

Penwortham Priory Post



A Championship English Lesson

An author hopes to inspire the next generation of writers after holding a workshop at Priory on Tuesday.

Local author, Michael Barrett, has written a graphic novel about Preston North End's famous league and cup winning season of 1888-89. Michael visited the school to speak to pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 about how and why he wrote his book about the legendary invincibles.

Michael spoke about the trials of producing his book and the pleasures he took in researching and bringing to life the players that he had only ever read about.

Filing through match reports from over a century ago to imagine how the goals had been scored and learning about different players and their characters was a huge part of the process for Michael.

Working with the illustrator of the famous Roy of the Rovers comics, David Sque helped Michael to accurately bring the goals that were scored to the pages of the graphic novel.

After speaking with pupils about how he created his book, Michael helped them to write a narrative about other famous football stories from their lifetime.

Michael was keen to help them understand the importance of planning a successful story using more recent examples of footballing heroics.

English teacher, Mr Howarth said: "Michael held a hugely successful workshop with the group. Through research and carefully exploring how to develop story ideas, all students came away inspired to both read and write more. They all thoroughly enjoyed it."

WINNING FORMS

Unfortunately we didn't have any form making a full house this week. However, three almost got there:

1st Place D4 - 99.2%

2nd Place D1 - 99.17 (2
lates)

3rd Place D6 - 98.95%

Well done to Mrs Gutteridge's Douglas House.



Red Nose Design Competition

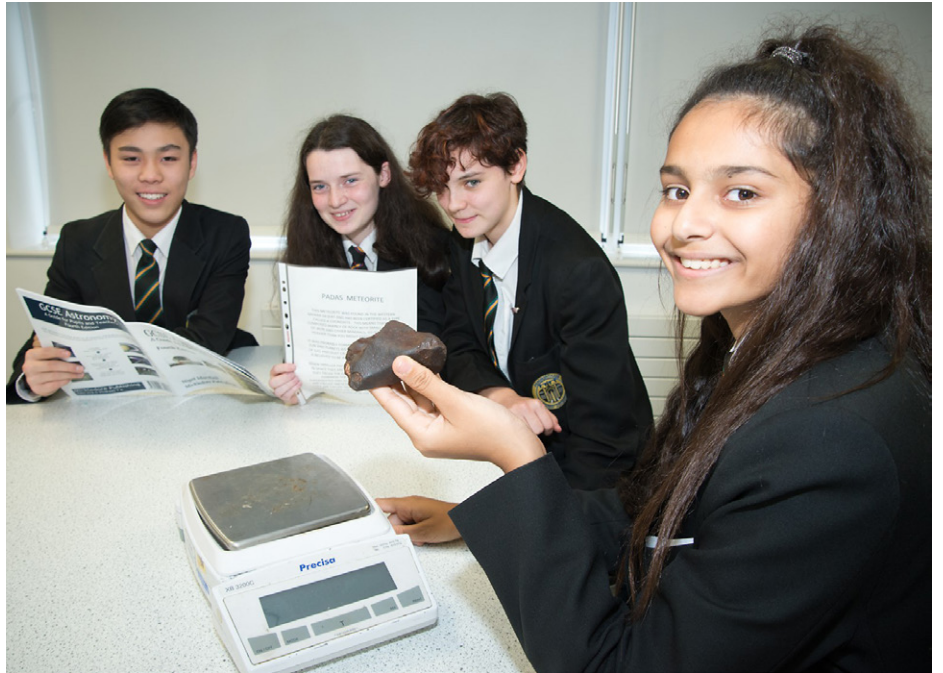
Miss Bentham will be submitting seven of the best character designs to the Red Nose charity next Tuesday.

If any pupils have not yet given in their designs, the cut off date is Monday, 20 November latest. Please see Miss Bentham in Technology.

ASTRONOMY CLUB PUPILS HAVE SOMETHING OUT OF THIS WORLD!

These Priory pupils are certainly reaching for the stars – and they have a piece of meteorite billions of years old to prove it.

We are one of the few schools in the area which offers an Astronomy GCSE.



Two years ago three Priory students took the exam for the first time and received A* grades including Jamie Edwards, who became the world's youngest person to create nuclear fusion aged 13. Assistant Headteacher, Ms Young, also took the exam, got top marks and is now a member of PADAS – Preston and District Astronomical Society.

PADAS has acquired some meteorite which was found in the Western Sahara Desert and has been certified as a type called 'Chondrite' meaning it's composed mainly of rock with small amounts of iron and other minerals. It's believed to be around five billion years old.

Priory is the first school to be loaned this meteorite from PADAS for their astronomy students, who use the £750,000 open space science labs at the school which have their own 'universe' on the ceiling.

Four Year 9 students are taking their Astronomy GCSE this year - May Robinson, Miya Atherton-Patel, Verity Buckley and Colin Chan - and are using the meteorite to help them.

