

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Priory Pupils Take on the Theory of Everything for Science Week

It was a jam-packed week of events at Priory as we celebrated British Science Week.

Led by the British Science Association, the ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), promotes entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages.

Monday began with experiments in the Science labs whilst Tuesday saw teachers visit local primary schools to conduct STEM activities with the younger pupils.

We had excited and enthusiastic pupils on Wednesday as over 40 of our Year 7-9 pupils set off to Birmingham for the Big Bang Fair.



Pupils and teachers went head to head yesterday during the lunchtime quiz, testing their knowledge of science and British scientists.

We end the week today with intrigue as the science team set up a C.S.I (Crime Scene Investigation) in the labs.

Throughout the week posters posing questions have been scattered around the school as pupils took part in a STEM-themed treasure hunt. Great prizes were on offer for the winning entries.

Further details and pictures throughout the newsletter.

### Attendance Winning Forms

This week's 100% attendance award goes to:

**C8 and D3**

Third place goes to R4 with 99.20%

Well done to Miss Thornton's and Mr Greenwood's form!

### Welcome Back Mrs Farley!

Priory's Transition Manager & Primary Schools Co-Ordinator, Mrs Farley, returned from maternity leave this week.

One of her first tasks will be to get to know the 180 pupils that have gained at place at Priory from September 2018.

Mrs Farley will also be welcoming Year 5 primary school pupils to our taster days.

### Year 11 Hoodies Order Deadline

A reminder that orders for hoodies must be returned to the school office by next Weds, 21 March.

In order for us to meet the manufacturer's delivery date, unfortunately this deadline cannot be extended.

## KEY DATES

### End of Term Closure

Fri, 23 March 2018  
(Early lunch followed by  
school closure at 1:30pm)

### GCSE Drama Theatre Trips (evening)

Wed, 11 April 2018  
Wed, 2 May 2018

### Start of Summer Term

Mon, 9 April 2018

### PSHE Day

Tues, 17 April 2018  
(Early lunch followed by  
early closure at 1:30pm)

### Next Steps Careers Event (at school)

Thurs, 26 April 2018

### May Day Closure

Mon, 7 May 2018

### INSET Day (Closed)

Tues, 8 May 2018

### Mid Term Closure

28 May - 1 June 2018

### Year 10 Parents Evening

Wed, 6 June 2018

### Year 11 Prom

Wed, 27 June 2018

### Year 7 Parents Evening

Wed, 11 July 2018

# Use of Mobile Phones

We would like to remind parents and pupils that use of mobile phones by pupils is not allowed during school time unless with the express permission of a member of staff.



Phones must be kept in pockets or bags and be switched off.

Pupils have been reminded today, and from Monday, non-observance of this rule will result in the device being confiscated for the rest of the day. The phone will be kept securely in the school office until it can be collected at the end of the day.

Whilst we appreciate there are obvious benefits to children having mobile phones in terms of personal safety, there are also associated risks such as theft, bullying and inappropriate contact.

Please note that mobile phones are brought into school entirely at the owner's risk. The school accepts no responsibility for the theft, loss, damage relating to phone and personal devices.

## The Big Bang Science Fair

The school trip to the Big Bang Science Fair on Wednesday was a huge success as pupils were able to celebrate science week and take part in what science in today's world has to offer.



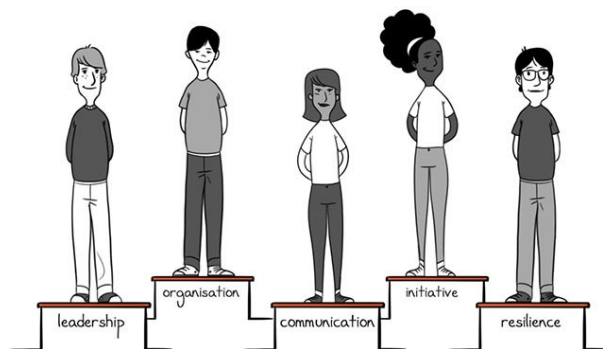
Miss Conyngham, Science teacher, said: "Pupils took the opportunity to participate in activities such as watching scientific demonstrations, problem solving, virtual reality and controlling robots.

Many pupils won prizes for taking part

and returned to school with as many freebies as they could carry!"

The vast amount of career stalls also grabbed the interest of our pupils, showing them the routes they could take towards a career in science, engineering and maths.

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## PiXL Edge - Priory's New Awards Scheme

Launched at Priory this week, PiXL Edge seeks to nurture self-assured and confident young people whilst supporting a well-rounded education.

PiXL Edge gives pupils the opportunity to develop key life attributes through targeted activities and challenges especially chosen for their formative qualities in character development as well as their desirability by employers. PiXL can help pupils to discover their own strengths and aptitudes, and inspire and expand themselves as individuals.

Mrs Hopes, Head of Creative Arts, will lead the programme which has been rolled out for Year 7-10 pupils in initially. Pupils who want to participate must complete the blue 'Activity Research and Selection' sheet and hand this in to the school office by Wednesday, 21 March.

