

# Penwortham Priory Post



## Wizard of Oz - "Our Best Yet!"

And that's a wrap! After a week of performances the curtain came down for the last time on Thursday night with overwhelming cheers and praise from the audience.

The cast, musicians, backstage support and the teaching staff displayed an amazing show. They have worked tirelessly for weeks leading up to the event to ensure it was our best yet.

The production, put together by the Creative Arts Department, led by Mrs Hopes (Creative Arts), Mr Hardcastle (Drama) and Mr Taylor (Music), has received many messages of commendation for such a professional show, with a very talented cast.

Mrs Hopes said, "Thank you to everyone at Priory who was involved and contributed to what is one of Priory's largest events in the school year. Can I again thank families and sponsors for their support this year, as without them we would not be able to create such a fantastic show."

She continued, "It was lovely to see so many regular and new faces in the audience, and we look forward to seeing you again at the One Voice Choir event in February."

It was pleasing that so many of the pupils challenged themselves to try something new or take a bigger part in the production after seeing how impressive previous events have been. The pupils have been very supportive of each other, had lots of fun, built up their confidence and musical theatre experience, and importantly, made lots of new friends - truly embracing the words from the script, "It's not where you go, it's who you meet along the way".

### WINNING FORMS

A perfect week for Mrs Elliott's form, D8 this week with 100% attendance and no lates.

1<sup>st</sup> Place - D8 (100%)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - C7 (98.7%)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - D2 (98.62%)

No 'lates' across all our winning forms - well done!

### Year 11 Leavers GCSE Certificates

We still have many GCSE certificates awaiting collection by our Class of 2017 pupils.

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.

### Carol Singing Longton Residential Home

Next Thursday, Mr Taylor and 30 of Priory's talented musical pupils will be performing a Christmas Carol concert at Longton Residential Accommodation.



## South Ribble Indoor Athletics Competition

Another busy week for athletics as both Year 7 and 8 pupils took part in an indoor athletics competition at Lostock Hall Academy. The boys and girls competed separately, over two nights, against eleven schools from across the borough. Pupils had to complete races in the sports hall, running between one and eight laps, as well as various field activities including shot putt, high jump and triple jump. Priory was well represented at the event with a number of first place finishers.

Monday saw the boys tackling the activities for the Year 7 team to finish in fourth place overall and the Year 8s to come in second.

Well done to Jake Bolton, Zach Dowson, Alex Pugh, Reuben Waring, Liam Black, Zach Dewhurst, Hayden Middleton, Kian Brookes, David MacPherson, Harrison Aubrey-Williams, Connor Shacklady and Daniel Shuttleworth.

Tuesday, was the girls turn but despite coming in the top three in all the races within their heat, the results went on times instead of position. The final results meant that Priory's Year 7s came fourth and the Year 8s came in fifth. Miss Thomas, PE Teacher, said "The girls did their absolute best and did the school proud".

Well done to Megan Ind, Lauren Eccles, Gabby Cole, Josie Martin, Leah Hamasaleh, Leah Cox, Kayante Charles, Jodie Emberton, Alicia Rutter, Ella Worthington, Olivia Smith, Abby Burns, Freya Duckworth, Tilly McNaught and Scarlet Clark.

The successful school will go on to represent South Ribble at the Lancashire competition to be held in the New Year.



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# Green Pens

## Dedicated Improvement & Reflection Time (DIRT)

Please can you ensure that your child has their **green pen** for their DIRT.

All teachers dedicate part of a lesson to DIRT. This is the opportunity for every pupil to act on a teacher's written feedback.

It is essential that every pupil has a **green pen** in their pencil case. The green pens should be used when improving or annotating a piece of work, correcting spelling and grammar errors (SPAG), answering questions or completing tasks in response to teacher feedback.



If your child has misplaced something at school please ask them to check the lost property trolley or, if it's a valuable item, please ask at the school office.

We have had quite a few winter coats left behind over the last few weeks.

Named items are always returned to their rightful owner so could we politely please ask that all property is named.

## Primary Pupils Experience A Maths Talent Day

Starting off Priory's Gifted & Talented Primary School Programme, we invited Year 5 pupils from feeder schools to attend a Maths Challenge Day.

Pupils from Kingsfold, St Stephens, Ashbridge, New Longton and Broad Oak Primary Schools worked through three sessions across the day.

Pupils began the day with Mr Raynor; problem solving in real life contexts, using mental arithmetic and written strategies.

After break, pupils paired up for challenges using whiteboards to solve fractions, decimals and percentage problems with Mr Hunter.

Finally, Mr Sneddon worked with the pupils for a team relay - scoring points on multi-step questions.

