

Penwortham Priory Post



From Primary to Priory at Open Evening

Our doors opened last night to hundreds of children and their families as they began their search for a secondary school. Prefects lined up to welcome our visitors and were eager to show Priory off to prospective families as they guided them round the school.

Year 7 pupils met former classmates who were keen to hear all about their first month at Priory. Eleven year olds, James Mumford and Kyra-J Newton joined Mr Eastham on stage to share their experience. James reassured the young audience: "Very recently I was in your shoes, just a step away from deciding which high school to go to. And I am incredibly happy to have chosen Priory, where we have a happy, positive atmosphere, an unmatched quality of facilities and sky high standards".

Interactive activities were set up in all departments for children to experience Priory whilst parents questioned teachers and pupils. Showcase explosions and dissections in Science, puzzles in Maths, programmed cars in ICT, wartime rationing in History, dance in the Auditorio and so much more. We were so overwhelmed with visitors that information packs were soon in short supply.

Head Boy, Jack Sadler "Priory changed everything for me. I was afraid to come, but I should not have been. Priory is welcoming, helpful and co-operative. I have learnt skills, in and out of lesson, which I couldn't anywhere else. The staff are brilliant and patient with teaching and helping. The pupils are welcoming and kind. To put is simply Priory is incredible. We are incredible."

Head Girl, Lauryn Parker had one piece of advice, "take every opportunity that Priory offers to you, and strive through every challenge that is placed before you, as you may never get the chance to try all these experiences again".

Prospective families can experience a Priory day for themselves as we open our doors again on Thursday, 5th & Friday, 6th October between 9am and 3pm - no appointment necessary. Tours are on the hour, every hour (no tours between 1pm-2pm).

WINNING FORM

An excellent attendance record was achieved this week by three forms.

100% attendance -
H1

Well done to Mr Wall's form!

100% attendance and one late -
D3

100% attendance and two lates -
C8

South Ribble Council Penwortham Neighbourhood Forum

10 October | 7pm-8pm
Penwortham Community
Centre, Kingsfold Drive,
Penwortham



DON'T MENTION THE C-WORD!

Date for the diary -
15th December will be
Christmas jumper day.
Bring in a £1 donation
for 'Save the Children'
and get in the Christmas
spirit.

KEY DATES

AUTUMN/WINTER

2017

Mid Term Closure

Monday, 30 October to
Friday, 3 November

PSHEE Day 2

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

End of Term Closure

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

LOCKERS

We still have available lockers. Any pupil wishing to rent a locker please contact the office for details at break or lunchtime.

Year 7s - £20 with £5 refund when the key is returned. Those on free school meals - £10 (no refund). Fees on a reducing scale for Years 8-11.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning



When the mid-morning break alarm rang through the halls this morning, pupils quickly picked up their bags to dash over to the Technology Block. There was cake and hot chocolate to be had!

Olivia Tomlinson (C4) and Brook Hendrickson-Flynn (D6) with support from Leah Greenwood (D6) had the idea for the whole school to enjoy some gorgeous treats whilst raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Donations of cake, brownies and biscuits poured in from parents and staff whilst pupils ensured there was extra cash in their pockets as they were spoilt for choice in selecting the abundance of sweet treats.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. Last year they raised £29.5 million and this year they are aiming to raise even more. There are now 2.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. By 2030, it will be 4 million people, and they want to be there for them all. Their goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone.

As a thank you to those children that supported Open Evening last night, the school made a donation so that prefects and helpers were rewarded for their hard work.

As we went to press, the total amount raised was £308 with money still coming in but it's sure to say everyone got to have their cake and eat it!



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Year 8 Pupils Bridging The Gap in STEM

Twenty Year 8 pupils took part in a Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) workshop delivered by STEM First this week.

The session involved pupils using a range of different skills and working in teams to build the best bridge, using minimal materials.

STEM First provide inspirational opportunities and forge a link between schools and employers in order to inspire, excite and grow the STEM knowledge and understanding of young people.

The group was also joined by four STEM Ambassadors, volunteers who have a passion for STEM. These highly motivated people work with schools and young people to inspire about STEM careers and opportunities.



Mrs Burn, Science Teacher, said, "The activity was enjoyed by all involved and the pupils put in a great effort which allowed all of them to successfully complete the challenge".



Late Arrivals - Traffic

Many pupils have been arriving late recently due to heavy traffic and road works.

