

# Penwortham Primary Post



## We're Over The Rainbow With Our Wizard of Oz Rehearsals

Rehearsals are well underway for our annual Christmas production. This year we're off to Kansas and down the Yellow Brick Road to perform the Wizard of Oz.

Pupils are pitching in to make or paint props and Mrs Hopes and her munchkins are going off to source costumes whilst the actors, musicians and dancers are practising almost every night to perfect their performances.

Mrs Hopes, Mr Hardcastle and Mr Taylor, the Creatives Arts Department leads, judged the auditions which resulted in Head Girl Lauryn Parker offered the starring roll as Dorothy, Head Boy Jack Sadler becomes the Tin Man, with Zak Hodgkinson and Ben Russell as the Scarecrow and Lion respectively.

Time's ticking away as the main showings are on Weds, 6th and Thurs, 7th December at 7pm. Pupils from all our local primary schools have been invited to watch matinee performances.

Mrs Hopes, Head of Creative Arts, said "The whole production team of staff and pupils are working hard every night to ensure the production is our best yet. Rehearsals are well underway, costumes being bought, props being made and the set continues grow in size."

"This year sees the largest number of pupils involved in various aspects of the production, which will contribute to their Record of Achievement and PiXL EDGE certification.

Mrs Hopes continues, "Primary Schools are signing-up in large numbers to see the production during the day and we look forward to evening tickets selling fast. Thank you to the team's parents, for their support the last few months, providing costumes and extended taxi services. I would also like to thank companies who have offered to sponsor the event. Their contribution has once again been gratefully received and allowed us create new set pieces and long lasting props. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and welcoming new visitors to the school."

### WINNING FORMS

Three forms almost reached maximum points this week for the highest attendance.

1<sup>st</sup> Place  
D1 - 99.17% (3 lates)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
C1 - 98.8 (2 lates)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
C3 - 98.33%



### Rewards Trip 10 January 2018

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

Reply slips should be returned to Mr Taylor and payment to the Finance Office by 8 December.



## Priory Boys Put On the Spot at Deepdale

A Year 9 team from Priory took on Moor Park High School as part of the half time entertainment at last Friday's PNE vs Bolton match. Fortunately there were more goals than in the actual game, with Priory winning with the final score 5-2 from 7 penalties each.

Jack Myerscough debuting in goal made some good saves, and some excellent penalties from the rest of the team secured the winning result.

Mr Bullock, Head of PE & Sports at Priory, who accompanied the boys said, "The lads had a great evening on the terraces and despite the goalless game enjoyed some end to end attacking football."

Well done to (L-R) Jack Fisher, Cieran Dowd, James Aubrey-Williams, Jack Myerscough, Leon Freeman, Joe Houghton, Charlie Lee.

## Checking for Head Lice

Please could parents be reminded to check your children's hair thoroughly and regularly and treat if you find lice. We have had several reports from parents recently who have asked if we can remind other parents so that repeated instances are not occurring. Pupils with short hair are just as likely to pick up these critters as those with long hair.

Getting into the habit of regular checking is advised. It is also emphasised that treatment needs repeating a couple of days later to catch any eggs that might have hatched since the initial treatment. Everyone in the household should also be treated. Thank you for your co-operation.



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## We're on the radio!

Priory has been invited to take part in BBC Radio Lancashire's gardening show on Sunday afternoon. The horticultural show, live between 12 noon and 2pm, meets gardening enthusiasts to talk about what they are doing in their community.

After winning North West in Bloom last year and linking up with Galloways Society for the Blind, we were approached by the radio station to go along to their outside broadcast at the charity's head office.

Priory's Gardener, Mr Farron, will be talking about the work he's done at school as well as answering gardening phone-in questions from the public. Mr Farron commented, "We were the first school outside Manchester and Cheshire to ever win the award and this has been picked up by the BBC. They have seen our work in the community and our ties with Galloways".

As Christmas approaches, Mr Farron is making a start on his winter displays in the school's sensory garden (see photo).



### Book Fair

The book fair will be at school from next Weds, 29 November for one week.

There will be books, stationery and posters to buy as well as the opportunity for pupils to spend time with their friends in the library.

School receives a percentage from the sales which is then invested back into the library.

