

Penwortham Priory Post



Jumping into the Christmas Spirit

Priory's pupils and staff were jump(er)ing for joy today as they put on their Christmas woolies all in aid of a good cause.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Organised by Year 10 pupil, Adam McDermott, with help from his H7 class mates, the group has been busy getting the word out that for one day only their blazers can be left at home in exchange for a festive knit.

Staff too embraced the day with their embarrassing knitwear, from Rudolphins, penguins and sequins, to the more classic Fair Isles.

Pupils taking part brought in £1 for 'Save the Children'. Total monies raised were still being counted as we went to press however initial estimates are up to £150.

Save the Children's aim is, that with everyone's donations, they can keep making the world a better a place for children everywhere.

B Block Update

And now it's definitely gone!

B Block (ROSLA Block) has been demolished and cleared ready for Priory's new £1.4M IT and community space.

Groundworks have already begun and steel works will going up after the Christmas break.



WINNING FORMS

Unfortunately we didn't have any forms reaching 100% attendance this week. However there were no 'lates' across all our top attendance forms.

1st Place - R1 (99%)

2nd Place - D6 (98.95%)

3rd Place - H1 (98.24%)

Well done to Miss Khan's form.

Geography

Year 11

Intervention Trip

Next Weds, 20 December Mr Watters' Year 11 GCSE intervention group has been invited to attend a field trip to Liverpool.

Pupils will study coastal defences, sand dune accumulations, an SSSI at Formby Point and an undertake an urban study using two zones within the city.

This will be a full day with some free time in Liverpool One before returning to school.

Reply slips must be returned to Mr Watters by Monday.



A Week Full of Drama!

Mr Hardcastle, continued his busy month of Drama this week with a visit from Runshaw College performing arts students on Tuesday, followed by Devised Drama performances by his Year 11 GCSE pupils on Wednesday.

Priory's Head of Drama welcomed students from Runshaw College's Professional Performance Programme to perform 'Ricky's Revenge' for the Year 9 and 10 drama pupils. The Runshaw students were visiting Priory as part of their high school whistle stop tour across 15 local schools.

Mr Hardcastle commented, "The performance was inspirational showing the drama students at Priory the level they need to aim for. It was a physical theatre piece that was showcased along with the gestures and movement, which combined to create a thoroughly entertaining spectacle for all."

Jack Smith from Year 10 said, "Wow, it was so fast paced and I can't wait to use the techniques I've seen in my future drama lessons."

Wednesday evening saw the Year 11 group of drama pupils perform the first unit of their GCSE Drama exam. Carrying the largest percentage of marks, these performances are massive influence on pupils' final grades. Working in small groups, they devised an original piece of drama from a stimulus linked to a particular practitioner or genre as a starting point.

Performances with titles including, 'Blood on Your Hands', 'Who do you Choose?' and 'The Call' lasted between 10-25 minutes each, depending on the size of the group. Parents were invited to watch.

Mr Hardcastle said, "All 31 GCSE students made me proud. They created deep and thought provoking performances from a range of stimulus, which left the audience with lots of discussion/questions to answer. The whole group was thoroughly professional from the start to finish. Well done to all and only 2500 words to write-up now...!"



Drama
at
Penwortham Priory Academy

GCSE Drama: Devised
Class of 2017
Penwortham Priory Academy

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Theatre Production

This morning, GCSE English Literature pupils enjoyed a performance of 'A Christmas Carol'. The visiting theatre group delivered a stage production and workshop to Year 10 and 11 pupils who are studying this Dickens' Christmas classic.



Mrs Elliott, English Teacher, who has organised the performance said "The theatre performance will help the texts come to life for the pupils. We ran the same event last year and the students gave overwhelmingly positive feedback."

The theatre group will return in February to perform the Stevenson

novella, 'Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde'.

Pupils have been asked to support these extra activities with a £3.00 contribution. If your child has not paid theirs yet, please could they do so as soon as possible.

Rewards

Trip

Wizard
of Oz



Pupils involved in the production and performance of the Wizard of Oz have been invited to a rewards trip to Salvatore's Italian Restaurant, Liverpool Road, on **Weds, 10 January**.

