

Penwortham Priory Post



Priory Recognised for STEM Commitment

We are impressive at supporting STEM – and have a certificate to prove it!

Priory has taken a strong lead in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects and our work has been recognised by STEM Learning.

We were awarded the certificate by the authority in recognition of the commitment of staff at Priory to STEM subjects and also of their work with STEM Ambassadors, people from industry who come into school to promote STEM careers.

Priory already has a strong reputation for STEM as one of our students, Jamie Edwards, became the youngest person in the world to create nuclear fusion aged just 13. We then opened our state-of-the-art £750,000 open space laboratory in May 2015 which has won praise for the way it encourages forward-thinking learning.

STEM Ambassador, Silas Adewola of BAE Systems, recently presented the certificate to science teacher Mrs Burns during their weekly STEM Club.

STEM Learning Chief Executive Yvonne Baker said: “The certificate is to recognise schools who are inspiring work with STEM Ambassadors. The STEM Ambassadors help young people achieve their full potential in STEM subjects as well as inspiring them to explore STEM careers.”

WINNING FORMS

Unfortunately there weren't any forms hitting a full house this week however Mr Wall's form were once again at the top of the list.

1st H1 (99.41%)

2nd C2 (99.17%)

3rd R1 (98%)

Red Nose Day Design Competition

Red Nose Day is encouraging schools to enter nose designs for 2019's event. The lucky winner will have their design sold in Sainsbury's and Oxfam.

Designs must be of a character that could live in a magical land.

A full brief will be given out in the design club which is held every **Thursday lunchtime at 1:30pm in the Technology Block (Graphics).**

Pupils can find more information about it at: www.rednoseday.com/red-nose-design-challenge or see Miss Bentham in Tech or H7 Prep.



Samosa So Good!

Following on from last week's Diwali celebrations, Year 9 Food Preparation & Nutrition class learnt how to make samosas.

Teacher, Miss Lewis-Lavender wanted the pupils to look at the different foods eaten in different cultures.

Probably one of the most well known of all the Indian snacks, samosas can be fried or baked with a savoury filling, such as spiced potatoes, onions, peas, lentils, macaroni, noodles, cheese, minced lamb or minced beef.

After producing the final result, Miss Lewis-Lavender commented, "The class found the folding somewhat challenging but as you can see we got there in the end and we all enjoyed the tasting of the final product."

Miss Karodia, Learning Support, said, "It's been a pleasure working with these pupils. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to share my knowledge of cooking some of the wonderful recipes I've learnt off my mum; she thinks it's great too!"



Netball Fixtures



Tues, 7 November - Lostock Hall (away)

(Years 7, 8, 9, 11 only)

Transport to and from the match is provided. Pupils will be back at school by 5:30pm.

Thurs, 9 November - Browndedge St Mary's (home)

(Years 7, 8, 9, 11 only)

Finish at 4:30pm

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Exam Preparation & Practice for Year 11s

Priory's Year 11 pupils were given a taste of the real thing as they assembled yesterday under exam conditions.

Miss Young, Assistant Headteacher, gathered the year group to explain the changes to the new GCSE Science exams. Miss Young is an examiner for the GCSE Physics paper so is best placed to update the pupils on the new ways in which maths is going to be tested in Science questions.

Pre-public exams (mocks) begin week commencing 20 and 27 November.



South Ribble Cross Country Championships

Following on from last week's competition, we wanted to give this Year 7 pupil her well deserved moment of fame.

This photo was sent in of 11 year old Keyantae Charles who bagged first place for Priory in the Year 7 Girls u12s race.

All Priory's Year 7 girls managed to finish in the top 20, achieving 2nd place overall.

Well done to Keyantae, Megan Ind (7th), Josie Martin (11th) and Lauren Eccles (19th).



Extra Curricular Candle Making

Miss Karodia invites all pupils to come and make their own personalised candles on Thursdays after school.

These would make a wonderful present for someone they know for a birthday or even Christmas!

Pupils should speak to Mrs Karodia in LEAP to confirm time, place and cost towards materials.



Dropping Items Off At School for Pupils

If parents are dropping off something for their children during school hours, please can you ensure it has their name on it.

