

Penwortham Priory Post



D-Day for B Block

Building work on Priory's new £1.4M IT suite and community space has finally begun this week. Fencing has started to be setup around the site area and compound cabins have been delivered after work was temporarily delayed earlier this year due to bats!

Funding from the CIF (Condition Improving Fund) through the Education Funding Agency will be spent on knocking down the old B Block, or 'ROSLA' block as it was also known, and building a new IT suite along with a space downstairs which will be used by the school and the community.

The ROSLA block (Raising Of The School Leaving Age) was built in the late 1960s when the school leaving age increased, as a temporary structure with a timber frame. Priory last used the ROSLA block in 2015 as a temporary measure while the new science suite was being built.

The project was delayed after bat maternity roosts were found near by and, because they were so close, the noise could have caused the bats to leave their offspring.

The new building will be energy efficient with a heat recovery system, air conditioning and plans for solar panels.

Mr Bolton, Priory's Facilities Manager said, "It will be a slow start for the next few weeks whilst they start to strip out items internally in the building so it won't look like much is happening until they start the full demolition in November".

"We have to expand the school to meet the demands of the numbers of students who want to come here and we want to offer them the best facilities to make the most of school life", said Mr Eastham, Headteacher.

"The IT suites will be upstairs and then there will be a room downstairs which, in evening and weekends, can be used by the community for classes, parties or as meeting rooms, we want everyone to get the most out of it."

WINNING FORMS

We were spoilt for choice with our winning form award this week as 7 classes met their target.

100% attendance -
C8, H4, H7,

100% attendance with lates -
H1 (one late), R8 (two lates), R5 (three lates), R6 (four lates).

BELGIUM TRIP Parent Meeting

There is a meeting for parents on Weds, 18th October from 6:15-7pm at school for those that have booked on the Belgium trip next year.

Mr Watters will talk about the activities and kit lists for the trip.

If a pupil/parent/guardian cannot attend, please email a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

PARENTS EVENING Years 7 and 10

Letters have been sent out this week to parent of Year 7 and 10 for parents evenings.

Pupils have already been handed their appointment sheets and they are expected to start making appointments with their teacher(s) straight away.

KEY DATES

AUTUMN/WINTER

Year 7 Settle Factor Evening

Wed, 18 October
3:40pm - 6:00pm

Year 10 Parents Evening

Mon, 23 October
4:00 - 7:00pm

Mid Term Closure

Mon, 30 October to
Fri, 3 November

Class of 2017

Celebration Evening

Wed, 8 November (for
last year's Year 11
leavers)

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

End of Term Closure

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



Priory Recognised for STEM Commitment

Priory was officially recognised this week for its commitment to increasing students' awareness of the range of possibilities opened up by studying STEM subjects.

STEM Ambassador, Silas Adewole of BAE Systems, presented the certificate to Science Teacher, Mrs Burns and pupils during Wednesday's after school STEM club.

Mr Adewole visited Priory to work with the STEM club by offering advice and guidance to the pupils as they work on a BP 'Handy Hydro' project to try to turn moving water into electricity.

Mrs Burns said, "The pupils are all working towards creating a prototype and a presentation to enter into a competition - they are mostly still in the planning and designing stage, but some have had some excellent ideas and Mr Adewole was really impressed by what he saw - he couldn't believe that the pupils were all year 7 and 8!"

Evidence shows that engaging with STEM Ambassadors can help young people to achieve their full potential in STEM subjects as well as inspiring them to explore linked careers.

Diwali



We are aware that a number of pupils will be celebrating Diwali next week and we respect families wishing to do this. However, please note that it is school policy to allow only one day as authorised absence for a religious festival; any additional days absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

In order to avoid a phone call disturbing your celebration, please will you notify the Attendance Officer, Mrs Garnham, of any absence as soon as possible on 01772 320271 / email a.garnham@priory.lancs.sch.uk or send a note with your child to take to the school office.

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Let The Music Play

Calder were treated to a live brass session from KTB Music in their House assembly this week.

Sam French and Ben Jarvis, Priory's peripatetic teachers from KTB Music, performed on the saxophone and trumpet respectively to a Justin Beiber medley.

Their visit was to highlight the benefits of learning to play a musical instrument and the careers this can open up.

Besides being great therapy alongside the stresses of life and schoolwork, music lessons can help improve memory capacity, sharpen concentration

and boost team and social skills, amongst other notable benefits.

