

Penwortham Priory Post



Welcome To Our New Pupils And Parents

On Wednesday night we welcomed our new intake of pupils and their parents, with the children returning yesterday in their primary school uniforms for their full induction day.

During the evening parents were introduced to key staff in the Assembly Hall whilst pupils headed to the Auditorio to meet their House Progress Leaders and future classmates. Year 7 pupils Josie M and James M spoke about their first year at Priory and how they felt on their first day which helped to settle the new starters.

Thursday saw over 170 new pupils return for their induction day looking apprehensive, perhaps nervous, however after ice-breaker 'getting to know you' activities, smiling faces soon began to appear.

First on their timetable was sampling lessons in core subjects English, Maths and Science.

Mrs Farley, Transition & Integration Manager, said, "In the morning we had some very nervous children but by break time there were lots of smiles which was also due to the fantastic support from the Year 7 helpers who all made the pupils feel very welcome."

The afternoon saw the Year 7 helpers take them on a tour of the school before the new starters met up with their form groups for the first time.

There were some exhausted looking young people by the end of the day!

We look forward to meeting the children again when they begin their learning at Penwortham Priory Academy on Tuesday, 4 September.

Attendance Winning Forms

Now we've said goodbye to our Year 11s, this week we are only providing attendance figures for the 'Rest' of the school.

**Rest -
C3 (99.57%)**

Well done to Miss Lewis Lavender's form!

Prospectus Photography Reply Slip Reminder

Prospectus photography will take place on Weds, 11 July. We still have many consent forms outstanding. Please could parents sign the forms and return to the school office before Wednesday.

We will be capturing day to day life in the school in a variety of different ways, across all activities and year groups. In order to do this effectively, we really need as many of our pupils to be involved as possible.

'Get Caught Reading'

The English Department's latest campaign, 'Get Caught Reading' continues.

Pupils who get caught reading will be entered into the draw for a £10 Amazon voucher each week and will also receive a certificate.

Last week's winner was Sam H in R2.

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KEY DATES

Year 10 Exams
W/c 9 July 2018

Homework Club Reward Trip (MOSI) (by invitation)
Tues, 10 July 2018

Year 7 Parents Evening
Weds, 11 July 2018

Creative Arts Summer Event
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Tues, 10 July 2018

Penwortham In Bloom Judging (in school)
Weds, 11 July 2018

Prospectus Photography
Weds, 11 July 2018

The Model Village Trip (by invitation)
Thurs, 12 July 2018

Author Visit (in school)
Tues, 17 July 2018

Blackpool Rewards Trip
Wed, 18 July 2018

Isle of Wight Residential
Wed, 18 - Sun, 22 July

End of Year Closure
Fri, 20 July 2018
(Early lunch followed by early closure at 1:30pm)

GCSE Results Day
Thurs, 23 August 2018

Start of Autumn Term
Tues, 4 September 2018

Kitchen Refurbishment and Dining Facilities w/c 16 July 2018

Important Information

Earlier this year we were successful in obtaining funding to replace the school's kitchen with modern new facilities.

This work is planned to take place during the summer break however, we are planning to bring the start date forward to reduce the risk of the project over-running and thereby avoiding greater disruption in September. This will mean that the kitchen and dining hall will be closed week commencing 16 July and the catering staff will not be able to provide hot food for pupils.

To ensure that we can provide food for our pupils, we will continue to sell sandwiches, drinks and cold snacks during the week from a temporary base, to be confirmed.



Pupils may pre-order their sandwiches each day for collection at lunch and there will be a limited supply of 'buy as you go' sandwiches available. Pupils entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch,

which they can pre-order for collection.

We currently open up the Assembly Hall for pupils who have packed lunches and, during the refurbishment, there will be extra tables and chairs moved into this area, as well as the Auditorio, to accommodate additional pupils.

We anticipate minimum disruption this last week of term with many pupils out on trips and the Year 11 pupils no longer on roll. Further updates, where necessary, will be emailed to parents and published in the school newsletter, and pupils will also be informed in their form groups.

The project is expected to be completed before the new term starts on 4 September 2018. Any changes to this will be communicated to parents in the last week of the summer holidays via email, the school website and social media. In the meantime, we would like to thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter which will allow us to continue to provide fresh healthy food and speed up service to the benefit of all pupils.

