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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

Headteacher's News

This week at Priory.

Happy World Book Day! Whatever children have chosen to be or wear today, the point is that we are talking about books and characters. It has been so good to see so many children with their parents perusing the books from the travelling book fayre. A book is always a good investment.

I had the pleasure of taking the choir to the Harrow Music For Youth festival. The choir were amazing, they performed so well, sang so beautifully and were true professionals. I was super proud of them. The feedback from the 'judges' was also very positive about their singing and performance. I hope they enjoyed watching a variety of performances from other schools and groups too. It was quite inspirational. Thank you to all our parents for coming into school this week for parent's evenings. It is lovely to see so many of you and a good opportunity to hear about your child's progress.

The governor focus event went well this week, our governors among other things, focused on our EYFS. They looked at the provision, environments and teaching in early years, as well as looking in books and speaking to the teachers and phonics lead. Overall, it was very impressive and incredibly pleasing to see the progress the children have made.

Upcoming Events

- 08/03/24 - 17/03/24 - Science week
- 09/03/24 - Ramadan starts
- 15/03/24 - Red nose day - We aim to hold a non-uniform day for donations for comic relief
- 25/03/24 - Colour run (link to Holi) - 3:30 - 4pm on Priory mile
- 25/03/24 - Holi, Religious celebration, Hope
- 27/03/24 - Easter egg hunt
- 28/03/24 - Priory's Got Talent
- 29/03/24 - 12/04/24 - Easter holidays

Poem

Nature

The trees sway and the winds breeze,
The waves lap around the ocean seas,
Lush green leaves above like feathers,
Palm trees with coconuts and soft sand nestling at its feet,
The majestic branches rustle and rain,
Portrayed as a glorious waterfall,
Fabulous trees stand up tall,
Bushes sleek and twigs creak,
Magnificent creatures crawl and soar,
Big, courageous lions with tribal ROAR!
Extravagant branches, small and thin,
Mother Nature whispers to me through the beauty of trees,
The sun is shining down with a hot blaze,
Hot and steamy with a boiling glaze.

By Lorenzo Biondini and Eric Stanciulesco

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages: W/C 23rd February

Whole school - 92%

Year 1 - 93%

Year 2 - 93%

Year 3 - 91%

Year 4 - 94%

Year 5 - 95%

Year 6 - 94%



Congratulations to 4Redgrave with 99% the highest attendance this week!

CONGRATULATIONS

Important dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2023-2024

Leaflets and letters:

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

Signs of the week:

World Book Day
&
Ramadan

<https://youtu.be/-mZQ8er-Gjo>

Peek at the week:

Please follow the link for this week's

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

World Book Day

It's World Book Day today at Priory, and we can see all the fantastic costumes being worn by both students and teachers.

Year 5 and 6 even got a visit from the BFG!



The Orchard look great in their jungle-themed costumes.



Year 3 have got an amazing variety of costumes



Year 5 had a book taster session this morning. They hunted for delicious vocabulary and created their own book menus whilst pushing themselves outside their reading comfort zones. They read poetry, classics by Shakespeare, historical narratives, picture books, informative books and more.



Year 6 have some amazing ideas with some inspiration taken from their curriculum



In the newsletter next week, we will have more about today, with more pictures, so look out for that!

Year 2 Windsor Castle trip

Last Friday, Year 2 went on a fantastic trip to Windsor Castle. We were able to spot lots of the different castle features that we have been learning about in history such as the thick walls, battlements and arrow slits. We kept checking the flag in case it changed to the Royal Standard but it was always the Union Jack, which meant that unfortunately King Charles wasn't at the castle that day. All the Year 2 children were very well-behaved and had an amazing time. Here are some of our favourite parts of the day:

We liked St George's Hall because there was a big, long table and lots of colourful shields on the ceiling. (Aarav and Bahram)

I liked watching the guard laugh when we kept saying "Hello Guard!" (Yulia)

My favourite bit was Queen Mary's Dolls' house because it was so cute and there was actually real electricity and flowing water. (Norah)



Choir congratulations!

On Wednesday 6th March, 53 members of the Priory School Choir travelled to the lovely Elliott Hall at Harrow Arts Centre, to take part in the National Festival of Music for Youth. We performed 4 songs in our programme and were luck enough to also watch a wonderful range of performances from other choirs and instrumental groups of varying ages.

We received some wonderful positive comments from the music mentors and also from the audience members. I am so proud of the choir - all of their hard work really paid off.

Here are the video links for our performances:

A Keelie: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=sWkchkUXe5g&feature=shared>

Silver Moon: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=4mc6maAGTZc&feature=shared>

Street Seller: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=jhlt7BldijA&feature=shared>

Gospel Song Medley: [Street Seller: https://youtube.com/watch?v=jhlt7BldijA&feature=shared](https://youtube.com/watch?v=jhlt7BldijA&feature=shared)

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Well done everyone, what a great experience!

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Thomas Moore in 1 Donaldson for his fantastic achievement outside of school. Thomas was awarded a Core Values green lace at Slough Rugby Club this week. This is an award given each week to the player that has best demonstrated Rugby's Core Values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. Thomas did incredibly well in all Core Value areas this week. He also contributed well to the session, listened well and played an excellent game.



Priory School Holi

Celebration Non Uniform Day
& Fun Colour Run

Monday 25th March 2024
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Help us Celebrate!

Non-Uniform Day Children and Staff can wear their brightest colours for a £1.00 contribution.

Also come and join the fun, children their family and staff are all welcome to join the colour run at 3.30pm, £1.00 entry fee.

