



Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all.

This half term has really sped by. It has certainly been a busy one with trips to Pizza Express, The Science Museum and The Natural History Museum, World Religion Day, Chinese New Year, the Young Voices choir and our second Learning Together week, a Maths workshop and safer internet day.

After half term we are inviting parents of children who take extracurricular music lessons in to school for a short demonstration of what they have learned. We have coffee mornings booked in for parents and we have a big house competition to look forward to. Towards the end of February we will begin to prepare for World Book Day with the arrival of the book fair. In March there is also lots to look forward to, World Book Day, more trips and singing events, house competitions and of course Priory's Got Talent.

I must acknowledge the awful news from Turkey and Syria on the devastating impact of the earthquakes. Our thoughts are with those who are suffering and to those who are selflessly providing aid to the affected areas. The British Red Cross are collecting donations, I have included the link below if you wish to make a donation. You do not need to make the suggested donation amount just click on the 'other' tab.

Have a lovely half term week and see you next half –term

Hannah Foster

Upcoming events:

Random acts of Kindness Day – 17th Feb

Music sharing week: 20th Feb – sharing event

Shrove Tuesday – 21st Feb

Ash Wednesday – 22nd Feb

World book day – 2nd March – we will celebrate on the 3rd March

Science week – 10th – 19th March

Learning gallery– week of 13th March

Young carer's day – 16th March

Mother's Day – 19th March

Easter egg hunt – 30th March

Ramadan starts 22nd March



Important Dates:

13th-17th February—Half Term
(Return 20th February)

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar
[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023

[Click here](#)



Leaflets and Letters

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website.

Leaflets this week:

- Children's Centre Drop In
- Airport Bowl
- What Parents Need to Know
- Follow link for:
Mental Health Week: Daily Dragonfly
<https://www.dragonflyimpact.com/MHweekvideos>



Sign of the Week

This week's sign is for
Children's Mental Health Week

<https://youtu.be/U3CNkcK8CjQ>



Peek at the Week

Please follow link for this week's

[://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/](https://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/)



School Logo Badges

As stated in our School Uniform Policy, in order to keep the cost of school uniforms as low as possible for parents and carers, we are now able to offer iron-on logo badges at a cost of £1.65 each. School uniform with printed logos will still be available to purchase at School Days Direct if you prefer. If you would like to purchase an iron-on badge these are available from the School Office, please bring in the correct money.



Weekly Attendance Percentages: 23rd- 27th January 2023

Whole school - 90%

Year 1 - 92%

Year 2 - 90%

Year 3 - 88%

Year 4 - 91%

Year 5 - 90%

Year 6 - 92%

Congratulations to **1Banjo** with **97%** the highest attendance this week!

Congratulations!



Priory are re-introducing Coffee Mornings!

Coffee, Tea & Biscuits
Wednesday 22nd February 2023
9.00am–10.00am



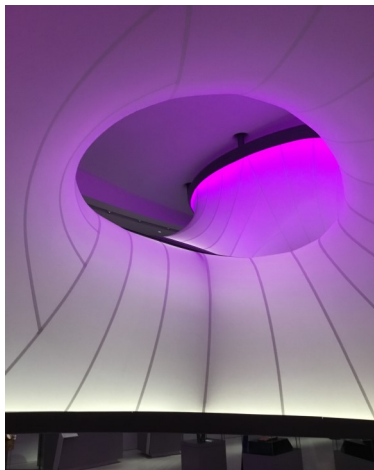
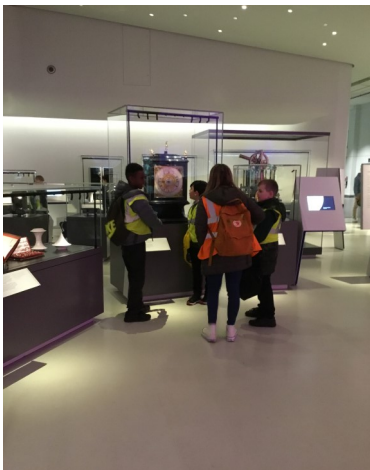
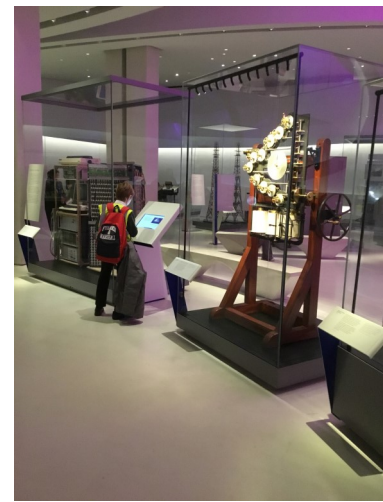
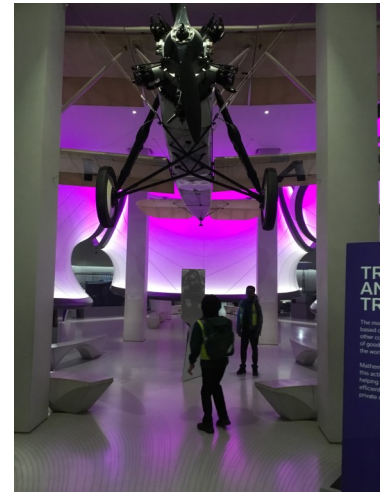
Come join us after the school drop off
for a cuppa and to meet Priory Friends
& members of Priory Staff