After dedicating many hours to rehearsals and giving up their free time at breaks, lunch and after school to ensure the huge success of the show, this is a well-deserved treat for all the pupils concerned.

Carols for Local Residential Home

Thursday afternoon saw over 30 Priory pupils attending Longton Residential Accommodation to perform Christmas Carols for the residents there. A mixture of traditional carols alongside more modern pop songs were sung with interludes of piano medleys played by Joel Gardner, Lucian Florea and Colin Chan.

Year 10 pupil, Joel Gardner, had the chance to impress after his recent success in his Grade 5 music exam.

Mr Taylor, Head of Music, who accompanied the pupils said, "Our presence was very well received and it was so pleasing to be able to take such good numbers of pupils to offer some Christmas cheer to both the residents and the staff. We look forward to going again next year."



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Indian Delight

Tues, 19 December

Priory's Year 9 Food Technology pupils have organised an 'Indian Delight' event with the support of Mrs Karodia and Miss Lewis-Lavender.

The GCSE group has put together this lunch time event to meet the 'Celebration' unit of their Food Technology & Nutrition course.

Invited guests include governors, members of the senior leadership team and local primary school headteachers.

The Asian-themed menu has been planned after the pupils have been learning about different cultures and foods eaten around the world.

Christmas Lunch Weds, 20 December



Christmas Lunch

Menu

Wednesday, 20th December

Roast Turkey
or
Vegetarian Sausage
or
Vegetarian Parcels

Served with all the trimmings

Christmas Pudding & Custard
or
Mince Pie
or
Christmas Biscuit
or
Fest Fruit

Price £2.15 plus drink if required

Please note that on this date we will only be offering the Christmas menu at lunchtime; there will be no other food available.

Pupils that have a chosen not have a Christmas meal should bring in a packed lunch.

Breakfast and morning break will be served as normal.

For children on free school meals, the cost of this lunch is covered in their normal lunch allowance.



Notice to Pupils - 'Chippy' Day

Next week, as it's a short week, the kitchen staff have brought forward 'chippy day' to Tuesday.

Nativity Scene Rediscovered After 10 Years

The Priory's traditional nativity scene is back on display after its last appearance over ten years ago.

The holy family was found after years of gathering dust behind the stage in the Assembly Hall, and with recent years of renovations, they have been forgotten about. They were eventually found and restored to their former glory by Priory's gardener, Mr Farron and Technology teacher, Mr Fraser.

The nativity scene, dating back to Priory's origins in the 1950s, is now on full display in the Humanities block for all pupils to see. Mr Farron informed us, "The three kings are early as they usually come at epiphany, six days after the birth of Christ. Unfortunately, we are still on the search for the Angel Gabriel which we hope will be found ready for next year's festivities."



Mr Farron has already planned his gardening duties for the New Year when the Quad area will be de-turfed and replanted, following total preparations for spring with a massive tidy up and early pruning.

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Careers Corner



Apprenticeships

Mr Ficorilli, Independent Careers Adviser, is available in school every Monday during term time to support pupils with the apprenticeship application process or sourcing employers.

Parents may make contact via email: v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk

If any Year 11 pupil wishes to create a free account to look for employer apprenticeships please go to :

www.apprenticeships.org.uk then choose the 'find an apprenticeship' option.

College, Sixth Form, Grammar School & Training Provider Open Evenings in the Spring Term

Blackburn College of Further Education and Sixth Form

A levels, vocational, apprenticeships and university centre

Open Day Tues, 22 February 2018 - 4.30-7.30

www.blackburn.ac.uk | 01254 292929

Cardinal Newman College

All courses A levels & vocational
Open Day Thurs, 1 February 2018
5.00-8.00pm

www.cardinalnewman.ac.uk
01772 460181

Clitheroe Grammar School & Sixth Form

A levels only

Apply online via:

www.clitheroeroyalgrammar.lancs.sch.uk

CRGS have a strict deadline for applications of Fri, 12 February 2018

Training 2000

Apprenticeship provider in dental care, engineering, accountancy

For further information see:

