

Penwortham Priory Post



Public Speaking Success for Priory!

A huge congratulations are in order for Mr Wall and his three public speaking teams whom represented Priory this week at the Preston Rotary Public Speaking competition.

The event, which took place at Preston North End's Deepdale Stadium, was a tremendous success for the three teams that entered—as well as their tutor, of course, Mr Wall.

Mr Wall is well known for his efforts in coaching entering teams from Priory in public speaking events and of course, hosting the primary school's public speaking competition at Priory.

In the Junior's competition, Jacob Haddon (C7), Reece Selkirk (R2) and Danyal Raza (R8) were runners up to a particularly impressive team from Our Lady's. Their topic of choice was the need for Surveillance. The Junior's team deserve a huge congratulations for their efforts and all of Priory is proud that

these students decided to represent us in such a tough competition.

In the Senior's competition, Aimee Gordon (C1), Cassie Cartmell (R5) and Sophie Cooksley (C5) won their competition with three flawless performances, with H4's Dylan Couperthwaite being recognised as the best speaker. Their topic of choice was Racism.

A special mention must also go to Tilly McNaught (H6), a Year 7 pupil who performed very creditably alongside Year 10 and Year 11 Pupils, as well as a very smooth and professional performance from Abi Lakeland of H8.

The trio of Aimee, Cassie and Sophie will now go on to represent both Priory and Preston in the North West Finals at the Windermere School on February 4.

Thank you, Mr Wall, as well as all those who took part and stepped up and represented Priory at this event. We're incredibly proud of you all.

Meet the Governors: Louise Gaffing



I have been a Parent Governor since 2009 and all of my children have attended Priory.

My background is in education and I have worked in both mainstream and special schools. Recently I have been working as a specialist teacher working with autistic pupils in mainstream schools.

I am the link governor for special needs and pupil premium and work with the special needs coordinator to ensure that all pupils are given equal opportunities and included in the whole curriculum. I feel that it is important to ensure that all staff and pupils feel valued and work together to ensure that every pupil achieves their full potential.

Yr 11 Seminar Reminder

This is a reminder about the Study Skills seminar on 7 December for Year 11 Parents.

Email t.bell@priory.lancs.sch.uk to reserve a space.

Winning Forms

The winning form this week is Mrs Qadri's C4.

They finished the week with 100% attendance and just two lates.

Careers Advice

Our school careers advisor, Mr Ficorilli, is available all term to see Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils.

He is available through appointment or lunch-time drop in on Mondays to discuss college pathways, apprenticeships and the world of work.

Belgium Awards

Mr Watters will be holding a Belgium trip awards evening on Wed 14 December.

More information to come soon.

A Message from Mr Coney's

Next week will be Mr Coney's' last week with us and he would like to say thank you to all pupils and staff for making him feel so welcome.

Mr Coney's has been covering Art in the past few weeks, whilst Mrs Hopes has been off, and will finish next Friday.

Thank you and all the best Mr Coney's!



Priory Presents Peter Pan!

We're less than a week away from the big Priory production, as you may well be aware and tickets are continuing to fly out the door—so much so that we have nearly reached capacity!

This weekend will see the full dress rehearsal and photography shoots with Mr Dever, before one final dress rehearsal and then we will be ready for the opening event.

We will be hosting matinees for Primary schools and two evening shows for the public and parents.

Tickets are running low, so get yours now at £5 per adult, £3 per concession or a family ticket at £14 for 2x adult and 2x concession!

Christmas Carol Rehearsals Start

Preparations are well underway for the annual Christmas carol concert in Longton.

Mr Taylor and a group of pupils have started rehearsals today and will head to sheltered residential housing in Longton on Wed 14 December for a free concert for residents of the accommodation.

Well Done Cerys!

A big congratulations are in order for Cerys Howells of C3 for her recent achievements in competition swimming.

Over the weekend she took to the water and won a swimming competition and added to the many medals and trophies she has already earned at her club, the Leyland Barracudas.

Competitive Handball

This week we fielded two handball teams in competitions held at various schools in the area.

Year 8 competed at Hutton Grammar school on Tuesday and Year 9 travelled to All Hallows on Thursday to compete.

Mr Bullock reported both teams playing really well, but just falling short.