

Penwortham Priory Post



A New Look For Priory's Website

After months of planning and preparation, writing and some amazing photography, Priory was finally able to launch its new website this week.

Developed by Schudio, a company that specialises in education specific software, we hope that parents, pupils and the community will find the site easy to use and engage with.

The comprehensive site includes information on school activities, term dates, news, real-time Facebook posts and of course, copies of the weekly Penwortham Priory Post. The 'Letters' page will also be populated with copies of letters that have been issued to parents - we know they don't always make it home!

In addition to all the regular pieces such as the prospectus, transition, governor and curriculum information you can find details on Priory's pastoral and SEND provision.

Going forward, we are also looking at a free school app where parents can check for live information and receive push notifications for important updates.

Take a look at >> www.priory.lancs.sch.uk

WINNING FORM

Pupils continued their start to the new year with an excellent attendance record as again seven forms achieved top marks last week.

100% attendance - H4

100% attendance and one late - D3, H7, R5, R8

100% attendance and two lates - D1, H5

YEAR 7s - LOCKERS

Pupils that have not collected their locker key can go to the school office at break time next week.

There are still lockers available if you have not yet placed an order. Please enquire at the school office.

£1 COIN WITHDRAWAL

In preparation for the old £1 coin being withdrawn from circulation next month, the school will no longer be able to accept them after 29th September.

KEY DATES

AUTUMN 2017

PSHE Day 1

Wednesday, 27th Sept

Early closure at

1.30pm

INSET Day

Thursday, 28th Sept

Open Evening

Thursday, 28th Sept

4.30pm-7.00pm

Headteacher's speech

at 4pm and 7pm.

Open Day

Thursday, 5th &

Friday, 6th October

Arrive any time

between 9am-3pm

(no appointment
necessary)

Mid Term Closure

Monday, 30 October to

Friday, 3 November

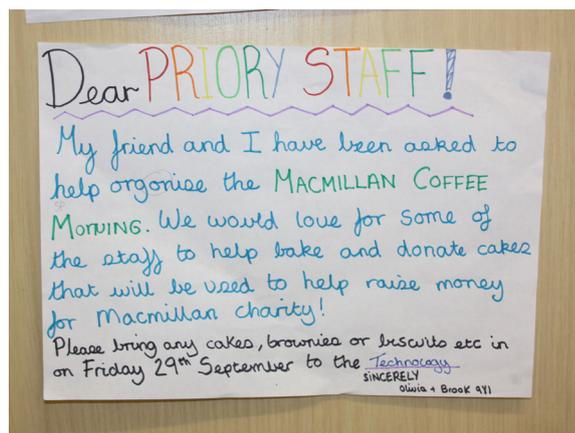
The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

This little note was put on the staff-room door yesterday by two pupils. In aid of such a wonderful cause, how could we not comply!

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

The girls will be running a cake and hot chocolate sale at break-time in the Technology Block next Friday, 29th September. Donations of cake from pupils and parents to sell on the morning would be appreciated. Don't forget to bring your pennies so that you can have your cake.

Let's change lives with every slice!



Open Evening - Thurs 28 September



Open Evening

Thurs, 28th September
4pm to 9pm

Headteacher's speech
at 4:30pm & 7pm

Open Days

Thurs, 5th October and
Fri, 6th October

9am-3pm
(no tours between 1pm-2pm)

No appointment necessary

Pupil Volunteers at Open Evening

Pupils with a good attitude, attendance and behaviour record have been invited to become pupil ambassadors at the Open Evening on 28 September.

Please note that on that date school will not be open during the day due to staff INSET. With this in mind, your child does not need to be in school until 3.30pm.

All pupils who have volunteered must be in full school uniform. Volunteers are advised to bring a packed meal with them, although light refreshments will be available. Secure arrangements must be made for your child to be collected from school at 9.00pm in order to ensure their safe passage home.

Ahead of the event volunteers will be offered guidance and can watch the headteacher's speech rehearsal at school immediately after the early closure for PSHEE day, from 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

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Breakfast Treat for Top Attendance

Mr Bullock's form, C7, was rewarded for their consistently high attendance throughout last year with a breakfast of their choice on Wednesday.

The form gathered in the dining room for a relaxed session whilst having their complimentary morning treat.

Mrs Swire, Inclusion & Attendance Manager, who awarded their prize said,

"Regular attendance at school is the single most important factor in a child/children making appropriate progress and achieving success. Good regular and punctual attendance means doing well academically, developing better relationships with other children and positive behaviour. It also sets up good habits for when young people enter into work and life."



So why is attendance so important? Here are the facts:

1. Good attendance means being in school at least 95% of the time or between 180 and 190 days.
2. 90% attendance may sound good, but it is the same as missing half a day each week or four weeks off school each year. During five years at school this would add up to missing half a year.
3. A child on holiday for two weeks during term time will miss 50 one hour lessons.
4. There are 190 school days each year, that leaves 175 days not in school for holidays.
5. 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school.

There is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. For example, pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school, only 35% manage to achieve five A* to C GCSEs, including English and maths.