www.t2k.org.uk | 01254 586534

Open evening to meet employers

Weds, 7 February 2018 4.00-8.00pm

Runshaw College

A levels, vocational & apprenticeships

www.runshaw.ac.uk | 01772 622677

Open Days Weds, 7 March 2018

Myerscough College of Further Education

Specialised vocational courses and apprenticeships

Open Day Sat, 9 December 2017
9.45-12.30pm

www.myerscough.ac.uk
01995 640611

Pendleton College, Manchester

Dance, performing arts and musical theatre

Apply on line via: www.salfordcc.ac.uk
0161 631 5000

Open Evening Weds, 25 March, 2018

Preston's College

Vocational and apprenticeships - specialised courses

www.preston.ac.uk | 01772 252525

Open Day Tues, 6 February 2018

4.00-6.30pm

Queens Elizabeth Grammar School, Sixth Form, Blackburn

A levels only

www.qegs.blackburn.sch.uk

01254 686307

Westholme Sixth Form, Blackburn

A levels only

www.westholmeschool.com

01254 506070

Open Day Sat, 3 March 2018 10.00-2.00pm

KEY DATES

Comic Book Club

Reward Trip (by invitation)

Tues, 19 December

Indian Delight

Celebration Event

(by invitation)

Tues, 19 December

Christmas Lunch

Wed, 20 December

End of Term Closure

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

Start of Spring Term

Mon, 8 January 2018

Salvatores Reward Trip

(by invitation)

Wed, 10 January 2018

Year 8 Parents Evening

Wed, 24 January 2018

Year 9 Parents & Options Evening

Tues, 6 February 2018

Theatre Production - Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde

Fri, 9 February 2017

(Year 10 & 11 pupils £3 for two productions)

Mid Term Closure

12-16 February 2018

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Alumni Update - Jack Lloyd



This week English teacher Mr Wall, received an email from former pupil, Jack Lloyd.

Jack, now 24, who left Priory back in 2009 contacted Mr Wall to give him an update.

After graduating with a First Class Hons Degree in Drama & Applied Theatre, Jack undertook an actor training course at the Newcastle Theatre Royal. From there, he was nominated as one of the top 20 graduates and competed in a prize event at the Globe Theatre in London. As a result of this he was able to sign with a very reputable acting agency with offices in London and Manchester.

Jack is now working professionally as an actor and has been fortunate to secure two theatrical jobs since graduating in September. He will next be performing in an adaptation of 'War of the Worlds' at Northern Stage in Newcastle in February.

Jack ended his email by giving thanks for the support Mr Wall gave him during his time at school and to let him know how much he now appreciates it. Jack ended, "You were always helpful and supportive during my time there and recognised potential within me. I think you were/are a great teacher and I never forgot that."

Channel 4 is looking for families to take part in a new series

Electric Ray, a London TV company, has been commissioned by Channel 4 to make a new series, Alone At Home (working title), to sit alongside their other acclaimed hit series with children and parenting at the forefront: Secret Life of 4 & 5 Year Olds, Child Genius and Old People's Home For 4 Year Olds.

Alone At Home will question to what degree modern parenting styles adequately prepare our children for adulthood. How much do parents influence the behaviour of their children, even when they're not around? And without these rules will our children be hapless, rebel or perhaps they'll be more capable and resourceful than we give them credit for when left alone in their own home for a long weekend?

Any families who are interested should contact Electric Ray directly (see advert on right) to find out more. Any information given to them by parents will be processed in accordance with the 1998 Data Protection Act.



ALONE AT HOME

(WORKING TITLE)

What would happen if you left your children alone at home?

What would they do with a long weekend to themselves?

Do you wonder how capable and independent your children are growing up to be?

We are looking for families with at least 2 children aged 8-16 who want to participate in a unique experience that explores issues around parenting and child freedom.

Alone At Home (working title) is a new series for Channel 4. In each episode, the home featured will be fitted with remotely operated cameras that will film 24 hours a day with the aim of observing the children's experience. Working with respected senior child development psychologists, the series will explore how the children deal with increased freedom and responsibility and will show the children's ability to cope. There will be designated spaces in the home for privacy.

**For more information, please email
families@electricray.com
or call 020 7061 8924**

The children will be monitored by chaperones and psychologists to help safeguard their physical and emotional welfare.
All data will be processed in accordance with Electric Ray's privacy policy.
An expression of interest does not guarantee participation in the series.

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