### Writing Competition

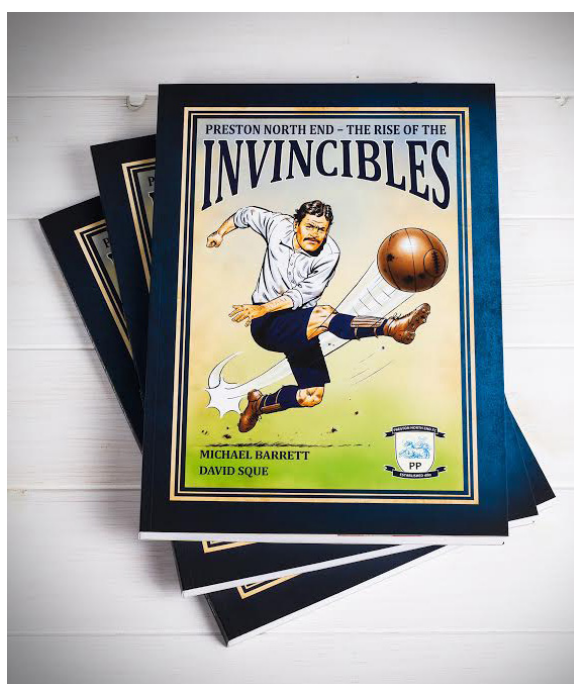
Pupils wanting to take part in the 100 word story competition should submit their entry to Mrs Elliott by next Friday, 1 December.

## An Invincible Offer

Following last week's visit by local author Michael Barrett, who came into Priory to talk to pupils about his PNE Invincibles graphic novel, he has left copies of the book at school for pupils to purchase at a reduced price of £15 (retailing on Amazon at £19.99).

Michael will be returning to school on Mon, 4th December to sign copies of his book, with inscriptions if requested, in the school library at lunchtime. Some staff have already crossed names off their Christmas lists for PNE fans in their families!

Any pupils that would like to purchase a book should see Mr Howarth, English teacher, in EN1 with £15 cash/cheque (payable to Invincible Books) by Friday, 1st December. Anyone wanting them signed can leave purchased books with Mrs Yates in the school office, with inscription details, for safekeeping until Michael returns for the book signing.





## Wizard of Oz Tickets

Tickets are now on sale from the school office.

### Performances at 7pm

Wed, 6 December  
Thurs, 7 December

Adults £5

### Concessions £3

(Child 16 and under/Adult over 60)

Family £14 (two adults, two children)

Pupils and their families, as well as members of the public, are welcome.

Pupils wanting to purchase tickets should state the date they would like tickets for, ticket type(s) and quantity, and enclose cash or cheque (payable to Penwortham Priory Academy) for the correct amount in a named envelope.



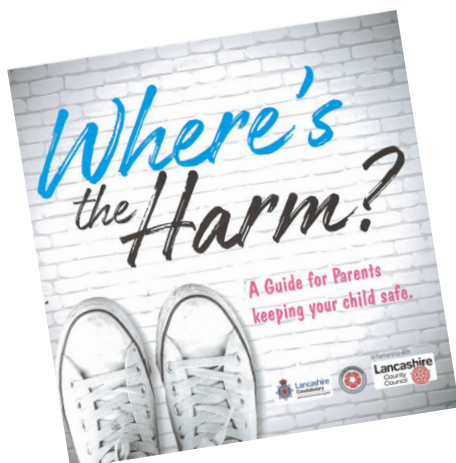
## Girl Power on the Football Pitch

Priory's team of Year 7 & 8 girls represented the school at the PNE EFL U13's cup at Playfootball at Tag Lane yesterday to compete against 21 other schools from the Preston area.

The girls won their group impressively with wins in every game and went through to the semi finals where they won again by three strong penalties from Leah Hamasaleh, Jazmin Attwood and Alicia Rutter.

The 2-1 win in the semis ensured the girls continued to the final to play Broughton High School. After being 1-0 up at half time we sadly lost the final 2-1.

Miss Mainey, Girls PE teacher, commented, "The girls were fantastic representatives of the school and played some incredible football. There were amazing performances from all the girls and they should be very proud of their achievement!"



We have been asked by Lancashire Police and Lancashire County Council to distribute the 'Where's the Harm' booklet to all Year 7 and Year 9 pupils in school.

The booklet has been produced to provide information to parents/carers to keep their children safe from harm. It includes advice on safeguarding around alcohol, on-line safety, sexting and child sexual exploitation.

