

Penwortham Priory Post



Primary Liaison - Bonjour Broad Oak

Twelve Year 8 Priory pupils visited Broad Oak Primary School last week to help with their annual European Day of Languages celebration.

Our students worked with the primary students and took part in a number of different fun and engaging sessions, which included a French café, a traditionally French boules session and singing some typical French songs.

Mrs Bailey, Head of Modern Foreign Languages at Priory, said: The event was extremely successful with all students thoroughly enjoying the experience of the day. We would like to thank Broad Oak for inviting us to celebrate the day with them.

The European Day of Languages, jointly organised by the Council of Europe and the European Union, has been celebrated every year since 2001 on 26 September. The initiative involves millions of people across 45 participating countries who celebrate linguistic diversity in Europe and promote lifelong language learning in and out of school, for purposes of mobility or for pleasure and exchanges.

WINNING FORM

The top attendance record again goes to Mr Wall's form:

100% attendance - H1

99.46% attendance and one late - R7

99.34% attendance - D6

WINNER Open Evening Quiz

Young visitors to our Open Evening last week could complete our quiz as they visited each department. Louise Palmer-Rigby at Middleforth Primary School was the winner and has been presented with her £10 gift voucher.

TRIP

Meymac, France

22-29 May 2018

There's still a few places left for the adventure holiday trip to Meymac, next year.

The information letter can be downloaded from our website at www.priory.lancs.sch.uk/parents/letters or pupils can see Ms Clementson in the Heads of House office.

KEY DATES

AUTUMN/WINTER

2017

Year 7 Settle Factor Evening

Wed, 18 October

3:40pm - 6:00pm

Year 10 Parents Evening

Mon, 23 October

4:00 - 7:00pm

Mid Term Closure

Mon, 30 October to

Fri, 3 November

PSHEE Day 2

Mon, 13 November

(early lunch followed by school closure at 1:30pm)

Year 11 Parents Evening

Wed, 15 November

4:00 - 7:00pm

End of Term Closure

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



Year 10 Boys Success in Getting Place on Enrichment Course

Two Penwortham Priory Academy pupils have a chance of a lifetime as they have been selected to attend a renowned outdoor centre enrichment course next week.

Both boys, 14 year old Sikander Shah and Sulayman Randall, have been provided with the opportunity through the Rotary Club of Preston South who have held local fundraising events to help the pair attend a RYPEN course at Castle Head Outdoor Centre.

Typical activities include hiking, canoeing, climbing and self support expeditions usually on the Lakeland fells under strict organisation through experienced and dedicated staff.

"I am really excited, it was totally unexpected," said Sulayman. "It's about team building and confidence and we feel honoured to be selected."

RYPEN stands for Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment with its purpose to help young people develop a real belief in their capabilities and provide an inspirational experience.

Rachel Gutteridge, Transition Manager/House Progress Leader at Priory said: "It's a great opportunity for these two students. We put Sikander and Sulayman's names forward as we believe they will hugely benefit from this type of outdoor course and it will raise their confidence and boost their school life."

"The course is specifically designed to develop self belief and confidence gained from team and individual achievement and it should be a memorable and rewarding experience for them both."

Learn to succeed

Never Give Up and Dare To Dream!

Those were the words of Kevin Houghton who came in to Priory to deliver a motivational speech to a full school assembly at the end of the summer term.

Mr Houghton approached Priory almost two years ago for assistance with creating a prototype for an invention of his. The Head of Technology at the time, Mrs Purcell-Houghton, set to work with keen pupils to produce some working models of the RefScorer concept that Mr Houghton could take to a US distributor.

Today, RefScorer, a hand held device that records the score of a football game, is now on sale worldwide.

Mr Houghton's company, RefStuff now also has a large range of innovative sporting products designed to assist with the refereeing, scoring and management of matches, for Referees, Teachers and Sports Coaches around the world.



Photo: Mr Eastham, Mr Houghton and Mrs Purcell-Houghton

In thanks for Priory's support to bring his idea to fruition, Mr Houghton presented a framed product memorabilia to the school as a token of appreciation.

After giving his presentation to the pupils, Mr Houghton commented, "I wanted to show the pupils what can be achieved if you focus, never give up and dare to dream."

Attendance Matters - Feeling Unwell

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. Children who miss school can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams.

Pupils should be encouraged to come in to school despite coughs, colds and generally just feeling unwell. Being resilient and coping with minor ailments is a good lesson for later in life.

If your child feels ill at school, or is injured, he/she should report this immediately to the lesson teacher, who will provide a note to be taken by your child to the House Progress Leaders' office. They will use their experienced judgement and exercise appropriate care in deciding whether your child should remain in school. The school office will then make contact with parents to arrange transfer home where necessary.

Pupils should not use their mobile phone to contact a parent to ask to be collected due to illness.

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YEAR 8 GIRLS HPV Vaccinations

We still have 30 outstanding forms. Please note that we require a signed form even if you do not want your daughter to have the vaccination.

If you require a replacement consent form, please ask your daughter to collect another from the school office.

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

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