



Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all,



This week at Priory

Our amazing netball team won 23-0 against Penn Wood this week - well done to them!

Our first Full Governors board of this academic year was held earlier this week.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 5 and 6 Parent Forum. I will write up the minutes and put them on the website under the parent forum section.

Many of the Year 5 children are off to Kip on the Ship - have fun. It sounds amazing, although the staff are a little concerned about the lack of space on the bunks!

I hope to get our drone photo done this week for our 70th Jubilee, weather and logistics dependent!

Christmas Fayre

Don't forget to save the date - 2nd December 12pm - 2:00pm.

It really is the event of the year and we have 23 fabulous stalls including tombola's, Santa's Grotto, Crafting stalls, Elfridges, where your children can purchase a small gift for their parents and lots more.

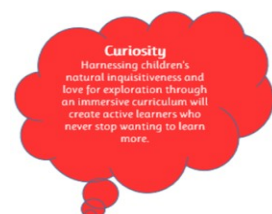
Do please share with friends and family - we have extra leaflets in the office if you wish to share them with the wider family.

Next week

Another busy week, well certainly for Year 6! Year 6 are visiting the local Baptist Church and on Tuesday, they have the Young Shakespeare company in. They are amazing and Year 6 are in for a treat.

On Wednesday, we have our annual Local Authority visit to monitor the effectiveness of the school.

We finish the week with two football matches - Year 5 and 6 boys and Year 5 and 6 girls! We wish them the best of luck and cannot wait to go out there to support them.





Upcoming Events

Year 6 Baptist church visit	27 th and 28 th November	
Year 6 - Young Shakespeare Company 1.15pm - 3.15	28 th November	
Christmas fayre	2nd December - 12 - 2pm	
International disability day	3 rd December	
Choir at St Peter's church	5 th December	
Priory Friends - coffee mornings	6 th December	
Hannukkah	7 th December	
Christmas jumper day and reindeer visit	7 th December	What is there to say - the reindeers are coming!!
Christmas door decoration judging	8 th December	
Candlelight Christmas Concert	8 th December 2.15pm - 3.15pm	Year 4
EYFS nativity	11 th December 2.30pm	
Year 1 nativity	12 th December 2.00pm	
Christmas lunch	13 th December	

Weekly attendance percentages: 13th - 17th November 2023

Whole school - 94%

Year 1 - 98%
Year 2 - 93%
Year 3 - 96%
Year 4 - 91%
Year 5 - 95%
Year 6 - 93%

Congratulations to **5Ofili** with **99%** the highest attendance this week!





UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Uniform is an important part of school life, it helps to build a sense of community and belonging. Uniform can set the tone of the school and help raise standards of work ethic and behaviours in school. Uniform has many benefits including minimising the social pressures to wear what is in fashion. Our uniform should reflect the cultural and religious diversity of our school and should support our young people to grow up to be respectful of different religions and culture. Therefore, our uniform expectations are flexible, sensitive, and inclusive. We regularly review our uniform to ensure value for money, we provide appropriate alternatives to ensure parents can manage the cost of uniform.

Our uniform policy will not change significantly, it is important to send your child into school in full smart uniform. We have not set a deadline for all uniform to have the new logo and we will accept old uniform until it has phased out naturally.

Uniform with the logo is not essential. It is encouraged to have one jumper or cardigan with the school logo, but it is not required. However, if buying a plain top please ensure that there are no logos of any kind.

I do wish to impress on you that uniform will be monitored carefully, our policy is flexible and inclusive allowing everyone to access the uniform easily. We will be strict about uniform and will call home and expect you to bring to school appropriate uniform if necessary. We will pay particular attention to footwear and PE kits.

Children should wear plain black shoes or trainers only, even on PE days. No ankle boots or boots will be accepted. T-shirts, polo shirts, cardigans, jumpers that do not contain the school logo must be plain.

The uniform expectations from September are the following:

- Black trainers or shoes - no boots, heels, or sandals.
- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Grey or black skirts/ culottes, knee length.
- White or green shirts or blouses
- Grey school dress
- Green and white checked cotton dress
- White or green polo shirts with or without school logo
- Green jumpers or cardigans, either plain or with school logo.



- Plain white, green, grey, or black socks
- Grey, white, green, black tights.
- No Jewellery
- No makeup, nail varnish, false nails or hair extensions.
- Long hair should be tied up.

- Religious headwear should be grey, green, black, or white.
- Leggings worn under school uniform must be white, black, or green.

PE Kit – it has been beneficial to families, pupils, and the school to wear kit to school on PE days, therefore, we will continue to ask children to wear PE kit on school days. However, PE kit must be smart and in line with the school uniform policy, expectations, and school colours.