Those using a bus service provided by the local authority or school will not receive a late mark if they report straight to the attendance officer on arrival at school.

Unfortunately, children using other modes of transport will receive a late mark. The attendance officer will make discretions in certain circumstances. In general, 'traffic' will not be used as an excuse for being late.

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Homework Club

Homework club will be open every morning in LEAP between 8:00am and 8:40am

Pupils will have access to computers and have the opportunity to prepare for tests and complete homework.

All pupils welcome.

Open Days

Thurs, 5th October
and
Fri, 6th October

9am-3pm

Tours on the hour,
every hour

(no tours between 1pm-2pm)

No appointment
necessary

Have You Got a Young Star at Priory?

We are on the look out for press stories shouting about the achievements of Priory's pupils whether it's in sport, charity events, public speaking, drama, environmental issues, maths challenges or more!

Maybe even someone who has overcome adversity and doesn't mind talking about it (we like those stories!).

If this is your child email - j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Open Evening...

English teacher, Mr Wall, asked four of his Year 7 pupils if they would like to become journalists for Priory's open evening. Keira Munslow, Josie Martin, Abi Caunce and Katie Tooze took up the offer. Here's Priory's young roving reporters' account of the event:

Hundreds of families flocked to Priory for its annual Open Evening on Thursday 28th September. After a moving and thought-provoking address from brilliant Head Mr Eastham, the school prefects took parents on guided tours of the school. They were all very pleased with how everything went. 99.3% percent of everyone who came really enjoyed their visit.

PRIORY ON PARADE

There are many exciting departments to explore. In Science, there is lots of fun (and gruesome) activities for budding Scientists. You can make DNA sweet models or dissect an ox heart. You can peer through microscopes and do ink-testing to find out who is the murderer of the skeleton.



www.doddlelearn.co.uk

Doddle - So What Do You think?

DODDLE

We'd like your feedback!

Doddle was fully launched with pupils at the start of this academic year and parents were also given access recently too. We would like to invite everyone to comment on their initial thoughts of Doddle and feedback any likes or issues you are experiencing.

Please email your feedback to j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Doddle Parent, Priory's online homework application, lets you see the homework your child has been set in different subjects. You can see the homework that is due now, and any overdue homework. You can also see all the homework your child has submitted on Doddle throughout the year, and the marks they have achieved for the quizzes they have taken.

...Opening Minds

If you ventured out towards the maths block, you would have found a variety of activities from a puzzle room to Lego creations. In the IT department there were a collection of programming tools and software, just waiting to be filled with code. The Auditorio was blasting out excellent music, being played by our own students.

In the technology block, there were LOADS of fun quizzes and building activities to do. There was even some people building a car! Would you believe it! I certainly didn't but its true!

When you take a trek towards the English block, Mrs Elliott will welcome you with outstretched arms welcoming you to our school library. Every year for one week only there is a book fair and you can buy books, stationery and posters for extremely low prices! The money that is earned from buying things from the book fair goes towards NEW books for the library. I mean, what's better than books? TV of course! No only joking, you can't beat books and reading material. During the winter, Mrs Elliott and us librarians sell hot chocolate for only 50p a cup!



The trampoline was a high point for many on their tour, and many students at Priory achieve amazing feats of skill during their PE sessions. Cieran Daud was the star trampoliner as he did three backflips in a row! This is because we have excellent PE teachers that teach all us pupils lots of skills in our PE lessons and we love to show them off on open evening to all the people that come.

The Parents were fullsome in their praise of the students who escorted them around, impressed by their confidence maturity and manners.

PE Extra Curricular Timetable (Sept-Dec)

Clubs for languages, graphics, sports, drama, literature, music and much, much more as well as sessions for homework and revision were published in our extra curricular booklet last week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast (Sports Hall) 8am-8:30am	Basketball	Badminton	Basketball	Badminton	Basketball
Break (Sports Hall) 10:50-11:15	Badminton & Basketball	Badminton & Basketball	Badminton & Basketball	Badminton & Basketball	Badminton & Basketball
Lunch (Sports Hall) 1:15-1:55	Badminton & Basketball	Badminton	Badminton - Girls Only	Cricket Year 7 Handball (Gym)	Basketball
After School 3:20-4:30	Netball Trampolining	Trampolining Badminton Year 8 Football (TBC) Netball Matches (not weekly)	Girls Football (TBC)	Cricket (TBC) Hockey Year 7 Football (TBC) Duke of Edinburgh Training Sessions	-----

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