles, zoos, bowling alleys, trampoline parks and many more.

Visit www.mymaxcard.co.uk to find out where you can use the **Max Card**.

Request a card at www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do

You will need your child's **Break Time membership number** to request a **Max Card**.

Priory ACADEMY

SECRET SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE

Culture Club have decided to organise a whole school Secret Santa Gift Exchange, and we want YOU to be part of the magic.

Buy a gift between £2 to £5

Let's make this holiday season unforgettable!
 Message Mrs Qadri on Teams if you are thinking of taking part and share in the joy of giving.

Bring your gift by
MONDAY | 16 DECEMBER 2024
MRS QADRI | HEX 1

For More Information
Speak to Mrs Qadri and join Priory's Culture Club
Wednesday Lunchtimes in Hex 1

Earth-Shattering Moments in Geography for Year 8



In Geography, Year 8 students have recently embarked on an exciting project to construct earthquake-proof buildings using everyday materials like cardboard, straws, and plastic bottles.



This hands-on activity not only fosters creativity but also teaches important principles of engineering and architecture. The students have ingeniously incorporated features such as window shutters, steel lattice frameworks, and triangular-shaped structures to enhance the stability and resilience of their models. These elements are crucial in real-world earthquake-resistant designs, providing both flexibility and strength to withstand seismic forces.



One of the standout features of their constructions is the use of a hanging ball, which acts as a tuned mass damper. This innovative addition helps to reduce the building's sway during an earthquake, demonstrating a sophisticated understanding of dynamic load management.



Geography teacher, Mr Momoniat said, "Through this project, our students are not only learning about the science behind earthquake-proof buildings but are also developing teamwork, problem-solving skills, and a deeper appreciation for sustainable building practices. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and ingenuity in tackling such a complex and relevant challenge."



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Alcohol Awareness Production 'Smashed' its way To Year 7 & 8



On Tuesday we welcomed the Smashed international educational theatre production.

The production is an early intervention strategy, prior to the festive period, to educate on the risks of underage drinking. The aim is to dissuade them from future risky activity and to be aware now, what risky behaviour looks like, so they can stay away from it or dissuade others.

The session was part performance, part interactive question and answer session, drawing out positive behaviours and identifying risk consequences and outcomes.

Lead Practitioner for Personal Development, Ms Smith, said, "Pupils and staff found the sessions engaging and informative for our Year 7 and 8s.

"This education is revisited in Year 9 with a Learning for Life Day on Addiction - Knowledge, Year 10 look at the Addiction Impact, and Year 11 look at alcohol laws in this country and abroad in relation to future holidays."

The Smashed initiative aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by fostering a culture of health and wellbeing among young people, a critical demographic for instilling lifelong healthy habits.

Smashed aims to transform attitudes and behaviours towards alcohol consumption among young people. In the 2023-2024 school year, 73 per cent of students in the UK said they were less likely to drink alcohol underage following the Smashed performance.

Smashed works in close collaboration with Community Alcohol Partnerships (CAPs), an organisation that brings together councils, police, retailers, schools, health providers, and community groups across the UK to reduce alcohol related harm among young people.





Mrs Cowell's After School Creative Cookery Club

Christmas in Food Technology

In a cozy kitchen after school on Wednesday, children eagerly gathered around to create puff pastry Christmas tree shapes filled with Nutella.

With aprons tied and rolling pins in hand, they carefully cut out tree shapes from the dough - some more tree-like than others!

Laughter filled the room as they spread generous dollops of Nutella onto their creations, many sneaking a taste in the process! Once the pastries were ready, the children sprinkled them with snow (icing sugar), each one uniquely shaped but full of charm.

Vice Principal and Food Technology teacher, Mrs Cowell, said, "The Year 7s were proud of their delicious creations, they left with happy hearts and sweet treats to share (or not!) at home."

Look out for Mrs Cowell's next after school cookery session which will be advertised on the Year Group Teams.



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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 the upcoming performing arts production.