These will be given out to pupils over the next week during assemblies. Please check your child's bag if you have not seen it.

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# A Good Run For Children in Need

Last week, students from across all years ran laps of the Astro Turf to raise money for Children in Need. Five Year 7 students - Ben Robinson, Dominic Collison, Oskar Collison, Josh Beck and Harvey Frater - organised this event and raised £45. The group would like to thank all pupils and parents that donated or took part.

**BBC**  
**Children  
in Need**



## Doctor & Dentist Appointments



Please could we remind parents to contact the Attendance Officer on 01772 320271 and leave a message if your child has an appointment before school commences. Messages can also be sent to the Attendance Officer via the website's parent section at [www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/absence-reporting](http://www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/absence-reporting).

To help with your child's attendance, please endeavour to make all dental and medical appointments after school or during the holidays. If this is not possible, please aim for a time that will allow your child to register for their morning or afternoon session so they

will receive a present mark. If this cannot be achieved, your child should still attend school before the appointment and should return after, thereby reducing absence as much as possible.

### 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 now available)



##### 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 8 Parents Evening

Wed, 24 January 2018

##### Year 9 Parents & Options Evening

Tues, 6 February 2018

##### Mid Term Closure

12-16 February 2018

# And then it was gone!

The ROSLA block or 'B Block' as it was also known, is no more after being bulldozed this week to make way for Priory's new £1.4M IT suite and community space.

The IT suites will be upstairs with a room downstairs which, in evening and weekends, can be used by the community for classes, parties or as meeting rooms.

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

A time-lapse video of the demolition will be posted on Facebook soon.



# 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**



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# LORD DANNATT'S ROUND BRITAIN CHALLENGE



We had a very proud and excited parent this week who contacted us to confirm that their son, Ashley Brown, has been selected as one of the cadets that will take part in a Round Britain Challenge to mark the First World War 100 year anniversary.

The 48 injured soldiers and 96 cadets will embark on a voyage of remembrance, adventure and personal development for the Lord Dannatt's Challenge next August.

The team will work together to sail around Great Britain on board a specially adapted tall ship, changing crew every 10 days in each capital city. The crew will be working as a team to sail the ship to the next capital city, climbing the mast, helm the ship, setting the sails and much more. In each change-over port there will be a celebration of remembrance, inclusivity and diversity.

Ashley, Year 11, has been selected for the Belfast to Cardiff leg and must fundraise a minimum of £695 towards his adventure.

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## The Warrior In The Mist - Book Review



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 her latest book 'The Warrior in the Mist' landed at the school there was one perfect person to give it the once over.

After having chance to read the book, Rhianne has very kindly sent in this review and has found that it covers some environmental issues quite literally close to home.

*When I saw this book being advertised, I already had my heart set on it. I had been looking for some good reading material for a while, as I had been struggling for a new book to read. Instantly, I was intrigued.*

*From the first page, I loved every second – literally unable to put it down – reading late into the night, desperately trying to uncover what happened next.*

*The story follows a boy called Aiden and his friends (Emmi and Jon) unravelling the mysteries behind the location of Queen Boudicca's last battle with the Romans. On top of this, the three friends' time is limited as fracking is due to begin in the very area the tomb of Boudicca is believed to be in! It is a race to uncover a substantial amount of evidence before the whole plan literally falls to pieces. And with Mr Berryman hot on their heels, it truly is one of the most suspenseful books I have read.*

*My favourite character is Robbie, because he is the one who provided critical evidence and nearly lost his life for the children. He is quite a deceptive character as at the start he seems very subtle and unaware of his surroundings; however he seems to give the kids the last piece of the puzzle.*

*This book made me aware about the issue of fracking and the colossal impact it can have on the environment.*

*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! Without a shadow of a doubt, this is one of the best books I have read, in conjunction with some of Ruth Eastham's other books including: The Memory Cage, The Messenger Bird and The Jaguar Trials.*

Thank you Rhianne Leach (D4).

**Dates:**

**Wednesday 6th**

**Thursday 7th**

**December**

**7pm**

**Ticket Prices:**

**Adults: £5.00**

**Concessions: £3.00**

**Family: £14.00**

**(2 Adults +**

**2 Concessions)**

**TICKETS  
NOW  
AVAILABLE**

# **WIZARD OF OZ**

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

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