

Penwortham Priory Post



Class of 2017 - Celebrating Success

Last year's Year 11 pupils were invited to return to Priory for one last time on Wednesday as they gathered for their Celebration Evening.

Class of 2017 caught up with former classmates and teachers as they went off to collect their well-earned GCSE certificates before heading to the Assembly Hall to rejoin their families for the awards presentation.

Subject awards, cups, trophies and special prizes were given out by Mr Eastham and Mrs Cowell before special guest speaker, Mr Philip Dyer, addressed the audience with his presentation on success and the importance of failure.

Philip's business career has spanned 30 years across a broad range of sectors and his focus has always been people. Philip's ability to identify the barriers to personal growth and development and how this impacts on aspirations and ambition was one of the reasons why he was invited to present to the former pupils at this crucial time in their lives.

As the main event came to an end, all guests and staff retired to the dining hall for refreshments, photographs and relaxed reflection on their years at Priory.

Photo: Philip Dyer alongside Sophie Cooksley (L) who was recognised for her services to the school as Deputy Head Girl and Calder House Captain, and Aimee Gordon (R) who was awarded prizes for Maths, Design Technology - Electronics and Childcare.

WINNING FORMS

It was almost perfect for two forms who both had 100% attendance this week.

Well done to D6 and D8 who had a full house with one late and two lates respectively.

IPAD SCHEME

The 2017 iPad scheme has now been launched for the Year 7s who have requested one.

The pupils have received their iPads today and have been guided through how to set them up and link to the school network.

Along with the iPads, pupils have been given three important pieces of paperwork that parents must read. The iPad payment option on SCOPAY is now live for parents to use.

Any finance queries should be directed to Mrs Kehoe at I.kehoe@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

BAE SYSTEMS



BAE Systems came to talk to Year 10 and 11 pupils who had shown an interest in their apprenticeship programme on Monday.

Two of their current apprentices along with their mentor, Mark Powell, spoke to the 32 pupils about this course of career.



They delivered an informative presentation on BAE as a company, the apprenticeships that they offer and the routes that both Sophie and Raurai took to become an apprentice. They also shared some superb advice on how to complete the application form and what was involved in the interview process.

Mrs Crank, Assistant Headteacher, who helped co-ordinate the session said, "We are very fortunate to have been able to set up this presentation and we are hoping that Priory will be confirmed as one of their regular school links from here on. I would like to personally thank everyone at BAE for visiting Priory and giving up their valuable time to work with the pupils."

Sixteen of these pupils will be given the opportunity to attend the BAE Academy of Schools and Knowledge (ASK) Facility at Samlesbury next Monday. The visit will include a tour around the new prestigious £16million pound investment. The ASK Facility contains state of the art manufacturing facilities to train and develop engineers of the future, alongside a modern training environment where apprentices work towards their various qualifications.

Following the tour pupils will then take part in business challenges, meet current apprentices and really embrace this wonderful facility. This is an amazing opportunity which we have been very fortunate to attain.

Poppy Pebbles for Remembrance

Priory pupils and staff were invited to paint poppies on pebbles for the Penwortham War Memorial this Remembrance Day.



Each year the senior prefects take part in the Remembrance Day service and lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

This year Ms Young and Mrs Cowell will accompany pupils at St Leonard's Church to pay their respects to those who gave their lives in order to protect our freedom.

Following the service, they will be taking a short walk to the war memorial on Liverpool Road to take part in a two minute silence.

A full school assembly and silence was held today (Friday) at 11am in remembrance of those who died for their country.



Response To Feedback

Thank you to those parents who responded to a request for feedback on DODDLE. It has had a significantly favourable impact on how parents can interact with their children regarding homework.

To get better acquainted with DODDLE or perhaps solve any technical issues you might be having please visit: www.doddlelearn.co.uk/support/parent/. The section contains user guides, videos and comprehensive troubleshooting documents for support.

You can also send feedback directly to DODDLE using their button on screen.

If you need any help or guidance with your child's homework, you can contact individual staff via email. Addresses can be found at: www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/staff-contact-list.

Final Flowering of the Season

As we approach the winter and harsher climate, gardener Mr Farron, shows off the final blooms from Priory's sensory garden.

The gardens are starting to produce flowers in abundance now following efforts to support the school's journey from good to great. With Mr Farron's expertise, from taking cuttings and seeds, as well as using the bulbs again for the next phase of herbaceous growing, the school gardens are now almost sustainable.

Mr Farron said, "We're now into November and still producing flowers which is quite an achievement. The vase shows off iris, gladioli, roses of the 'Dazzling Amber' variety and wild geraniums. We intend to use some of the petals from the roses in Food Technology for sugared leaves in confectionery."

Mr Farron's garden design is based on extracts from poetry and verse relating to the English country garden, ending this season with 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. He is already planning his Spring designs based on a Wordsworth poem.



Year 11 Leavers GCSE Certificates

If former pupils were not able to attend last night's celebration evening, Class of 2017 pupils can now collect their GCSE certificates from the school office.

Certificates will be available to collect during school hours only by either the former pupil or their parent and must be signed for.

