



Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all,

Peek of the Week

Last week SLT did a quick review of Peek of the Week. We compared it with versions that other schools use and we agreed we like our format, it is easy to read, bright and informative. We have asked year leaders to ensure there is a 'what we are learning next week' section so that you know what's coming up – you do not need to do anything with this information, it is optional.

Mother's Day

I would just like to wish all our mothers, aunts, sisters, nans, granny's, carers or guardians a very lovely mother's day on Sunday. We know that mums come in many different forms and anyone who becomes a mother planned or unexpectedly deserves recognition for the huge part they play in the development and growth of young people.

So, a big thank you from us and hope you get to put your feet up even if it is just for 5 minutes.

The New Look Minibuses

I hope that you have seen our newly painted mini-buses. I am sure you will agree that they will make an impact out and about. It is our hope that the newly rejuvenated buses will be bright enough to attract the attention of potential families to the school. Falling birth rates have impacted us significantly as we rely on having full classes to adequately fund the school. We think that as we are a little tucked away in Orchard Avenue, parents don't always realise we are here.

Industrial Strike Action

Once again, I thank you all for your continued support during the strikes. We have now completed all four strikes and do not anticipate any further disruptions. We now just need to wait and see if they have had the desired impact that we desperately need to keep this profession strong and great.

Ramadan

Ramadan begins next week on the 22nd March. Please make sure you have completed the form by Monday 20th 10am. I have set the form to close so it will not accept any more responses after this time.

Upcoming Events:

22nd March - Ramadan, Event at end of Ramadan

24th March – Hot shots, English schools football Association, ESFA are encouraging schools to celebrate a day of football. Children can come into school in football shirts and I am guessing adults can too! There will be 1 hour per year group of Football mania.

31st March - Talent show – Last day of term, 31st March. Parents will be given the opportunity to join via live streaming.

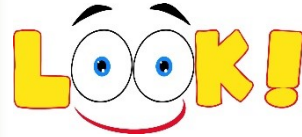
5th May – Coronation Day, we will celebrate the coronation day.

8th September - Priory School Jubilee – The school will have been open for 70 Years! We are going to celebrate the school's opening on **this day**.



Important Dates:

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



Leaflets and Letters

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

Leaflets this week:

- Great Outdoors Holiday Camp
- New Extended Care Provision
- Burnham Park Hall Tots & Toddlers market
- Burnham Park Hall Easter Egg Hunt



Sign of the Week

This week's sign is for
<https://youtu.be/60jHrCLyEMg>



Peek at the Week

Please follow link for this week's

<://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>

Donations Welcome

Priory school hold a number of non-uniform events through out the year, if you have any spare fancy dress costumes that are no-longer needed and you would like to donate them please drop off at the main office.



Weekly attendance percentages: 6th- 10th March 2023

Whole school - 91%

Year 1 - 85%

Year 2 - 93%

Year 3 - 92%

Year 4 - 92%

Year 5 - 94%

Year 6 - 92%

Congratulations to **Plum class** with **98%** the highest attendance this week!

Congratulations!



Communication with Parents – Coffee Morning

The first of our communication mornings will start with Reception.

Please save the date – Wednesday 29th March, 9.00am – 10.00am.

Letter was emailed to all reception parents 16th March with a link to confirm attendance. This link will close on Wednesday 22nd March at 10pm.

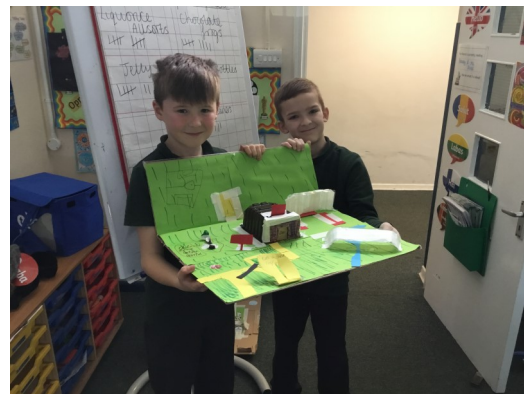


Celebrating British Science Week

This week Priory has been celebrating British Science Week! The theme of the week was 'Connections' not only within science but also between the STEM subjects of science, maths, technology and engineering. On Monday, this theme was introduced in our whole school assembly and some of the Y6 children shared some information about some famous scientists including Charles Darwin and Mae Jemison. During the week, each year group has undertaken a variety of activities to develop STEM skills and to explore the idea of 'connections'. Please follow this link to go to the Science week page on our website: <https://www.prioryschool.co.uk/british-science-week-2023/>