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SPORTS REPORT

South Ribble Schools Athletics Championships

Last Friday, Priory's athletes travelled to Robin Park in Wigan to compete against other South Ribble schools at the district's under 14s championships.

Whilst awaiting the schools' overall results, we can confirm the pupils achieved some amazing results.

Year 9 pupil Ben, pictured right, managed to break the South Ribble record for his age group by finishing the 800 metres in 2 minutes, 15 seconds.

Harrison A-W managed victory in both the long jump and triple jump, whilst Year 7 pupil, Will J came first in the shot-put. Preston Harriers' were also at the event and were interested in talking to Harrison after his field success.

The girls smashed the relays with the Year 7s and 8s winning their event and the Year 9s coming in second. Well done also goes to Year 9 pupil, Melissa, who managed 2nd place in the shot-put.

PE Teacher, Miss Mainey, confirmed that she was pleased to see most of our girls get through to the final rounds.



**Friday
6 July**

Results and photographs from today's sports day will be reported in next week's issue and through Facebook.



**Year 7
Parents Evening**
New Time - 3.30pm-6pm
Weds, 11 July

We encourage parents to attend the evening to discuss your child's end of year target levels, homework, quality of work and work ethic. Due to England's possible World Cup semi-final match on the same evening, we have now brought the time forward slightly to allow parents and pupils to watch.

Letters have been sent home with pupils this week where we ask parents to provide an indication of your attendance by completing the reply slip and returning it to your child's form tutor. Pupils should book discussion time with their teachers via the appointment sheet attached to the letter and we would ask that you monitor its completion.

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In our new feature we would like to highlight 'acts of kindness' by Priory pupils, either in or outside school.

Last week, Harry and Jake stepped up to the mark. As the boys were making their way to school along Liverpool Road one morning, they spotted an ID badge on the pavement.

Not sure what to do next, they picked up the badge and informed learning support, Mrs Karodia, on arriving at school. The badge belonged to a nurse. After ringing the number on the ID badge, we are pleased to say that the rightful owner called in to school before her next shift to be reunited with her work pass.



Well done boys! Pupils who want to tell us about their 'act of kindness' should inform their progress tutor.

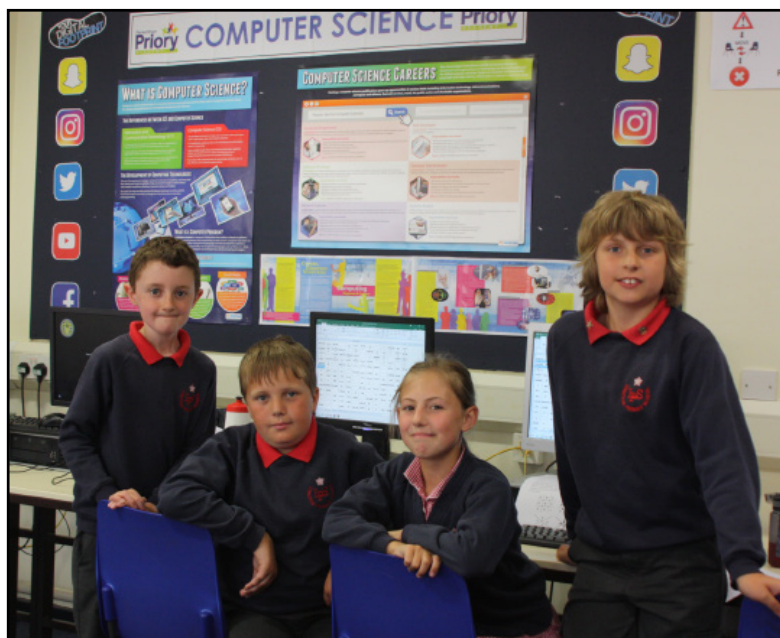
Primary Liaison

Longton Primary School

Year 5 pupils from Longton Primary School joined us as part of Priory's Gifted & Talented programme.

On this occasion pupils who had shown exceptional skills and enthusiasm in ICT and Programming were invited to spend the day with us to learn more about the subject.

Head of ICT & Computer Science, Mrs Qadri, planned a day packed with fun tasks that would test the pupils' brain power, and they certainly stepped up to the challenge!