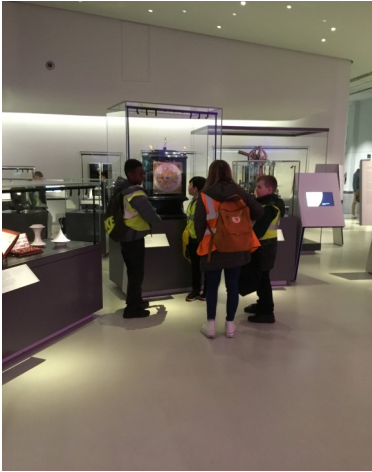
Coffee mornings will also include a pre loved uniform sale



Year 5 Science Museum Trip

Year 5 had an amazing time at the Science Museum this week. The Wonder Lab was a fantastic opportunity to revisit our force unit and learn even more about space! The children thoroughly enjoyed playing interactive games and even watched an electricity show!







Playdough Disco—Lets Party!



This term the children in year 1 have been exploring playdough disco! The program is designed to strengthen fine motor skills and improve their handwriting skills whilst having fun. Each session involves squeezing, rolling, pinching and pressing the dough in time to the music. The children have enjoyed each session and I have been stopped in the corridor many times by children asking when the next play dough disco session is taking place.

As these sessions seem so popular, I thought I would include the YouTube link and a simple play dough recipe for the children to enjoy during half term. Maybe the children could help make the play dough ready for the 'play dough disco'. There are many videos available on YouTube, including the link below. Please do take a look and have a fantastic half term.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOLR3pQt8zg&t=24s>

Recipe for Playdough



- 2 cups of flour
- 1/2 cup of salt
- 1 cup of hot water (possibly a 1/2 cup more)
- 2 tablespoon of cooking oil
- 2 tablespoons of cream of tartar
- food colouring

STEP 1. Combine all the dry ingredients in a bowl, and form a well in the centre.

STEP 2. Add the cooking oil and food colouring to the dry ingredients.

STEP 3. Add water and stir to form the playdough! Go ahead and knead your playdough until you reach your

TIP: If you notice that the playdough looks a little runny, you might be tempted to add more flour. Before you do this, allow the mixture to rest for a few moments! That will give the salt a chance to absorb the extra moisture. Feel your playdough before you add any additional flour! You likely won't need any but if your dough is sticky, add an additional 1/4 cup of flour at a time.



Music News



Here are the photos from the Year 6 choir trip to Westminster Cathedral. What an awesome experience!





P.E. News



KS1 All stars Cricket – Year 1 and 2 attended All Stars Cricket where they took part in lots of fun cricket activities including, throwing, catching and batting. The Children did fantastic and had a great morning.



National Trust Cup – Boys/Girls : Year 5 and 6 Boys and Girls took part in the National Trust Cup. The Girls won one, lost one and drew one finishing second in there group. The Boys finished on a high beating Claycots by a goal to nil in their final game. Well done to both teams!



Basketball – Key stage 2 Children have been taking part in a Basketball programme run by Reading Rockets where they have been taking part in lots of different Basketball activities.





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Look out for our School Logo, it's our profile picture!!