Year 4 Science Week

For Science Week, Year 4 continued to learn about the positive impacts humans can have on the environment and what is included in an ecological park. Children designed their own ecological park before working in a group to make a model out of junk modelling.





Year 2 Science Week

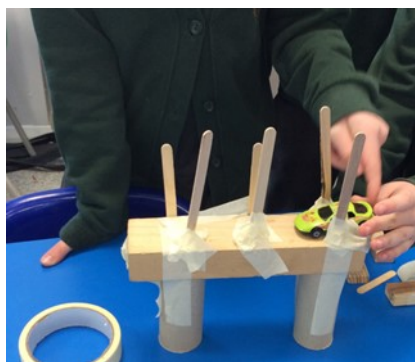
This week, Year 2 have had great fun investigating different connections in science. We saw how the bicarbonate of soda reacted with vinegar to make carbon dioxide gas, which in turn made our raisins 'dance'!



We were also fascinated to see how the kitchen towel absorbed the coloured water from our cups and then started to drip the liquid into our empty cups. We were able to accurately predict which new colours would be made, based on our colour mixing knowledge.



We worked well in small teams to design and build a bridge strong enough for our toy car to cross. We looked at different types of bridges but most of us chose a beam bridge design to build and test.





Nursery Science Week

In Nursery we have been planting seeds for Science Week. We made the most of the sunshine and each planted a sunflower seed. We talked about what our seeds needed to grow big and strong. We hope that if we water them and keep them away from the cold they will grow big enough for us to plant outside!



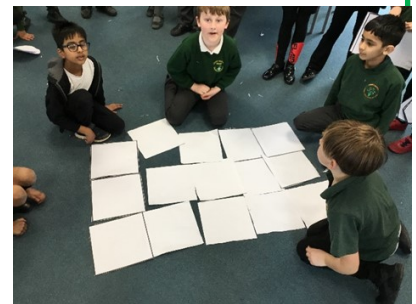
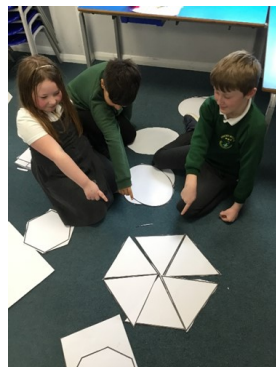


Year 3 Science Week

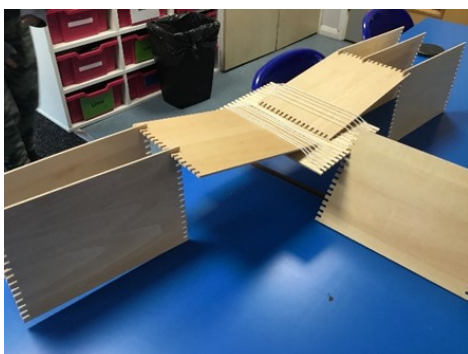
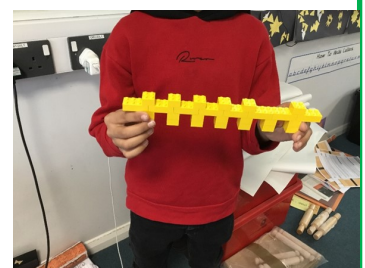
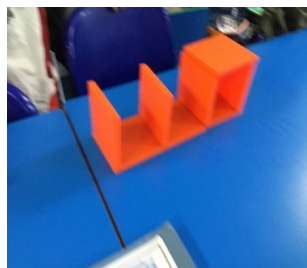
This week the year 3 children completed activities to celebrate British Science week.