We would like to take this opportunity to emphasise how important it is that the exam certificates are collected, as they are very important documents that are likely to be needed throughout the future and particularly if a path to university is planned.

School is only legally obliged to keep certificates for a 12 month period, after which time they are disposed of. If copies of certificates are needed after that time, students will need to contact the appropriate examination board(s) directly and pay costs to obtain copies. As you will appreciate, these costs can mount up.

Christmas Performance

Wizzard of Oz

This year the Creative Arts department are presenting the Wizzard of Oz.

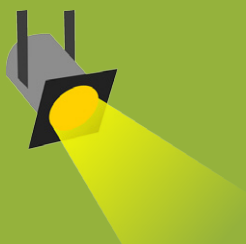
Tickets will be available soon but in the meantime please save these dates in your diary:

Wed, 6 December 7pm

Thur, 7 December 7pm

Local primary schools will also be invited to matinee performances.

In The Spotlight



Would you like to tell us about your child's achievements whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or more? Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it? (we like those stories!)

If this is your child please get in touch with Mrs Yates via email at:

j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

At Priory, we like to highlight our pupil's successes and achievements, whether in or out of school time. This term we have had many of our pupils getting involved in activities and competitions which we would like to share.



Tiya's Ruling The Waves!

From swimming to sailing, first aid to piping, Priory pupil Tiya Sherliker can do them all. Tiya, 13, is a member of Preston Sea Cadets and is already ruling the waves with a number of firsts.

Tiya was the youngest cadet to be promoted to the rank of Cadet First Class in her unit, having only signed up to Preston Sea Cadets in December 2016, and it was also the quickest time for a cadet to achieve such a promotion.

She has starred with her unit recently, winning a silver medal in the freestyle relay in the North West Area Cadet Swimming competition.

And Tiya has set her sights high – she wants to be a logistics officer, the right hand person to the commanding officer on a ship.

"I have always loved the sea," said Tiya. "My family have an armed forces background, as my grandfather was in the navy and my uncle was in the army. They had a big influence on me."

"I love the cadets, it's like a community and family on its own and you are treated like young adults and given responsibilities."

Tiya had to wait until she was 12 to join Preston Sea Cadets, on Strand Road, but has got off to a flying start. She has already passed various RYA sailing tests, she has passed Stage One power boating, she was one of only two cadets selected as a piping party at the RNA Trafalgar Day dinner at the Masonic Hall and has been selected for the parade team on Remembrance Day.

"I want to go to Welbeck College which will prepare me for the navy," added Tiya. "I have high ambitions as I want to be an Officer of Logistics. My friends do think it's a bit of a strange career but I have never wanted to do anything else. I am so proud to be in the Sea Cadets."

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Rhianne Discovers It's A Small World

Year 7 pupil, Rhianne Leach is getting tips off her heroine and has got an exclusive chance to review her new book.

Eleven year old Rhianne is a big fan of author, Ruth Eastham.

Ruth happens to be the sister of Priory's headteacher, Mr Eastham, and so when 'The Warrior in the Mist' landed at the school there was one perfect person to give it the once over.

"I have been a fan since primary school," said Rhianne. "I went to a book fair and they advertised one of Ruth's books, which are a mixture of children's adventure and teen fiction. I was hooked from that point onwards and I have read all of her books. I would say I am her biggest fan.

"When I came to Priory and found out the author was the headteacher's sister it was a bit weird but I got the chance to get in touch with Ruth.

"I want to be a writer myself and I have tried a number of authors who have never got back to me. So I emailed Ruth and she now edits some of my work and helps me. I was so excited about her new book so to have an early copy has made my day! I am her number one fan."

Rhianne has written a review of 'The Warrior in the Mist' which will be included in next week's newsletter, however the book looks very promising after reading this snippet from her review: "I would definitely recommend this book for anyone age 10-13, also anyone with a lot of time on their hands as the hardest thing is having to prise yourself away from it at every crucial point!"



KEY DATES

AUTUMN/WINTER

PSHEE Day 2

Mon, 13 November
(early lunch followed
by school closure at
1:30pm)

Year 11 Parents Evening

Wed, 15 November
4:00 - 7:00pm

Year 11 Mock Exams

W/c 20 and 27
November

End of Term Closure

Early lunch followed
by school closure at
1:30pm on Thurs, 21
December

Adventure Holiday MEYMAC, FRANCE

The cut off date for deposits
for this trip is Monday, 13
November.

For further information,
please contact Ms
Clementson by email -
s.clementson@priory.lancs.sch.uk or she will be
available for pupils in the
House Progress Leaders
office.

Food Technology Enjoy A Taste Of Celebration

As part of the 'Celebration' unit of their GCSE course, students experienced true Asian cuisine this week.

Mrs Karodia, Learning Support for Food Technology, shared her expertise in showing the Year 9 class one of her family recipes, Chana Chaat. Also known as Chutputi, this dish is a chick pea and potato curry.