- a white round neck t-shirt either completely plain or with school logo.
- Black sports jumper/ hoody, plain or with school logo.
- black shorts, skirt or black tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- No jewellery/earings should be worn during PE/sport activities.

Iron on School Logo Badges

These are now available on ParentPay at a cost of £2.15 each, please make your purchase and then come to the school office with your ParentPay receipt to collect your badges.



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:

- In2Care Winter Wonderland Holiday Camp



Sign of the Week

Road Safety

<https://youtu.be/BxV54juQL9Q>



Peek at the Week

Please follow link for this week's
<://www.prioryschool.co.uk/peek-at-the-week-1/>

SEN Resources

ACCESS THE SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP ONLINE - BOOK A PLACE NO REFERRAL NEEDED

[Occupational Therapy | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#)
(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)

ACCESS FREE RESOURCES AND HELP FOR SENSORY, FINE AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

[Health and Development | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#)
(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)



Year 6 - Amazing Individuals

Year 6 have been learning about some amazing individuals and have written biographies about some of them.

Rolihlahla Mandela

On the 18th July 1918, Rolihlahla Mandela was born in South Africa. Mandela attended a Christian School and was given the English name of 'Nelson'. At the time, there were not equal rights between black and white people. This made him very sad because he couldn't do anything about it. He'd get sent to prison if he did!

When he was at school, Mandela dreamed of black equal rights between 'coloured' and white people. He wished to stop racism one day. Nelson got one step closer to his dream by studying law at college. Then, tragedy struck, Nelson got sent to prison for a whopping 26 years! This took place shortly after he ran away from his home on Xhosa. He also faced segregation in South of Africa for many years, due to apartheid.

Mandela achieved many successes, including: he became the first black president of South Africa, he won the Nobel peace prize and many people started protesting for him.

Mandela was voted to be the President of South Africa. His fame spread worldwide when Queen Elizabeth I - the monarch of England - met him in London.

Unfortunately, Nelson died in 2013 (he was 95 at the time). However, his legacy of hope and dignity still lives on. Many consider him one of the world's most influential figures.

What an influential and inspiring man he was!

By Lyla Anthony

Nelson Mandela, President of
South Africa, 1994-1999





Mae Jemison

On the 17th October, 1965, Mae Jemison was born in Alabama, USA. Her mother, Dorothy, worked as a teacher and her father, Charles, worked in maintenance. From a young age Mae was fascinated by science and she always worked hard at school.

As Mae grew up, she dreamed of becoming an astronaut and going into space. She did have some hobbies, like singing and dancing but she always to go to space. She loved studying and became an engineer. She then began to study medicine and was then able to become an astronaut.

Mae did have to struggle and fight for her place, as at that time, it was usually white men who were chosen to be astronauts and go into space. She faced a lot of other challenges on the Journey to become an astronaut because of racism but she never gave up.

Although Mae faced lots of hurdles, she made it in the end. She achieved many successes, including: being the first ever black woman to enter space and become as astronaut; she won the honourable award of the 100 year Starship Project; and she helped to run a space program trying to get a spaceship to our nearest star.

Mae's fame grew and grew when she became a teacher to inspire little minds to do big things and follow their dream, even if they face challenges, and that they should never give up. Mae Jemison is still alive today and she might even be one of the greatest women to ever .

By Manha Saeed

Mae Jemison - the
first black woman in
space





Mary Seacole

Did you know that Mary Jane Seacole was born in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1805? She was welcomed into a large house with many rooms. Her parents were called Les and Iles Grant. She had two siblings - Edward and Louisa. Her family life was good. Despite all this, there was still a worldwide issue that would mean a huge challenge for Mary- racism,

When she was a young child, Mary dreamed of being a nurse. Her mum made medicines from plants (as Mary would observe.) She wrote diaries about her daily life. At, aged 31, Mary married Edward Seacole.

Life was going good until disaster struck when her husband died soon after they married. From then, life became a living nightmare: she had financial problems; she got rejected from being a nurse because she was black; and racism was still a big problem that she had to endure.

Life got better when Mary decided to go to help in the war anyway and she built a hospital, near the battle fields. Mary would help the British and the Russians as she would say "A wounded man is a wounded man". She was loved by all and was called 'Mother Seacole'.

Mary's fame grew when she published her book about her life experiences. The autobiography was called, 'The adventures of Mary Seacole'. She died in 1881 at the age of 75 and was buried in London. Many believe she could be one of the most compassionate black woman to step foot on the Earth!

What an amazing woman!

By Safoorah Mubin

Mary Seacole





Katherine Johnson

On the 26th of August 1918, a star was born in West Virginia, USA – Katherine Johnson. From a young age Katherine loved maths, in fact she was extraordinary at it! She was enrolled at a black high school at only 10 years of age, and whizzed through that as well! Her maths teacher encouraged her to become a mathematician when she grew up.