HAPPY
HOLI



Orchard News

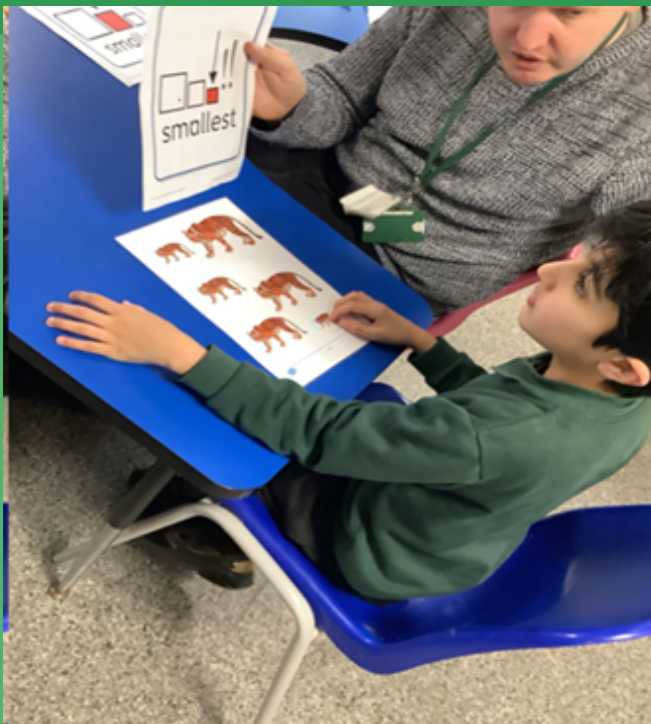
This week in Literacy, Apples and Plums have been continuing to learn about rhymes and rhyming words about our topic book 'Rumble in the Jungle'. We have been focusing on demonstrating understanding of what we hear and read, matching words that sound the same and using our phonic knowledge to build CVC words as well as short rhyming sentences.

Cherries have been learning the terminology of nouns (names), verbs (doing words) and adjectives (describing words). The children have been writing sentences including verbs and adjectives in relation to the animals in the book.



This week in Maths, Apples and Plums have continued to look at size as well as using everyday language to describe the size of objects. We have looked at small, smaller and smallest.

Cherries have also been exploring size and length, using different mathematical tools to measure classroom equipment.



Low Mood: The Warning Signs

Do you notice these in your child?



Feelings of hopelessness and pessimism



Feelings of worthlessness, guilt and helplessness



Thoughts of death or suicide



Agitation, restlessness and irritability



Sleep changes. Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much



Decreased energy and feeling slowed up



Low mood



Reduced interest or pleasure in normally enjoyable activities



Difficulty thinking, concentrating or making decisions



Significant change in appetite or weight



Persistent sad, anxious or empty mood



Tearfulness

Dear Parent/Carer,

You are invited to attend a workshop/coffee afternoon facilitated by the Slough Mental Health Support Team (MHST) on understanding and supporting children with low mood.

The workshops will cover the following topics:

- **Who the Mental Health Support Team is and how we can help**
- **What do we mean by low mood?**
- **What to look out for in young people / signs**
- **How to talk to your young person and open up conversations**
- **Maintenance of low mood and what keeps it going**
- **Useful techniques and how to support a young person with low mood**
- **Opportunity for questions, reflections and signposting to further support and resources for low mood difficulties in children**

The workshop will be on **Thursday 14th March 2:00-3:00pm at Priory School**, in the format of a coffee afternoon with a short presentation and a chance to chat informally to the Mental Health Support team afterwards. Parents who attend will also receive a copy of the slides afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes,

Mental Health Support Team



GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

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THE LIGHT UK
Caring for the community

Respite and support services from The Light UK

Friday 22nd March 10am to 11am

Join our online session hosted by Maariyah Fazil (The Light UK) to discuss:

- Respite
- Education
- Employment and training
- Personal care assistance support
- Mentoring
- Family Support and access to service
- Question and answer session for parent and carers

Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)



To book your place contact GEMS:



Gems.4Health@nhs.net



0800 999 1342



**Wednesdays, 13th March; 17th April; 8th May;
12th June; 3rd July 2024**

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; Exploring self care

DATE & TIME

Monthly- See above dates
10-12pm

VENUE

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

COST

FREE
(Refreshments provided)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Charlie Taylor
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Children welcome under parent supervision

Understanding Anger: Yours & Theirs!



UNDERSTANDING ANGER

11th March 7-9pm £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE giving a two hour talk to parents (and teachers), explaining what anger is, why we have it and how to manage it.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Berkshire Healthcare **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

Wednesday 27th March

10am-11.45am OR 1.30pm - 3pm

At Priory School

Toilet training intervention workshops for parents and carers of children with additional needs over the age of 4yrs (although lots of information about toilet training for all ages and stages of development)

Some children struggle more than others when learning to use the toilet. This can be for a variety of reasons. We understand how very stressful this is for parents.

We offer free workshops for families in Berkshire covering:

- ☑ Toilet training – trouble shooting the difficulties parents and their children are experiencing
- ☑ How to help child have a healthy bladder and bowel
- ☑ Specific information for families with a child or young person with additional needs

It also provides parents the opportunity to ask those difficult questions about toilet training in a safe space.

To book a place please follow link and complete questionnaire

<https://forms.office.com/e/wDwHq69rbQ>



PLAYERS WANTED (3 or 4)

Taplow United u9s (current Year 4) are looking to strengthen their squads for the 2024/25 with experienced players looking for change.

We currently have two teams playing in TVFDL on Sunday. Training every Saturday morning @ Braywick Maidenhead.

For more info contact: Stuart Godbolt
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