"It's amazing," said May. "I have always had an interest in the stars so it's great to be able to take it to GCSE level."

PADAS Secretary Graham Mcloughlin: "The PADAS meteorite is a NWA 308g Chondrite meteorite found in the desert of North West Africa. Chondrites are some of the oldest space rocks left over from the formation of our solar system and contains iron. It was purchased to give members the opportunity to view and examine a piece of space rock and is popular at our society public outreach events."



BBC
**Children
in Need**

In aid of Children in Need today, Mr Raynor's Form, R3, held a "Guess Where Pudsey Is?" contest to raise money for the charity.

Pupils paid 50p to take part which gave them the opportunity to win chocolate prizes donated by staff and pupils.

Pupils had to guess where Pudsey was by selecting a square on a grid. The winning square could only be revealed after all had been bought. Congratulations to Erin Holt in H8 who bagged the main prize, with Harvey Ward, Jacob Hersee and Ms Young being runners up. Thank you to all who helped to raise £50 for the charity.

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Lest We Forget

Head Prefects, Lauryn Parker and Jack Sadler laid a wreath at Penwortham Memorial on behalf of the school last Sunday.

Accompanied by Ms Young and Mrs Cowell, they attended the service at St Leonard's Church before taking the short walk to the memorial to lay the wreath and take part in a two minute silence to pay their respects to those who gave their lives in order to protect our freedom.

It was lovely to see many Priory pupils also attending in their capacity as scouts and guides.



ASHLEY BROWN COMPETITION UPDATE

Following Ashley's participation in the CISSAM international shooting competition in London during the half term break, we can announce that his team came 5th overall out of 200 teams.

Ashley, Year 11, was representing the Lancashire Army Cadet Force and commented, "It was an amazing experience and I'm looking forward to the next one!"

An amazing achievement. Well done Ashley!

Year 10 Pupils Have Surprising Day at Runshaw

On Wednesday five Year 10 pupils accompanied by teacher, Miss Howard, visited Runshaw College's Science Department for a Surprising Science Event.

Pupils from Runshaw's partner schools are invited to this annual gifted and talented event where they are given the opportunity to take part in activities from a chosen subject. Activities are designed to stretch and stimulate, giving the students a flavour of academic study, particularly in A Level Science, in the sixth form and beyond.

Along with other local secondary schools, the girls discovered the mysteries of the Human body in biology, the surprising properties of thermochromic paper in Chemistry and worked their way around a telescope in Physics.

The group, made up of Asha Green, Cerys Howells, Ellie Brome, Molly Poulton and Aarti Patel, also won 'I'm a Scientist get me out of here!' - a really tough science quiz!

Miss Howard commented, "A big well done to the girls for showing a keen interest and excellent behaviour. They really were a credit to Priory."



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wear it
pink

Wear It Pink Fundraiser Update

Following the staff fundraising campaign for the breast cancer charity where teachers wore pink, a total of £57 was raised.

Staff brought in cakes for colleagues which were sold during the morning break.

In The Spotlight



PNE v BOLTON 17 NOVEMBER

Eight pupils have been chosen to take part in a penalty shoot-out during the half time interval at Preston North End tonight.

If you're at the match, please give them a cheer!

BAE SYSTEMS



Apprenticeships

Priory Pupils Engineer Their Future

Priory's engineers of the future got an insight into their prospective careers on Monday when they attended a prestigious trip to BAE Systems.

The sixteen Year 11 students, who had all expressed an interest in engineering apprenticeships following a talk by BAE Systems at the school the previous week, were given a tour around the new £16m facility.

The ASK (Academy of Schools and Knowledge) Facility replaced Preston training school and is a state-of-the-art manufacturing area to train and develop engineers of the future.

"The students gained so much from seeing hands-on how a large employer like BAE Systems works and delivers their products and services," said Priory's Careers Advisor, Mr Ficorilli.

"The business and design task the students had to complete enabled them to learn and develop team skills in a working environment and they also benefited from first-hand knowledge and experiences of current apprentices and professionals."

Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Crank, said: "It was an inspirational visit for the students and confirmed for some that this is the career path they would like to take. Priory is proud to have links with a world-wide business like BAE Systems which has allowed our students the chance to see what an engineering apprenticeship would be like."

Each of the Priory students was given a certificate from Andrew Bloor, Head of Early Careers at BAE Systems, who commented on the impeccable behaviour and attitude of our pupils.

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Primary Schools Get a Taste of Priory

Already this term we have welcomed a number of primary schools to Priory.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays we invite Year 5 pupils to experience everything about a secondary school.

Pupils from Cottam, Ashbridge, Walton Le Dale and St Stephen's Primary Schools have been able to experience a Technology lesson of either Food or Textiles, Science, Creative Arts and PE.

All students have thoroughly enjoyed their time. Pupils from Walton Le Dale Primary School have even returned to school and carried on producing the Christmas decoration hats they learnt to make in Technology.