Throughout her childhood Katherine had only one dream: being a research mathematician for NASA. Despite her incredible brain, due to racial segregation Katherine was not allowed to chase her dream and was forced to be a math teacher for a few years. But she never gave up on her dream, and looked for opportunities, and in 1953 she found one: a job in NASA's research department!



The road wasn't easy though, as in 1956 tragedy struck when Katherine's husband died of cancer. At first she was not allowed in the main part of NASA's research facility because of her skin colour. Despite these challenges Katherine persevered, and she was promoted to job of a 'computer', she would do calculations that a computer does today.

After many years worked at NASA Katherine had achieved many things: she had worked on every major Apollo mission; saved the astronauts on Apollo 13; and even, 29 years after her retirement won the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015. The astronauts on many of the missions trusted her more than a computer, even John Glen (the first American man in space) relied on her calculations before he blasted off into orbit.

After she joined NASA her fame rapidly multiplied, and soon everybody in America knew her as the first black women to join NASA. She was praised more as the disaster on Apollo 13 (part of the shuttle blew up) was saved by her quick calculations. Katherine died on the 24th of February 2020 but her legacy has impacted the whole world, she is known for has astronomical achievements with NASA. She could be considered the greatest black woman ever to step foot in this world.

What an inspirational figure!

by James Moore

Katherine Johnson being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Barack Obama.





Year 6 - Collages

Year 6 have been exploring collage and symbolism during their Monarchy art lessons this week and have created some fantastic royal portraits!





3 Moore visit to Field Studies Council Amersham



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15th November 2023

Testimonials from the children

"I was very excited to build my Stone Age house and we gathered lots of plants to make the walls."

"What I really enjoyed about the trip was when we built the houses and got to experience how it felt for the Stone Age people."



"I was so excited I forgot where we were going. When I got there, I was ecstatic. I loved it."

"The trip was fun and I like building houses. I had the best time ever. I had so much fun."



"The trip to Amersham was amazing. The best thing was when we went we went and built Stone Age houses because it really felt like I was in the Stone Age."

"For the School trip, I enjoyed making Sone Age houses. I loved lighting sparkles and I liked searching for the animals."

"When I went on my trip, I was so happy and calm."

"When I went on the bus, It was so much fun."

"I was so happy, a teacher came and told us all about the Stone Age."



3 Moore had a great time exploring the fields. They were attentive and were engaged with the different activities set up for that day. Activities like lighting fires, hunting for mammoths, ordering a timeline, building a stone age house and cave painting in a group. The children definitely had a great time as they gave their testimonials to what had happened. It was a pleasure having the children work in teams to achieve their desired stone age home.



Nursery-Rhyme Week



Last week Nursery celebrated World Nursery Rhyme Week 2023. Each day we learnt to sing and sign a different rhyme.

We learnt:

Jack and Jill went up the hill,
Hickory, Dickory, Dock,
Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes,
Row, Row, Row your boat,
The Wheels on the bus.



During the week we had fun completing lots of activities based around the rhyme. On Thursday and Friday, many of our parents joined us for a rhyme time session. It was lovely seeing the children so excited to have a parent sing and sign with them. Thank you to all the parents who joined us. It was a great end to a brilliant nursery rhyme week.



Year 5 & 6 Girls Netball Team

Congratulations Girls on your 23 -0 success against Pen Wood School!





Priory Friends Christmas Fayre



PRIORY SCHOOL

Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
12 - 2PM

OPENING PERFORMANCE BY THE PRIORY SCHOOL CHOIR

LETS GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

SANTA'S GROTTTO | TOMBOLA | CRAFTS & GAMES
RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW | REFRESHMENTS AND MORE...

📍 ORCHARD AVE, SLOUGH SL1 6HE



Big Mighty Netball Schools Giveaway

Mighty Netball have opened a competition on Facebook and Instagram by simply mentioning our school on their post.

Please tag as **Priory School, Slough, SL1 6HE**. This will ensure that the correct school has been tallied up as the winner is based on how many mentions they receive on Instagram and Facebook combined

I have attached the flyer which has more details

The competition closes at 11.59pm on Monday 27th November so please get tagging and share, share, share with family and friends!



BIG MIGHTY SCHOOLS GIVEAWAY

1ST PRIZE

- *12 week netball curriculum
- *Training for a teacher or parent to deliver sessions
- *A bag of Mighty size 4 netballs
- *2 sets of netball bibs

2ND PRIZE

- A bag of Mighty size 4 netballs

MIGHTY Netball



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Your child's full name

Your child's form/class name

By email:

By phone: 01252 728457

If you already have the Gallery Name and Gallery code, you can LOGIN HERE



Extended Care Provision



Just a reminder that the new Extended Care provision is now in operation. The company is called In-to-Care, if you want further information please [Click Here](#)