Priory's Gifted & Talented Programme continues through the academic year with workshops across the curriculum. Anyone wanting to know more about them should contact the Transition Manager, Mrs R Gutteridge | email [r.gutteridge@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:r.gutteridge@priory.lancs.sch.uk)



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## Libby's in Synchronised for England!

After synchronised swimmer, Libby Taylor, took part in trials last weekend her parents have confirmed that she has been selected for the England Talent Development Squad for 2018.

Year 9 pupil, Libby will now also have the chance to compete for one of the two remaining places on the England Age Group squad. This age 13-15 squad will give her the chance to compete in European tournaments in the summer.

We have followed Libby's progress from her start at Priory and it's fantastic to see her doing so well.

## Christmas Jumper Day - 15 December

Year 10 pupil, Adam McDermott, ably assisted by friends from H7 - Ashley Croft, Emily Bonney, Ray Bouilila, Erin Murphy, Bradley Swarbrick and Brandon Frodsham - are asking pupils to wear their Christmas jumpers next Friday, 15 December all in aid of a good cause.

Adam and his supporters have been attending assemblies this week to inspire as many pupils as possible to get into the Christmas spirit in aid of Save the Children.

Adam read about the charity's campaign when preparing his event organiser for his PiXL Edge challenge. Already keen to get started, the group posed for publicity photos and have been busy producing posters to display around the school.



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**



**Pupils wishing to take part should bring in £1. Pupils should wear their uniform as normal although they do not need to wear their blazer.**

## STEMtastic Morning On The Truck Trail

A group of Year 7 pupils took part in the Leyland Truck Trail STEM Skills session on Wednesday morning.

The 25 pupils worked in teams on a variety of fast paced activities including building towers, memory challenges, interpreting data, assembling 3D puzzles and mathematical reasoning. Teams competed to load their truck with the most game cards by the end of the session.

Pupils also watched video clips from STEM ambassadors and apprentices about their routes into engineering with Leyland Trucks. A final video clip showed how pupils from Broad Oak Primary worked together to create the winning schools entry for the Truck Trail design. One of our Year 7 pupils Lauren Eccles, formally from the school, got to watch herself having been part of the winning team!

Rachel Brickell, STEM Ambassador who delivered the session said, "The challenges designed by STEMFirst brought out some fantastic skills - especially sharing ideas and understanding skills within the teams."



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# Careers Corner

Mr Ficorilli, the Careers Adviser at Priory, has put together some useful websites that our Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils and their parents might find useful.

Mr Ficorilli is available every Monday via appointments, lunchtime drop-ins or after school to offer professional independent careers advice and guidance.

Please contact [v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:v.ficorilli@priory.lancs.sch.uk)



ASK YOURSELF  
IF WHAT YOU'RE  
DOING TODAY  
IS GETTING  
YOU CLOSER TO  
WHERE YOU  
WANT TO BE  
*tomorrow.*

## Useful contacts and websites for further information:

[www.nationalcarersservice.dirct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcarersservice.dirct.gov.uk)

Click on 'young people' or call 0800 100 900

[www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk)

National database of employer apprenticeships for Year 11 pupils. Create a free account and find out more.

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

A wide list of prospectuses for Lancashire lists every course in every college in Lancashire. It is also an excellent link to find out more about life at university and the world of higher education. Click on some of the boxes of the main home page

[www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk](http://www.apprenticeshipguide.co.uk)

A fantastic online guide to allow young people from Year 7 -11 to raise their awareness of the varied apprenticeships on offer linked to their curriculum subjects in school

[www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](http://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk)

An excellent online resource to find out more about the specialist of employers and the different levels of apprenticeships that they deliver, gap years, and sponsored degrees. Sign up for their free newsletter.

[www.barclayslifeskills.com](http://www.barclayslifeskills.com)

An excellent on line weblink which allows young people to find out more about the world of work and the essential need for employability skills for the modern workplace. Click on the 'young people' link and create a free account

**Year 11 employer apprenticeships with Royal Mail Group Ltd**

Light Vehicle Maintenance: [www.indeed.co.uk/royalmailapprenticeshipspreston](http://www.indeed.co.uk/royalmailapprenticeshipspreston)

## KEY DATES

### Christmas Jumper Day

Fri, 15 December

(bring £1 to take part)

### Theatre Production - A Christmas Carol

Fri, 15 December

(Year 10 & 11 pupils £3)

### Comic Book Club

#### Reward Trip

19 December

### Christmas Lunch

Wed, 20 December

(pupils to advise their form tutor of their choice by 15 December)

### 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

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