Pupils used Scratch programming to control movement around a maze whilst in another task, learnt how create a short animation with dancing characters.

The youngsters' brain power was also put to the test with code breaking exercises which the pupils relished. And before the end of the day, Mrs Qadri even had time to introduce Python programming.

Mrs Qadri commented, "The children were so engaged with their learning that they even worked through their lunch!"



Penwortham County Primary School

Our primary school neighbours were celebrating languages this week and invited us to support Thursday's lessons.

MFL Teacher, Mrs Eastham, attended along with pupils Lily H, Erin W, Jack K and Josh P. Head of MFL, Mrs Scully, commented she was delighted that some of our pupils were able to attend the event and it was excellent experience for them.

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Arts Evening

Tuesday, 10th July 2018

**Come and join us for an evening of
Music, Drama and Dance
in the Auditorio, 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

GCSE artwork for the Year 11 leavers
will also be on display in the Gallery.

Refreshments available.

Free Entry / Everyone Welcome

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Summer Reading Challenge

Year 7 and 8 Pupils

As one of their challenges comes to an end, the English department is encouraging pupils to continue reading through the holidays. Open to pupils currently in Year 7 and 8, the Summer Reading Challenge is launching in conjunction with other South Ribble high schools.

Mrs Robinson, who will be leading Priory's campaign commented, "You can read anything you like over summer. It could be anything from a book to an article in the newspaper, or even a magazine!"

After reading, pupils should post their 15-word reviews on 'Padlet' and those who read the most will be chosen to represent Priory in the challenge final.

The challenge final, which is due to take place in the autumn term, will be based on the ten books below. To get ahead of the game, pupils may want to read as many of these books as they can over the summer to give themselves a good chance at knowing the answers to the questions.

You can buy the books online, in most bookshops and as e-readers, such as Kindle, which can be downloaded to any electronic device. Or just ask at the local library!



Read as much, and as widely as you can.
Post your 15 word reviews on padlet.

Padlet link:

https://padlet.com/e_robinson/prioryreadingchallenge

Password: readingchallenge01

Students who've read the most will represent our school in a reading challenge in October against other South Ribble schools.

Open to all students in Year 7 and 8.

Deadline for entries: Friday 21st September 2018



Full instructions will be uploaded to Doodle for Year 7 and 8 pupils. Look out for the posters around school!

Wonder	P J Palacio	(ISBN: 978-0552565974)
A Monster Calls	Patrick Ness	(ISBN: 978-1406361803)
Murder in Midwinter	Fleur Hitchcock	(ISBN: 978-0857636386)
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	(ISBN: 978-1405226660)
Tokyo Ghoul	Sui Ishida	(ISBN: 978-1421580364)
Stormbreaker	Alex Rider	(ISBN: 978-1406360196)
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children	Ransom Riggs	(ISBN: 978-1594746031)
Over the Line	Tom Palmer	(ISBN: 978-1781125861)
The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	(ISBN: 978-0747594802)
The Medusa Project: The Set Up	Sophie McKenzie	(ISBN: 978-1847385253)

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Lancashire Book of the Year

A group of enthusiastic readers have, over the last 6 months, been taking part in the judging process for this year's young adult fiction Lancashire Book of the Year.

Their participation has involved them reading at least one of the contenders' novels every 6-8 weeks. They have then helped to narrow over 90 titles down to a top 10.

As a reward for their efforts today, Friday, the group has been invited to UCLan for the final announcement of who has won the 2018 title.

On this exciting day pupils will not only find out who has won, but they will also get the chance to meet some of the authors, listen to where their inspiration came from and find out what it is like to actually write a book. Maybe some of them will return inspired to write their own novel! We look forward to hearing how their day went.



Careers Year 10 Pupils

**Calling all pupils
interested in a career
in the motor industry.**

AutoRaise, a charity set up to help solve the chronic skills crisis in the vehicle repair industry, is working in conjunction with The Vella Group to hold a career guidance event.

Weds, 25 July

**The Vella Group
Allerton House
Chain Caul Way, Preston
PR2 2YL**

Please visit the website to read more about the charity and what AutoRaise does.

<https://careers.autoraise.co.uk/>

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