Year 5 taster days are organised by Transition Manager, Mrs Gutteridge. If parents have primary aged children interested in joining one of these sessions with their school, please get in touch with Mrs Gutteridge to discuss in further detail (email: r.gutteridge@priory.lancs.sch.uk).

KEY DATES

AUTUMN/WINTER

Year 11 Pre-Public Exams

W/c 20 and 27

November

Christmas Production

Wed, 6 December 7pm

Thur, 7 December 7pm

(tickets available soon)



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

Year 11 Leavers

GCSE Certificates

Class of 2017 pupils can now collect their GCSE certificates.

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

LEGO CLUB



- Work on your STEM skills whilst developing your programming.
- Places are limited to 16 on a first come first served basis.



Tuesday Lunch in MA1

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A bit of a Performance for GCSE Pupils

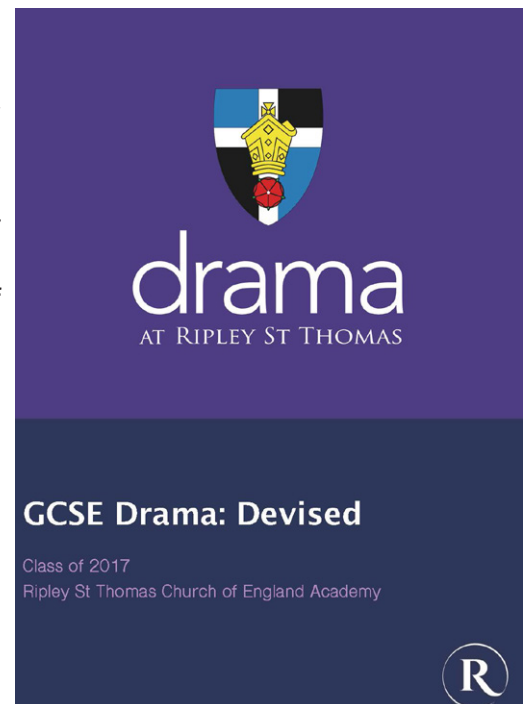
Our Year 11 GCSE Drama students were invited to Lancaster on Tuesday evening to watch Ripley St Thomas School's drama production.

Drama teacher, Mr Hardcastle said, "The pupils have completed their mock exam performance and therefore having a chance to watch another school will develop their understanding of the expectations of the exam and what they need to incorporate to evolve their work."

The trip has inspired and enthused the students, as what they saw was a superb standard.

Anika Nayee of H1 said, "The performances were amazing and have really inspired my group and I to enhance our work."

The students will be performing their Component 2 - Devising Drama on Wednesday, 13 December at 7pm. Good luck to them all!



Priory Pupils Shine in Public Speaking Event

Three Priory pupils have this week represented the school at a public speaking competition.

Taking place in the players' lounge at Preston North End's Deepdale Stadium, Cerys Shanks, Trista McNaught and Tilly McNaught were able to speak articulately and maturely on the topic of childhood obesity.

Cerys Shanks, who acted as the chairperson for the team, introduced her peers and their argument to a packed audience and team of judges before allowing Tilly to present the main points of their argument. Tilly spoke eloquently and provided her audience with plenty of information which will definitely leave them with something to think about.

After presenting the speech, Tilly responded to the questions from a member of the Rotary club, who had organised the event.

Before ending their presentation, Trista thanked the organisers of the event and the audience for listening and left the audience to mull over the points that Tilly had made.

Unfortunately the girls did not win the event but were not disheartened by the result and came away rightfully proud with their performance.



English teacher, Mr Howarth said "The girls can be extremely happy with how they performed and were surely in the running for 1st place. I am delighted that the girls are already thinking about taking part in the same event next year."

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ROSLA Block Update

Building work on Priory's new £1.4M IT suite and community space is moving forward.

The ROSLA block, or 'B Block' as it was also known, will be demolished in the coming weeks to make way for 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.

Mr Bolton, Priory's Facilities Manager, said, "We're starting to see external demolition taking place and some of the cladding has been removed to check that the bats have now left".

Builders are starting to knock the rooms out downstairs and remove plasterboard from walls. All materials will be recycled where possible.



Samaritan's Shoe Box Appeal

Mr Watters' H7 Form, along with other supporting pupils, contributed to The Samaritan's Operation Christmas Child campaign and this week saw their boxes begin their journey to surprise those in need.

These pupils were keen to be a part of changing children's lives all over the world through the power of a simple gift. The charity says, "A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal".



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Dates:

Wednesday 6th

Thursday 7th

December

2018

Ticket Prices:

Adults: £5.00

Concessions: £3.00

Family: £14.00

(2 Adults +

2 Concessions)

**TICKETS
AVAILABLE
SOON!**

WIZARD OF OZ

Book by L.Frank Baum with
music from the MGM Picture:
THE WIZARD OF OZ Lyrics by
E.Y Harburg music by Harold
Arlen

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