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Penwortham Priory Post



Introducing Our New Pupils

Following the New Pupils & Parents evening on Wednesday night, the children returned yesterday in their primary school uniforms for their full induction.

The 170 new pupils arrived looking apprehensive, perhaps nervous, however after ice-breaker 'getting to know you' activities, smiling faces soon began to show.

First on their timetable was lessons ranging from making pizzas in Technology, rulers in Graphics and creative faces in Art. Children even had a go at experiments in Science and learnt a little Spanish.

Mrs Gutteridge, Transition 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, 8 and 9 helpers who all made the pupils feel very welcome."

Year 7 girls, Tiya Sherliker and Tilly McNaught spoke about their first year at Priory and how they felt on their first day which helped to settle the new starters.

The afternoon saw everyone become familiar with navigating their way around the building using the school map. Finally, there was just enough time for group house photos in the sunshine before ending the day with an interhouse activity.

We look forward to meeting the children again when they begin their learning at Penwortham Priory Academy on Tuesday, 5th September.

SPORTS DAY

Friday, 7th July

9.00-3.00pm

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

COMMUNITY

SPORTS & LEISURE

AT PENWORTHAM

PRIORY ACADEMY

Did you know that we have many leisure activities taking place at Priory in the evenings and weekends?

Fitness classes, football, performing arts, netball and more. The full time table is included with the sports and leisure newsletter attached.

This is managed by School Letting Solutions Ltd. SLS can be contacted directly if you are also interested in hiring any of Priory's facilities.

Please visit - www.penworthampriory.schoolbookings.co.uk for further information.

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IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations go to Mrs Scully, Head of Foreign Languages, who has given birth to a healthy baby girl.

Baby Sophia was born last Saturday, 1st July at 1.25am weighing 7lb 6oz.

Both mum and baby are doing well.

LEAVER'S HOODIES STILL TO BE COLLECTED

We still have some Year 11 leaver's hoodies awaiting collection.



These are available from the school office between 8.30am - 3.30pm until the 20th July.

Anyone unable to come in during this time may also collect them on GCSE results day - Thurs, 24th August.



Prom Night! The Perfect Valedictory

Our Year 11's big night finally arrived last Monday when the pupils gathered one last time to celebrate their years at Penwortham Priory Academy.

Barton Grange Hotel rolled out the red carpet to welcome the glitz and glamour of the leavers. The event was the perfect opportunity for the hardworking Year 11s to let off some steam after their exam season and a chance to say goodbye to the staff who have challenged and supported them through their school career.

The pupils arrived in vehicles of many shapes and sizes, from stretched limousines to a cavalcade of vintage scooters that would become a talking point for the night and many years to come. Miss Thornton, lead organiser said, "It was like being at a Hollywood premier, especially with Mr Dever snapping away!"

The pupils in the Prom Committee worked tirelessly to organise the event. As a result, every pupil was greeted by their Year 7 school photograph at their table but thankfully that didn't put them off their meal.

Awards ensued shortly afterwards and were presented by Priory's very own 'Ant and Dec': Mr Hardcastle and Mr Taylor.

Einstein Award	Lex Robinson and Sophie Munslow
Drama King	Bryce Ainsworth
Most Cheerful	Cassie Cartmel and Faisal Mansour

The evening then tailed away with some shapes being thrown on the dance floor and many hugs at the end of a very memorable night.

Resident photographer, Mr Dever, captured the arrivals and took official studio shots throughout the evening - a preview of which is at the back of the newsletter. Attendees will be entitled to one free download from Mr Dever's website. Further photographs for us all to see will be uploaded to Facebook next week.

Why did 30,000 people crowd into Moor Park 90 years ago?

Pupils from the Astronomy Club went with Mrs Taylor, Science Subject Leader, and Ms Young, Assistant Head, to find out.



On Thursday 29th June, it was the 90th anniversary of the total solar eclipse, which brought thousands of people to observe the event at Moor Park.

Last week the newly refurbished Jeremiah Horrocks Observatory, together with Preston & District Astronomical Society (PADAS), held an open day to celebrate the history of astronomy in Preston.

PADAS secretary, Graham McLoughlin, gave a presentation on the 1927 Solar Eclipse and pupils were able to look at the telescope, archives and talk to PADAS members. On the 90th anniversary of a major astronomical event there will be a celebration held in Preston.

Pupils interested in joining the astronomy club should see Ms Young.

For more information about astronomy in Preston, visit www.padas.org.uk



VACANCY

PART-TIME MINI BUS DRIVER REQUIRED

We are seeking a part-time minibus driver to cover our morning and afternoon school runs.