In one activity, they combined their knowledge of science and maths to make connections with various 2D shapes.

Can you guess from the pictures the shapes the children were creating?



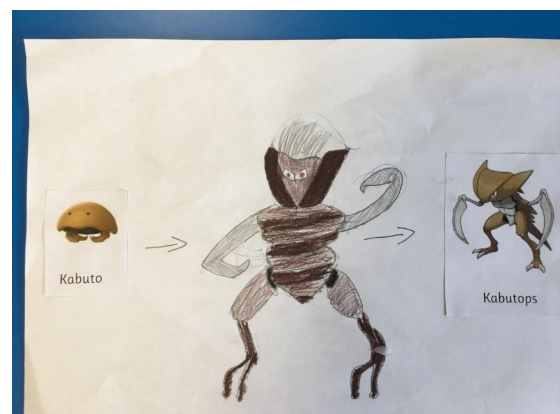
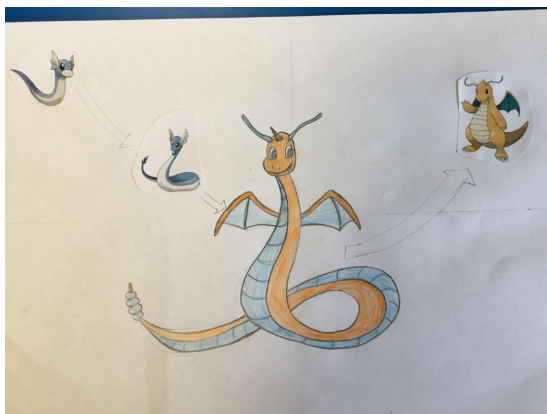
For our second activity, we became engineers by using available resources to construct their own beam bridges. The children used their knowledge of materials and construction to create these fabulous designs. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see one of these in the future?





Year 6 Science Week

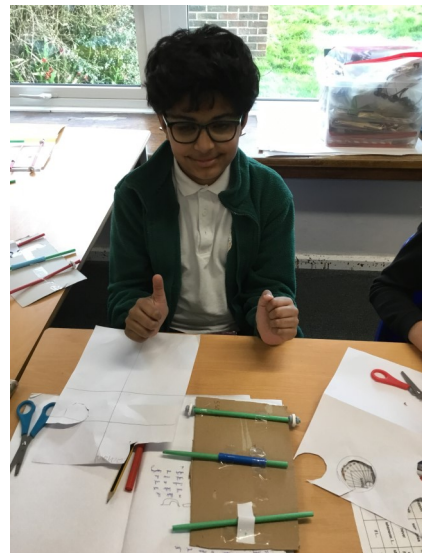
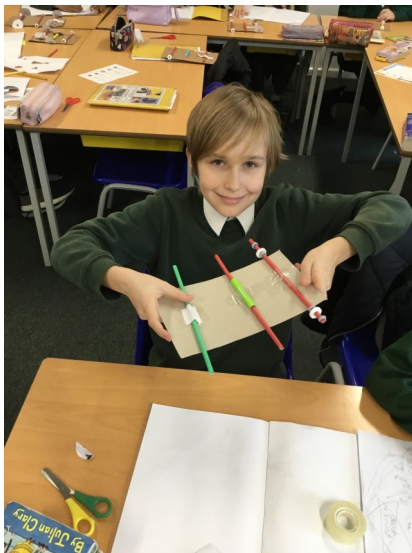
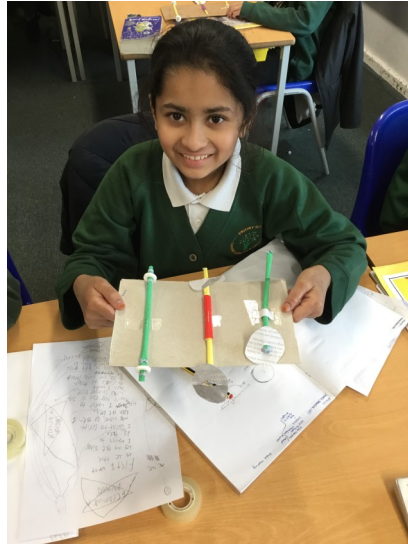
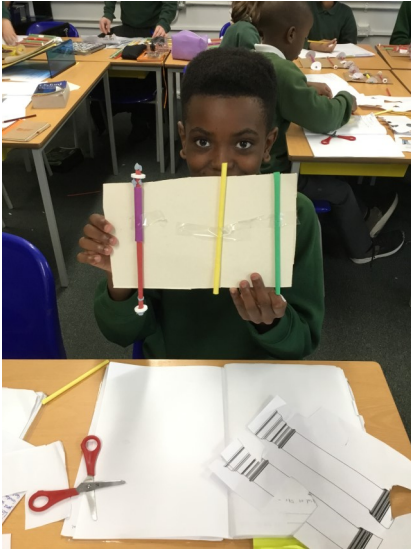
To celebrate British Science Week, Year 6 have been applying their knowledge of evolution to explore the 'missing links' that could have connected different Pokemon! We also looked at the archaeopteryx, an extinct creature which scientists believe may have linked dinosaurs to birds. Take a look at some of our creations below!