Miss Lewis-Lavender, Lead Teacher for Food & Nutrition, reported "The group watched a demonstration and participated in the making. The part they enjoyed most was the tasting. Whilst initially some were rather sceptical about tasting unusual foods they all thoroughly enjoyed the finished result. Many even returned for second helpings!"

At the end of this Unit the group will combine all the products they have made and learnt about to enjoy a celebration meal.



ATTENDANCE LINE 01772 320271

Did you know that the attendance line is not just for letting us know if your child is ill and therefore will not be in school.

You can call and leave a message if:

- ✓ Your child will be late due to traffic or other reason
- ✓ Your child has a medical appointment, either that day or at a later date
- ✓ You require a leave of absence request form
- ✓ Updates on absence due to illness/hospital stays
- ✓ Any other reason why your child may not be in school.



Please leave a message on the voicemail for Mrs Garnham, the Attendance Officer, stating your name and contact number plus your child's name, form and reason. Mrs Garnham will get back to you if necessary.

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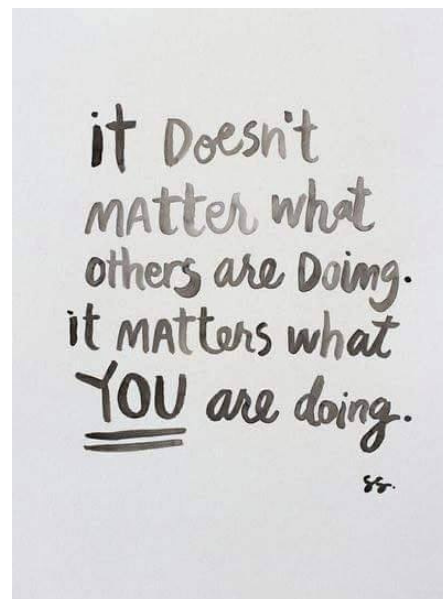
CAREERS CORNER

Mr Ficorilli, the careers adviser at Priory is available this coming term to deliver professional independent careers advice and guidance and make individual career appointments for any Year 9, 10 or 11 pupils. Pupils may wish to discuss the various post 16 career pathways on offer at colleges, with employers through apprenticeship or training programmes, life at university and degree course or signposting for potential work experience.

Mr Ficorilli will also be available at Year 11 parents evening next Wednesday, 15 November to meet, discuss and answer any questions relating to post 16 options with parents. A Year 8 careers information day is also planned for this term in school.

He looks forward to meeting you.

Parents can contact Mr Ficorilli via email: v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk



South Ribble Schools & Next Step Careers present
a pupil/parent evening to inspire young people



Monday 13th November 2017

5.00pm—8.00pm

Penwortham Girls High School, PR1 0SR

An opportunity for young people and parents to explore post 16 options with both employers, training providers, colleges and universities..

- * Inspiring
- * Informative
- * Informal
- * Educational

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals 
NHS Foundation Trust



And many more....

For more details please contact ficorilliv@gmail.com



NHS Careers Event

20th April 2018

Royal Preston Hospital

The Health Academy Centre 1, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston

PR2 9HT 3pm-7pm

Have you considered a career in the NHS?

Come along to find out information on apprenticeships, NHS careers, University paths and much more.

We will have interactive stands from a wide range of our departments for you to explore.

Free car parking for all attendees on Car Park N



For more information please contact Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk



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Here Come The Girls!

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Monday night was the first girls football training session with Penwortham Town FC Girl's Academy coaches.

There was a great turn out with all the girls really enjoying the session. We are still looking for more girls though (you don't have to have played football before) to come along and get some specialist coaching.

There won't be a session on next Monday, 13 November as it is PSHE day. Sessions will recommence on Monday 20 November.



Two former students, Millie Howarth and Aimee Gordon are returning to deliver girls football practice on a Wednesday night after school from 3.30pm-4.30pm so lots of opportunity for Priory's girls to get involved!

INDOOR ATHLETICS Boys & Girls

Year 7 and 8 Indoor Athletics training sessions start on Thurs, 16 November for three weeks from 3.20pm-4.00pm in the Sports Hall.

Pupils who are interested should see Miss Thomas or Mr Ball for more information.

The Indoor Athletics competitions are Mon, 4 December for the boys and Tues, 5 December for the girls. Both events are at Lostock Hall Academy from 3.45pm-5.30pm.

NETBALL

On Monday the Netball teams travelled to Lostock Hall Academy for their first away match of the season. The Year 7s got off to a great start winning their match 2-1. Miss Mainey, PE Teacher, said "The team played really well showing a great team spirit throughout. Lostock Hall gave the player of the match to Vidhi Chauhan." The Year 8 squad drew their match 1-1.

Thursday saw Priory's Year 9 team have a fantastic game against Brownedge St Mary's winning 5-3. Scarlett Sheridan scored all five goals giving her player of the match.

Next Tuesday, 14 November Years 7, 8, 9 & 11 have matches away against Penwortham Girls and All Hallows. Both matches will be played at Penwortham Girls. The girls will need to be collected from Penwortham Girls at approx 4.45pm or make their way home from there.

Thursday, 16 November the Year 7 team also have a match at home against Balshaws.



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