On launching the scheme, Mrs Hopes said:

***"This is a fantastic opportunity for Priory pupils to be recognised for utilising personal attributes in and out of school. Our pupils participate in so many activities outside of lessons and appear to be keen to gain recognition for their efforts. There has been a great deal of interest in the award so far and I look forward to reading about the vast array of activities our pupils will be engaged in after the Easter break"***

After listening to presentations and reading various promotions in school, pupils select ten activities across five attributes to work towards their award.



The five attributes are:

- Leadership (eg. Making decisions, acting responsibly, collaborating)
- Organisation (eg. Time management, problem solving)
- Resilience (eg. Showing commitment, working under pressure,)
- Initiative (eg. Creativity and seeing the value in being of service to others)
- Communication (eg. Editing, presenting, matching form and content to the audience)

Pupils will be able to view resources, information and share their activity evidence through a dedicated area on SharePoint. Progress can be made through three levels (Apprentice, Graduate, Master) as they move up the school. Each level should take no longer than a term to complete and can be achieved either alone or as part of a small group in class, extra-curricular or in their lives outside school.

Pupils will receive a Priory PiXL Edge Attribute certificate at completion of each attribute activity. On completion of all ten activities pupils will receive their PiXL Edge Apprentice Award and an interactive digibadge, which records details of the scheme and their achievements online.

More than 700 schools are now members of the scheme which is backed by employers. The awards can be used to support applications to college, university and employment, giving them a competitive recruitment edge.

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# Regional Football

Yesterday, Priory sent two teams to take part in a Regional 7-A-Side Tournament organised by Runshaw College.

# SPORTS REPORT



Finishing in second and third place, PE Teacher Mr Faulkner, said "The teams were excellent ambassadors for Priory, showing some great skills on the pitch."

The next game is against All Hallows Catholic High School next Wednesday.

Well done to Dillon Dawson, Joe Houghton, Dean Pickup, Jack Paynter, James Aubrey-Williams, Leon Freeman, Jack Myerscough, Ben Ashcroft, Nathan Smith, Jake Fisherm, Cieran Dowd, Jonnny Johnson, Ben Withers and Lewis Baron.

## Dance From The Heart

On Wednesday, sports coaches from South Ribble Borough Council arrived at Priory to teach 'Dance from the Heart'.

Young leaders from Priory's local primary schools were invited to join us to learn the dance which they then cascade to the rest of their school.

This is annual dance project involves more than 6000 pupils from over 30 schools across the borough.

Pupils were taught the medley of six songs as they put their best feet forward to learn a six minute routine over two hours.

Pupils will have the chance to show off their moves in an outdoor playground performance when the Dance from the Heart Roadshow travels around each school as a final celebration of the project.

Thank you to the Year 9 pupils who supported the project: Claudia Bevan, Lauren Richardson, Ellen Banks, Libby Taylor, Lucy Hartup, Harriet Ellis, Liam Weston, Holly Taylor, Sian Wynter and Caitlyn Taylor.



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## EASTER HOCKEY CAMP



4TH & 5TH APRIL  
10AM-3PM  
UCLAN SPORTS ARENA, PRESTON  
BOYS & GIRLS 6-15YRS  
£25 PER DAY/ £45 FOR 2 DAYS

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## 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](mailto:Brittany.Mollart@lthtr.nhs.uk)



An inspirational careers event for young people in the Preston/South Ribble areas



**Thursday 26 April, 2018**

**9.30am-2.30pm**

**Penwortham Priory Academy, PR1 0JE**

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

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# Homework Club

**BEFORE SCHOOL**

**Come and join us  
every Morning**

**Time: 8:00am- 8.25am Location: LEAP**

**AFTER SCHOOL**

**COME AND JOIN US**

**MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**

**TIME: 3.20-4.25 LOCATION: LEAP 2**

## CAREERS ADVISER AT PRIORY

Mr Ficorilli, Independent Careers Adviser, is available in school every Monday via appointments, lunchtime drop-ins or after school to support pupils with any career advice and applications, apprenticeships or sourcing employers.

Parents and pupils can contact Mr Ficorilli by email at:

[v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

9-18 March  
**British  
Science  
Week  
2018**



# Primary School Liaison

On Tuesday, as part of British Science Week, Mrs Burn, Miss Conynham and Mr McIntyre visited Whitefield Primary School to introduce their Year 3 and 4 pupils to a tower-building STEM challenge.



Pupils had to analyse the shapes, materials and structure of existing towers to plan and build the tallest tower, using minimal resources, including spaghetti and marshmallows.



Mrs Burn commented, "We were really impressed by some of the pupils' abstract ideas and excellent teamwork. By the time we left, we had two (very sticky) classrooms full of enthusiastic mini scientists and engineers!"

## Science Week Quiz Competition

Yesterday saw teachers and pupils battle against each other to become Science Week Quiz Champions.

Quizmaster Mr McIntyre, who organised the contest, pitched questions to five teams made up of Maths and Science teachers, and pupils.

Teams were tested on their science general knowledge and British scientists.

Mr McIntyre said, "Everyone did very well right up until the end when one of the pupils teams won by just one point"

The winning team was awarded with science stickers and more importantly, chocolate!



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