This is a 12.5 hours per week post, working 7.30-8.45am and 3.15-4.30pm each day, term time only.

The starting salary is £15,375 pro rata (Grade 3).

The successful person will be expected to undertake basic vehicle checks and maintenance and have a clean driving licence.

If you are interested, please contact Keith Bolton direct on 01772 320257 or email k.bolton@priors.lancs.sch.uk for a chat and to arrange an informal visit to school.

YEAR 7 PARENTS EVENING

Weds, 12th July
4.00-7.00pm

Letters have been sent home for the Year 7 parents evening.

Pupils have been given an appointment sheet to book discussion time with their teachers. Please can parents monitor its completion and return by Monday if not already done so.

BREAK TIME SCIENCE ZONE

The Nucleus area will now become a Science Zone at break and lunch time.

Pupils will be able to take part in Science related activities or catch up on homework.

Pupils wanting to use this facility must register their interest with Mrs Taylor in the first instance.

WHITE SCAR CAVE & INGLETON FALLS TRIP

Mr Watters' Year 10 Geography class will be on their trip next Weds, 12th July.

The outing to White Scar and Ingleton will incorporate work related to the GCSE they are currently studying.

Pupils should come practically dressed wearing trainers/boots with a strong grip. As the cave is cool, a warm waterproof is essential. Pupils should also bring a packed lunch.

We look forward to seeing how they got on.



Come and join us for an evening of music and performing arts in the Auditorio.

GCSE artwork will also be on display. Refreshments available.

Free Entry / Everyone Welcome

Year 10 Drama Performance

Cerys Howells – Voice – Somewhere only we know (Keane)

Georgia Pratten – Piano solo

Lillie, Abi, Kaycee – Voice Trio – Set Fire to the Rain, Someone Like You

Abi Herd – Love Me Tender - Where have all the flowers gone?

Miya - Voice / Sasha – Piano - Duet – Ludovic Einaudi

Erin Coleman and Robyn Walker - Tap dancing + Jodi Emberton – Guitar –
Jodi's own composition

Aimee Pickering – Voice - Lost in thought all alone

Olivia Tomlinson – Flute solo

Luci and Joel - Pop medley – piano and drums

Cerys Howells - Somewhere Over The Rainbow (Judy Garland)

Cerys Howells - Can't Help Falling in Love (Elvis Presley)

Lauryn Parker, Nisha Dunderdale – Voice duet

Lauryn Parker – Voice solo

Erin Coleman and Robyn Walker – Ballet

Asha Green – Voice – On my Own, Hallelujah

Emily Ruscoe – Flute solo

Colin Chan and Owen Cottam – Hymn for the weekend – Piano and Drums

Louis Fielding – Tap dancing

Reece Jackson – My Way

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Visit By Acclaimed Young Adult Fiction Writer

Next Monday we welcome author, Sarah Mussi, who will be holding a writing workshop for selected Year 7 and 8 English pupils.

Sarah is a multi-award winning author of children's and young adult fiction. Her first novel, *The Door of No Return*, won the Glen Dimplex & Irish Writers' Children's Book Award and was shortlisted for the Branford Boase. Her second novel, *The Last of the Warrior Kings*, was shortlisted for the Lewisham Book Award and inspired a London themed walk. Her thriller, *Siege*, was nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal (2014) and won the BBUKYA award for contemporary young adult fiction and received many short-listings. In addition, her novel *Riot*, won the Lancashire Book of the Year Award 2015.

Her most recent series is *The Snowdonia Chronicles* which will provide a backdrop to the workshop as Sarah explores the mythology of Snowdonia with the students.

Mrs Elliott, English Teacher, said, "We are very excited to welcome Sarah into the school. She will also be speaking to the pupils at lunchtime for more informal conversations and may even sign a few books."

Sarah's books will be available for purchase during her visit.



Green Fingered Pupils Help Out At Local Charity

A keen group of young gardeners headed to Galloways last week to work with their volunteers.

Galloways, based in Penwortham, who has a long history of serving the blind invited the pupils to work with their partially sighted gardening group.

As well as gaining practical experience, the day supported plant biology the pupils had learnt in class. The day also provided experience and understanding of helping the community by volunteering.

Mr Farron, Priory's award winning gardener who accompanied the group said, "The pupils were really interested in what they were growing and even enquired about their Latin names. They were each asked to make a hanging basket; the pupils were shown the fundamentals and then left to their own creations. Although it was raining, it certainly didn't dampen their spirits."

To finish off the day, the group met other volunteers and were treated to tea and homemade cakes. The school has invited the Galloways gardening group to view the Priory's gardens and we hope to make the volunteering a regular monthly activity.





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