It would also be of assistance if your child is aware that they need to come to the school office to collect it.

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Celebration Evening

YEAR 11 LEAVERS (2017)

All Year 11 leavers and their parents are invited to Priory's Class of 2017 Celebration Evening on 8 November.

This is their chance to celebrate the successes of last year, catch up with former classmates, and importantly, collect their exam certificates.

If you have not already notified us of your attendance, please email j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

iPads

Home School Agreements have been sent home this week to all pupils that have ordered an iPad.

Please return to the school office no later than Mon, 6 November.

Unfortunately, iPads will not be issued without a signed form being returned.

Please forward any queries to Mrs Kehoe at l.kehoe@priory.lancs.sch.uk.

At Priory, we like to highlight our pupil's successes and achievements, whether in or out of school time. This term we have had many of our pupils getting involved in activities and competitions which we would like to share.

Bobby's A Big Hit!

Bobby Green is proving a big hit at kickboxing but he has set his sights on making a name for himself in boxing.

Year 8 pupil Bobby, 12, won a silver medal last weekend in an international kickboxing competition in Bristol but may switch sports to further his career.

"I began martial arts when I was around four as my dad boxed at amateur level," said Bobby who holds a black belt in kickboxing.

"I started ju-jitsu and moved onto kickboxing and got up to brown belt. By the time I was around eight, I was training with adults."

Bobby is a member of Leyland NSK (National Sport Karate Association) and has improved by training with various champions they have at the club.

He took his black belt in December 2016 and admitted it was a tough grading.

"The grading can last anything from one hour to six hours and mine took three-and-a-half hours so it was a long process. I was just relieved I passed."

Bobby, who trains five times a week at the club and goes to the gym the other two days, impressed so much he was asked to teach juniors, despite being only young himself, and then joined the 'Fighting Squad' at the club.

"I didn't do so well in my first competition but then competed in an event in Bradford in the -45kg category for ages 10-15 and won. I got a huge trophy.

"I went to an international competition in Bristol last weekend – ranked the hardest competition in the UK – and lost 8-11 in the final but it was a really tough. I got a black eye and a bust nose as well as a silver medal and was happy as I am only 12 so am still only young in that age group."

While he enjoys kickboxing he was inspired by the Connor McGregor/Floyd Mayweather clash to change sports. "I think there is more money in boxing so that's where I see my future - I am determined!"





Ashley Hopes To Be On Target At International Competition

Ashley Brown is on target for success – as he has excelled at shooting in the army cadets.

Year 11 pupil Ashley, 15, was recently selected out of 1,000 cadets to be part of a team of eight to represent the Lancashire Army Cadet Force at an international shooting competition (CISSAM) in London this weekend.

Ashley was selected after impressing at an event in Liverpool.

“You have to shoot at targets and basically shoot in a cluster, so the shots are close together,” said Ashley.

Ashley admitted that getting into the army cadets, which is based at Kimberley Barracks on Deepdale Road, has helped to change him.

“I did mess around but I always wanted to go into the army cadets. My mum said my behaviour had to improve if I was to enrol in the cadets so that’s what I did and I love it.

“I have taken to shooting but I enjoy the other parts of it, like fieldcraft, camping out at night.

“I want to go into the army. My aim is go to Welbeck College and later into the military.”

We look forward to hearing how Ashley got on at the competition.

KEY DATES

AUTUMN/WINTER

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)

Samaritans Shoe

Box Collection

Wed, 8 November

PSHEE Day 2

Mon, 13 November
(early lunch followed
by school closure at
1:30pm)

Year 11 Parents

Evening

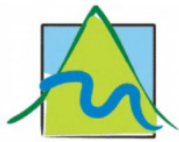
Wed, 15 November
4:00 - 7:00pm

Year 11 Mock Exams

W/c 20 and 27
November

End of Term Closure

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



CLUB CORREZE
Activity & Adventure
Meymac, France

Adventure Holiday MEYMAC, FRANCE

22-29 May 2018

Years 7, 8 & 9

There are still some places left on this trip.

Good news - the cost of this year's trip has just been reduced to £450 due to a revised itinerary.

An information letter can be downloaded from our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters.