Any parent wanting their child to learn to play a musical instrument at Priory through KTB Music should ask Mr Taylor, Lead Teacher for Music, for a registration form or contact Katy Bradley at 01772 933042 | ktbmusicatpriory@outlook.com | www.ktbmusic.com. Lessons are timetabled during school hours.

Well Done Tiya!

Year 8 pupil, Tiya Sherliker celebrated last weekend as she competed in the North West Division Sea Cadet's Swimming Competition.

Tiya, 13, gained her freestyle relay silver medal whilst up against children up to two years older than her.



Tiya, a member of the Preston Sea Cadets, was selected to compete following her success in the North West Lancashire District trials six weeks earlier. Last Sunday's finals were attended by almost 200 children aged 10-18 from six counties across the region.

Tiya's next big occasion will be representing her unit as they march through Preston for Remembrance Sunday.

We will be highlighting more of Tiya's achievements through the cadets in a future issue.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS



Would your child like to exercise their grey matter at lunchtime?

Mr Raynor's Puzzle Club is every Friday lunchtime in MA4.

No need to register - just turn up!

Pupils may take in their packed lunch.

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Football Focus

FREE CPR & AED TRAINING

Lostock Hall Juniors Football Club invite Priory pupils to their free community event to refresh old skills or learn new life saving skills.

Tues, 5 December
Session 1 - 6-7pm
Session 2 - 7-8pm
Session 3 - 8-9pm

All sessions take place in the main hall at Lostock Hall Academy, Todd Lane North, PR5 5UR.

Training is free but spaces are limited.

To register, email - darrylcartwright@btinternet.com

BOOK CLUB SALES

After the book club visited last month, final sales raised over £80 for the school library.

Thank you to the librarians and in particular, Year 9 Katie Tooze.



No Red Card for Priory's Pupils

The Priory pupils are hoping not to show too many cards as they take on the role of a referee.

The Lancashire Football Association ran a Football Laws Awareness Course at school and pupils from Years Eight to Ten took part. Following the completion of the course, pupils were able to complete the Basic Referee Course where they can referee in the local leagues. It means Priory can provide officials for the South Ribble Primary School Central Venue Football which is held on Priory's pitches.

"Students were selected due to their excellent commitment to extra-curricular sport," said Mr Bullock, Head of PE & School Sport at Priory.

Twelve year old Harrison Aubrey-Williams, said: "I wanted to be a referee as I play football and sometimes I feel they give the wrong decisions. I want to be a fair referee."

"If I do not make it as a footballer, I would like to be a referee. I want to be the next Mike Dean," said young referee, Byron Mason.

Ayesha Akhtar added: "I got selected to train as a referee and I want to carry on. I find it interesting. I play football so this is another aspect to it."

Mr Bullock said: "We are delighted to be able to host primary school football on our football pitches and, with our new crop of trained officials, we are sure that the tournaments will continue to be a success.

"The course for referees gives the students a broader view of the game as previously they have only seen it from that of a player.

"They have seen how difficult it can be to take charge of a game, but are relishing the opportunity to put their skills and knowledge they learnt on the course into practice with the upcoming football tournaments."

LOUIS' ON TARGET

Year 8 pupil Louis Ridsdale, is hoping he is on target for a career in professional football.

The Priory pupil recently signed a two-year schoolboy deal with League One side Fleetwood Town after impressing during his first year there.

Louis, 12 is a striker or right winger and started out with Lostock Hall Juniors. He went for a trial at Manchester City at the age of nine which gave him an insight into professional football. Two years later, he was spotted again and recommended to Fleetwood Town and has since signed up to their academy.

"We train three times a week and play games on Sunday," said Man City fan Louis.

"It's my first experience of a professional club and I really enjoy it. I have just signed a new two-year contract and I want to be a professional footballer."



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

We will be launching the Bronze award with the current Year 10 pupils at Parents evening later this month.

The expeditions will take place after Easter, with the assessed expedition in July.

If you require any further information please contact Mr Bullock, Head of PE & School Sport or email m.bullock@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

Super Start for Year Sevens



Monday saw the start of the new Year 7 football team season. A fantastic display saw priory run out 2-0 winners against Lostock Hall Academy. Goal scorers were Jack Smith and Rhys Kane. The team now play Leyland St Mary's next Monday, 16 October.

SOUTH RIBBLE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Almost 70 pupils will be representing Priory at the area Cross Country competition this Sat, 14 October.

Letters have been sent home to those selected. Pupils should arrive in their Priory PE kit at least 15 minutes before their race and can leave when completed.

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