Year 5 Science Week

Year 5 had a fab time during STEM week. We learnt about chassis and axles before making our own motorised vehicles.



go to the Science week page on our website: <https://www.prioryschool.co.uk/british-science-week-2023/>



P.E. News

One week to go until Priory School will be hosting our ESFA Hotshots Day, joined by Reading FC and Wales international footballer Lily Woodham. Each year will be taking part in lots of fun football activities as well as a Q&A with Lily. Each child has got a sponsorship form to try and raise money for the day. We also have an online fundraiser which you can find below.

Please could any sponsorship money and forms be handed to the class teacher.

[The Priory School Fundraiser - a Community crowdfunding project in Slough by Sports For Champions UK \(CIC\) \(crowdfunder.co.uk\)](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-priory-school-fundraiser-a-community-crowdfunding-project-in-slough-by-sports-for-champions-uk-cic)





Music News

Young Voices Single Now Available to Download

We are super excited to announce that the **PROUD** charity single, that features children from Priory School choir, is out now! Every single voice from the YV23 concerts has been blended together along with the unmistakable sound of Heather Small for this incredible live recording.

We would love to try to get PROUD to No.1 in the UK charts! Just one more thing to make your child feel PROUD!

Here's the link to purchase the song for less than £1: <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/proud-charity-single>

All UK proceeds will be donated to children's mental health charity Place2Be.

Music Mark Award

We are delighted to report that Priory School has once again been designated as a Music Mark School. This is in recognition of the value given to music education as part of a broad and balanced curriculum through a commitment to music and an accessible programme of activities for our students. The Music Mark logo will be proudly displayed on our letterhead. Here is our certificate!



Slough Music Centre – Music Technology Club

There is still time to sign up to the Summer term of Slough Music Service's fabulous music technology club, for children aged 10 and older. Check out the flyer for more details.

Please email music.service@slough.gov.uk to register.





**Wednesdays, 22nd March; 26th April; 24th May;
21st June; 5th July 2023.
Community Parent/Carer Support Group, Slough**

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within Slough.

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

Each session will include an hours topic around being a parent of a child with additional needs. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

March topic: Your child's awareness of their Neurodiversity.

DATE & TIME

Monthly- See above dates
10am-12pm

VENUE

Farnham Common Village Hall
Victoria road
Farnham Common, Slough
SL2 3NL

COST

FREE
(Refreshments provided)

BOOKING & INFORMATION

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Children welcome under parent supervision
Supported by Berkshire Community Foundation
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Priory Friends News

Priory Friends on Facebook

www.facebook.com/prioryfriends



We would desperately like to encourage new members. We are looking to the future. If we don't start getting parents involved to create the ongoing success that we have had over the years in raising money for the school, then sadly it's not looking good. Fresh people bring fresh ideas, which would be great!