Videos from previous trips will be posted on our Facebook page to show parents and pupils what they can expect on this fun-packed adventure trip.

For further information, please contact Ms Clementson by email - s.clementson@priory.lancs.sch.uk or she will be available for pupils in the Head of House office.



SAMARITAN'S SHOE BOX APPEAL



A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Priory is asking families to support The Samaritan's Operation Christmas Child campaign and be a part of changing children's lives all over the world through the power of a simple gift.

Filled shoe boxes can be taken to the Head of House office by Wednesday, 8 November, after which they will be taken to the local drop off point by a member of staff.

Here's what you need to do:

- Find an empty shoebox and wrap box and lid separately. Mark on the top of the box if your gift is for a boy or a girl and select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.
- Fill your shoebox with fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include a special item you know a child will love, such as a cuddly toy.
- Personalise your shoebox by including a hand written note and a photograph of yourself, your group or your family.

For more information visit >

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

Priory's Pebbles for Poppies



Priory pupils and staff have been invited to paint poppies on pebbles for the Penwortham War Memorial this Remembrance Day.

Poppies will be painted today, Friday, and we'll be showing our final results after half term.

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GIRLS FOOTBALL

Girls football will begin after school on Monday, 6 November (3:30-4:30pm) on Priory's 3G pitches. Coaches will be coming in from Penwortham Town FC Girls Academy.

All year groups welcome.

Girls may also be interested in joining Penwortham Town FC every Thursday (see advert).



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YEARS RECEPTION-11
EVERY THURSDAY
6-7 AT PRIORY 3G

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JAYNE BILLINGTON - 07951597777
IAN WINSTON - 07709931777

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South Ribble Schools & Next Step Careers present
a pupil/parent evening to inspire young people



Monday 13th November 2017
5.00pm—8.00pm
Penwortham Girls High School, PR1 0SR

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

- * Inspiring
- * Informative
- * Informal
- * Educational

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals 
NHS Foundation Trust



And many more....

For more details please contact ficorilliv@gmail.com

CAREERS CORNER

Parents and pupils from Years 9-11 are invited to attend the South Ribble School's Next Steps Careers event on Monday, 13 November at Penwortham Girls High School.

SOUTHPORT COLLEGE is giving pupils and their families the chance to visit the college, see its facilities and talk to subject tutors about the courses it offers on Wednesday, 1 November 5pm-8pm.

Mr Ficorilli, Independent Careers Advisor, is available to meet with pupils regarding career options every Monday at Priory. Email v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk

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ATTENDANCE LINE

01772 320271

Did you know that the attendance line is not just for letting us know if your child will not be in school.

You can call and leave a message if:

- ✓ You child will be late due to traffic or other reason
- ✓ Your child has a medical appointment, either that day or at a later date
- ✓ You require a leave of absence request form
- ✓ Updates on absence due to illness/hospital stays
- ✓ Any other reason why your child may not be in school.

Please leave a message on the voicemail for Mrs Garnham, the Attendance Officer, stating your name, contact number plus your child's name, form and reason. Mrs Garnham will get back to you if necessary.



Wear it Pink Day

Staff wore pink for 'Wear it Pink' today, a day created during Breast Cancer Awareness Month where people could be united by wearing the colour that symbolises breast cancer.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a worldwide annual campaign involving thousands of organisations, to highlight the importance of breast awareness, education and research.

Priory staff gave themselves a target to raise £55. Staff made cakes to sell as well as donating £1 for wearing the day's colour. At we went to press, the total amount raised was still be confirmed.

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Year 9 Football Team Shooting To The Top

Well done to the Year 9 football team. Three out of three wins so far!

Mr Faulkner, PE teacher and team coach said, "Students are playing with great skill and team work".



Do You Have Any Spare Books?

If you have any spare books at home we would be grateful if they could be donated to school so pupils can read them during prep times.

Each week pupils are given reading time during their afternoon prep session. Pupils will be able to swap books, talk about them and recommend them to their peers.

Books can be brought to the Heads of House office for distribution to the form groups.

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reading

Many thanks in advance.

Half Term 30 Oct - 3 Nov. Back To School Mon, 6 November

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