Next week, it's all about: Musicals

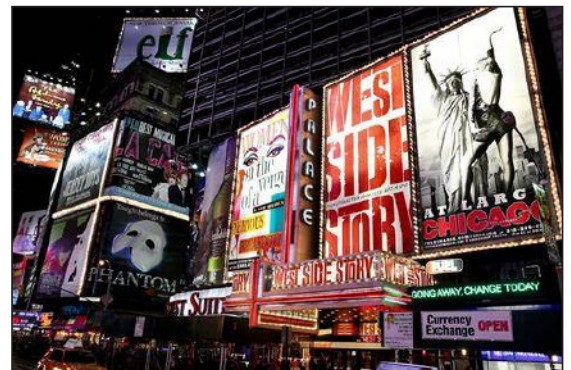
This and next week's MaBaL is songs from shows and musicals - as it is the week leading up to the School Production held on the evenings of Tuesday, 10th December and Wednesday, 11th December.

As early as the 5th Century B.C., ancient Greeks included music and dance in their stage comedies and tragedies. Staged in open air amphitheatres, these plays featured humour, political and social satire, jugglers, and anything else that might entertain their audience. The songs were often a means for the chorus to comment on the action, but they also took part in the plot, and musical solos were sometimes used. To make their dance steps more audible, Roman actors attached metal chips called "sabilla" to their stage footwear – the first tap shoes.

Today, in Western theatre, there are three main kinds of dramatic performance involving music.

1. Ballets communicate their story almost entirely through dance.
2. Operas are dramatic productions in which the dialogue is nearly entirely sung.
3. Musicals are where the actors will often sing, but most of the mundane dialogue and much of the plot is spoken and acted. That is one of the defining differences between musicals and operas, and the category into which our staging of High School Musical belongs.

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



Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 12th December

**Served in the Dining Room
(all year groups)**

Roast Turkey or Cheese & Onion Pasty (v)

Served with all the trimmings. Gluten-free gravy option available.

£2.15

Sticky Toffee Pudding* or Mince Pie

*Served with custard (optional)

60p



With Complimentary Juice
(orange or blackcurrant)

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**Served in the Bistro
(all year groups)**

Chicken Wraps | Paninis |
Jacket Potatoes | Sandwiches

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Served at the Pod

Chicken Wraps | Paninis | Sandwiches

Break served as normal.

Two Course Hot Meal Only £2.75





Meet The Teacher - Mrs Butcher (Science)

Science teacher Mrs Butcher started at Priory in September and brings with her 20 years experience as a teacher.

"I always wanted to be a teacher but I did work in laboratories for four or five years before I did my PGCE at St Martin's in Lancaster.

"I began as a chemistry specialist but I did a qualification from the Open University in physics so now that's my main subject although I can teach biology, chemistry and physics.

"I have worked on the Fylde Coast, in Leyland and my last job was in Accrington but, when a job came up at Priory, I really wanted it.



"It's a school which is always striving to improve, it has high standards and I felt it was the perfect school for me so I was happy when I got the job!

"I love being a teacher. It gives me goosebumps when the penny drops for some pupils or when they say 'Thanks Miss' at the end of a class. I love their enthusiasm."

In her spare time, you can find Mrs Butcher pounding the streets.

"I am a runner. I started doing the couch to 5k a few years ago and I have since run both the Manchester and the Edinburgh Marathons."

Mrs Butcher
Science Teacher

JOB VACANCY

Penwortham Primary School Site Supervisor

Part Time (15 Hours)



PENWORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCY

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Site Supervisor – 2(b)
Grade 3 (SCP 2-4)
Required As Soon As Possible – Part Time (15 hours per week, term time only, plus 3 weeks – Hours are flexible) – Permanent

The Headteacher and Governors of Penwortham Primary School are looking to appoint a Site Supervisor –2(b) to join our school. We are seeking to appoint a friendly, reliable, highly motivated, experienced, flexible, hardworking and skilled individual. Who under the general guidance of the Headteacher, will contribute to the smooth running of the School by carrying out a range of caretaking duties, including security and supervision of the site and related equipment, other caretaking duties including cleaning, general maintenance, and the monitoring of the contracted cleaning work. The successful candidate will be committed to following all our safeguarding procedures and be able to maintain a safe learning and working environment with due regard for health and safety requirements.

Experience

- Experience of undertaking manual tasks (e.g. maintenance, DIY etc)
- Practical experience of monitoring contract arrangements
- Experience of testing portable electrical equipment
- Experience of security-related duties

Closing date: 18th December 2024 | **Proposed interview date:** To be confirmed in the New Year.