Being Late

Please note that the school day starts at 08.40 am. In accordance with LCC guidelines, children who arrive in school after 08.40 am but before 09.30am will be marked as 'late' in the register and children arriving after 09.30am, without reason, will receive an 'unauthorized absence' mark for the morning session.

Sickness/Appointments

Please could we remind parents to telephone school on 01772 320271 and leave a message if your child is unwell or has an appointment before school commences. Where possible please book a dental or medical appointment after school or in the holidays. If this is not possible please make sure your child attends school before and after the appointment.

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.

HPV Immunisations (Year 8 Girls)

The HPV vaccine, that protects against cervical cancer has been offered to all Year 8 girls.

Letters to parents along with an information leaflet and consent form have been sent home.

Vaccines will be given by the NHS Immunisation team at school on 16 October.

Please return consent forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Dance Success for Abbie



Abbie Edwards is juggling her GCSEs with her dancing talent as she will appear in a musical production of 'Jane Eyre' at the Charter Theatre next month.

Fifteen year old Abbie has been selected to appear in the show from Wednesday, 4th-Saturday, 7th October.

Abbie, who is also a talented chef having reached the North West finals of the Springboard FutureChef competition last year, has been at Carol May's Academy in Preston since she was two.

"I just love dancing and I have taken exams in ballet, tap, jazz and more," said Abbie. "It's a musical version of Jane Eyre and the auditions were tough but my group has some of the more senior parts in it. We have had to learn quite a few routines but I enjoy it."

"I dance three times a week and most of the weekends and there are also rehearsals as well as the shows but I make sure I fit everything, including my schoolwork, in."

"Dancing is a competitive industry so I am not sure what the future holds."

No Red Card For Priory's Pupils

Over recent years Priory has run highly successful football competitions for the local feeder primary schools. We select our pupils to get involved in the events, refereeing games and assisting the sports partnership staff with the running of the tournaments.



Mr Bullock, Head of PE & Sports said, "This give us the opportunity to show that we are one of the leading schools for football in the area".

As a result of this we are pleased to confirm that fifteen pupils have been selected to complete the Young Leaders Football Laws Awareness Course on 25 September to enable them to run this academic year's competitions.

Mr Bullock continued, "They have all been excellent ambassadors for Priory and we are keen for this to continue."

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Prefects Take Up Their Duties



The new academic year brings extra roles for many of Priory's Year 11 pupils. Lunchtime and break duties, attending school functions and generally taking an active role in representing the school are a large part of being a prefect.

Criteria for the selection of prefects is published at the end of Year 10 and after a rigorous application process where pupils must demonstrate why they would be suitable for the role, House Progress Leaders collate the entries and make their choices.

Hustings and elections that follow culminate in the appointment of Head Girl, Head Boy and their Deputies, House and Sports Captains.

Prefects are an important aspect of Priory's reward system. Year 11s are given this responsibility to show they can represent the school in a positive and mature manner. Congratulations to all our prefects (too many of you to list individually here) that have proven they can do this.

Head Girl	Lauryn Parker	Deputy Head Girl	Charlotte Draper
Head Boy	Jack Sadler	Deputy Head Boy	Hanzlah Ali

House and Sports Captains:

Calder	Douglas	Hodder	Ribble
Oliva Higham Toby Woodruff Neve Ward Abbie Edwards	Sanaa Atcha Aliya Ahmed Azhar Khan Lauryn Parker (HG) Flip Ral Evie Ridout Keira Bolton	Anika Nayee Mia Hartup Katie Johnson Zaid Bux	Hanzlah Ali Lucy Welsh Jay Fairbank Jane Rooke Livvy Brewster



The Book Fair Has Arrived

The book fair will be at school until next Tuesday, 26 September.

There will be books, stationery and posters to buy as well as the opportunity for pupils to spend some time with their friends in the library.

**South Ribble Council
Penwortham
Neighbourhood
Forum
Tues, 10 October
7pm-8pm**

The forum gives local people the opportunity to have a say in the Penwortham community, meet neighbours, influence decisions, share ideas for local improvements and be part of making things better.

A representative from Tesco has been invited to attend October's forum to answer questions relating to the development of a store in Penwortham.

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

facebook.com/penworthamforum



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 please email -
j.yates@priory.lancs.sch.uk

Year 11 Post 16 Options - College Open Days

Our Independent Careers Adviser, Mr Ficorilli, is available in school this coming term every Monday to arrange individual career appointments with Year 11 pupils in the first instance. Lunchtime drop-in sessions are also available. Pupils can see Mr Ficorilli in the meeting room on the pastoral corridor.

Year 7s Fresher's Fair

Year 7 pupils crowded into the Auditorio to check out their extra-curricular options last Friday.

The annual Fresher's Fair is all about showcasing Priory's clubs and activities provision. Stalls were run by pupils and teachers who marketed their offer with banners, posters, leaflets and interactive tasks inviting new pupils to home in and sign up.

Clubs for languages, graphics, sports, drama, literature, music and much, much more as well as sessions for homework and revision. There was something for everyone. Full details of breakfast, lunch and afterschool clubs are in the extra curricular leaflet which will be emailed to all pupils and parents.



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