

# Penwortham Priory Post

## Important Message from the Attendance Team



## The Priory Facelift Begins!

**Pupils, Parents and Staff may have noticed an increase in workmen around the Priory site this week, because the Priory facelift has officially begun!**

Mr Bolton, the Priory Site Manager, welcomed contractors to the site on Monday and since then they have set up scaffolding and set up their own campus near the B/Rosla Block. Building work has started immediately on top of the Senior Management Corridor, Staff Room and Office area.

We announced that we had been chosen to receive funding to help renovate the school in the 2015 Spring newsletter and now it is becoming a reality to bring the front of the school in line with the fantastic facilities we already have around site.

The planned improvements will see the front of the school get a much-needed facelift, including many new windows and improvements, which

will then dramatically alter the entering view of Priory, reception area and front of school in general.

On the improvements, Mr Eastham said:

“To have yet more significant investment in the school to improve the look and feel of the roofs, windows and ultimately, the entire school learning environment, for our pupils, is another example of how the school is moving forward to support our pupils in the best possible ways.”

“We want Priory to continue to be a school that pupils feel proud to come to and the way the school looks helps hugely in creating that feeling for them. Whilst the work on the roofs will go largely unseen, replacement of old windows with new and the significant improvements that will be made to the gym in particular will undoubtedly enhance the learning experience for our pupils.”

**Welcome back from all in the Priory Attendance Team!**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the school's targeted attendance, as stated in the attendance policy, is 97% overall.

We appreciate your continued support in working with Priory with regards to attendance and we would like to remind you that a child's parent/guardian should contact Priory **on the first day of any absence.**

Contact should be made directly to Mrs Garnham, the Priory attendance officer, on 01772 320271.

Furthermore, please note that any holidays will not be authorised absences in school time.

**If a pupil is absent due to a holiday, it may result in an unauthorised absence on their school record and could lead to a fixed penalty notice.**

If you are in any doubt about holiday dates, please refer to the school website before you book, or simply ring school. The holiday pattern does change from year to year, so it is always worth checking. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Winning Forms

Well done to forms R4 and R5, under Miss White and Miss Creer, who are the winning forms for attendance last week, with 100% attendance and no lates.

C5 just narrowly missed out on winning because of two lates, despite their 100% attendance!

## More Awards for Mr Farron!

On the back of the three awards for the Priory school gardens, courtesy of all of Mr Farron's hard work, we are utterly delighted to announce that we have been awarded a Britain in Bloom, North West award.

We are sure what award it is yet, but we find out next month!

## Finley Beard, British Champ!

A huge congratulations to Finley Beard, of Year 9, who can proudly call himself British Champion in Motocross.

Finley, of C6, has also been asked to represent Great Britain in the Youth Motocross 'Des Nations' event, which takes place in Belgium in October.

Well done, Finley!



## More Cross-Country Results!

**The Priory Cross-Country school team continues to take shape with more results coming in from the PE this week.**

Miss Beesley announced the Year 9 results after tough trials and cross-country sessions in PE since the beginning of term.

Well done to Libby Treadwell, Trista McNaught and Kiera Baron who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Year 9 Girls.

In the Year 9 boys, Zaman Amin,

Byron Mason and Christian Rigby took the top three.

Mr Bullock also announced the Year 10 results with Alex Harwood, Jane Rooke and Mia Hartup taking top three, whilst Connor Leadbetter, Jay Fairbank and Samad Alkachkach placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively.

The S.Ribble School Championships take place next month at Hutton Grammar and Miss Beesley has given letters out this week.

## Winning at Wycoller!

**Mr Watters took 28 pupils to Wycoller, near Colne, as part of GCSE Geography studies this week.**

Pupils studied two streams, which go on to eventually flow into the Ribble, and will now test their results against the Bradshaw's model.

They managed to dodge the rainfall and use their iPads to record water retreat!



## Footballing Success for Years 7 and 11



**Mr Gee and Mr Owers saw Year 11 and Year 7 kick off their season with a win each over Lostock Hall Academy.**

For Year 11, a 4-0 win with Hassan Alkachkach netting a brace and Jordan Howarth and Sammy Wakefield also scoring.

Year 7 kicked-off their season with an amazing 8-1 victory. Theo Ridsdale scored a hattrick, whilst his twin brother, Louis, scored two. Elsewhere, Kian Brookes scored twice and Finnley Kent netted too.  
Well done to both teams!

## Merci Beaucoup, Ashbridge and Broad Oak!

**Modern Foreign Languages have been working closely with local primary schools this week.**

Mrs Scully and pupils visited Broad Oak Primary, in Penwortham, for World

Languages Day on Monday 26 Sept then had Ashbridge's Year 5 in for a French lesson on Thursday morning as part of the school's taster day, here at Priory.



### When Tayla met Hugo

Mr Watters visited Year 11 pupil Tayla Tabarn at Turbary House Owl Sanctuary where Tayla volunteers on Sundays.

Tayla met Hugo, a 10 week old Barn Owl, whilst there and her experiences will greatly aid her D of E portfolio.

She is the third Priory pupil to volunteer at the sanctuary.

### Good Luck, Mia!

Good luck to R3's Mia Rushworth in her charity sponsored walk this weekend and reaching her goal!

### Wembley Trip

There will be a rewards trip to Wembley for school pupils who have represented Priory in sports/extra-curricular activities.

See Mr Bullock.

### Raffle Donations

We are in search of raffle prizes to raise money for the school production.

If you can donate, please contact Ms Young.