Please note CVs are not accepted, to apply for this vacancy you need to complete the application form provided in the application pack.
Please note that in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024, an online search will be carried out as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates. The post is subject to a successful enhanced DBS disclosure.

Applications should be emailed to, Headteacher, Miss K Penarski, head@penwortham-pri.lancs.sch.uk

For an application pack and further information please ask at the school office, or access via the Lancashire County Council jobs portal:
[Non-teaching school vacancies](#)

For an application pack and further information please ask at Penwortham Primary School reception or access via the Lancashire County Council jobs portal:

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=64818

Year 9 Footballers Through To Next Round of Lancashire Cup

REPORT BY MR RAYNOR

Priory's Year 9 Boys football team advanced to the next round of the Lancashire Cup after a 5-2 win away at Brownedge St Mary's on Wednesday.

On a cold, wet afternoon the lads struggled to find the net despite creating many chances in the opening 25 minutes, before Igho opened the scoring on the stroke of half-time.

As the second half began, Priory stepped things up and Sharpe found the net twice in the first ten minutes, displaying calm finishes past the keeper. With 20 minutes to go Brownedge took two opportunities that were presented to them to reduce the arrears to 3-2. Suddenly the tie felt in the balance again.

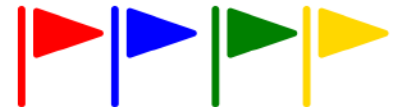
Calm heads were needed and Priory responded well, passing the ball between them quickly to Tayburn. From outside the penalty area his powerful shot beat the keeper to push the lead to 4-2. With the rain now pouring down, Sharpe completed his hatrick with his 3rd of the game, giving Priory a place in the next round.

Team coach Mr Raynor said, "I was really pleased with the commitment shown by all the lads in difficult conditions. It was a real team effort. We had a couple of lads making their debuts, Sutton and Edmondson, and they both settled in nicely too."

Year 9 will face St Bede's, Ormskirk, at Home in the next round.

Mr Raynor
Maths Teacher





Priory's Houses Are Challenged To A Game of Paper Golf

Paper Ball Crazy Golf took place in the Hall last Wednesday for the latest 'just for fun' House Leaders' lunchtime competition.

Ribble's House Leader, Mr Raynor, set out three targets which players had to throw their paper balls into with the fewest number of 'shots'. Many competitors took their turn, including the House Leaders themselves.

Douglas' Lily O and Ella S were the individual winners, sharing first place with just four shots each.

Ribble and Hodder shared second place as their best players each scored five, with Calder in fourth with six shots.



Overall results:

Gold	Douglas
Silver	Ribble
Silver	Hodder
Bronze	Calder





Year 11 Parents Evening

The link to access the event is the same link you use to book your appointments, as follows:

<https://penworthampriory.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Monday, 16 December

Booking is now live

To facilitate these events we use a web-based program called 'SchoolCloud Parents Evening'.

The link for Year 11 parents to book their slot is now open and a text will be sent as a reminder.

Full instructions on how to book and attend appointments, can be downloaded from the school website www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/parents-evenings

To enable teachers to meet with as many parents/carers as possible, each appointment slot will be four minutes long. The appointments automatically stop after this time and teachers cannot extend the call.

If you wish to meet with your child's teacher for further discussion after this, please arrange this with them during the session or via email at a later point. If you would like to speak to another member of staff, please feel free to contact them direct. A full email list can be found via our website at

www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list

In addition, a tutorial video can be viewed by clicking on the link>> <https://vimeo.com/473882995>

Mrs Bullock, Head of year 11

December Kindness 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today
8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one
15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you
22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy
29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2025				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**

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

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

I Love Maths Because: Competition Time!

Here's why Year 7 Ben, Scarlett and Year 8 Leon love Maths:

Ben... because it feeds into everything and there are a lot of things you use maths for in everyday life.

Scarlett... because I love to do maths and I think it's really good so please could I have a badge as it is my favourite subject and I want to do maths every day.

Leon... it is fun and tricky at the same time. My Maths teacher, Mr Walker, is really good and he is very helpful if you don't understand something.



Now, It's YOUR Turn...



How To Enter...

Pupils that want to claim an 'I love Maths' badge should simply click the link below (or check your year group Teams) 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>

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