

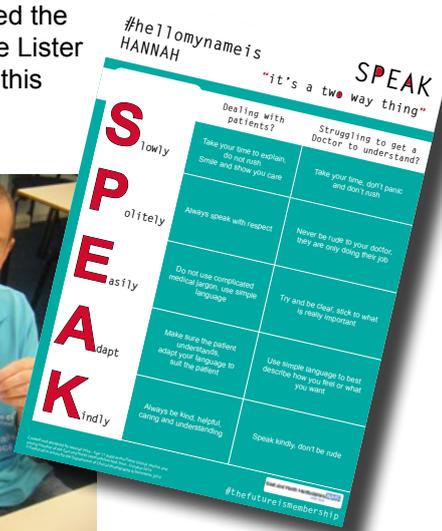
# Priory News



Imagine this as an NHS experience: You go to hospital and you are greeted with a grumpy and rude receptionist. Then when you finally get to see a doctor they speak to you using medical jargon and rush you along, for them to see their next patient. You eventually leave the hospital not really knowing what your diagnosis is and feeling very frustrated and let down by your local NHS. Hannah Price (Year 11) had a similar experience when she visited her local hospital and decided she wanted to do something about it. Working with David Brewer from the Lister hospital, Hannah was determined to start a campaign to make a real difference - SPEAK. The SPEAK campaign began with a simple poster idea in conjunction with the Lister hospital. Hannah designed her poster idea and was invited to present her SPEAK campaign at the Lister hospital annual general meeting in July 2014. Hannah presented the campaign to over 400 delegates! After she got a fantastic reception at the meeting, the Lister hospital decided they wanted to take further steps to support Hannah in the launch of this campaign so working with TPS, we decided to make a film!

In October 2014 Hannah successfully launched her campaign film! David Brewer said 'Supporting Hannah to bring the SPEAK campaign to life has been inspirational and the hospital is determined to embed the campaign and promote it nationally'.

The film serves to highlight the fundamental message of the SPEAK campaign which is centred around clear communication between patients and NHS staff. Within 12 hours of the film being launched via Twitter, the film received more than 60,000 re-tweets and the film has been viewed almost 500 times within a few days of launching. Hannah said 'I can't quite believe the amount of support that we have had in launching the campaign and I am excited about the future. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in making this such a success'.



If you would like to see Hannah's film you can watch it on Vimeo <https://vimeo.com/108800527> and find us on Twitter via #SPEAK and #TheFutureIsMembership.

Smile International is an aid and development charity dedicated to helping relieve suffering and poverty around the world. The Christmas shoebox appeal is one of Smile's many programmes through which they practically live out their mission statement. A shoebox full of gifts means such a lot to the children and families they work with - not only the presents inside, but the love that leaps out of the box, maybe unspoken but nonetheless heard. In many instances this will be the only present the child has ever been given and they are greatly treasured, even the box and the wrapper. The Priory School have again been encouraged to help with the Christmas Shoeboxes in a project run for several years across a number of local schools and churches, coordinated by Walsworth Road Baptist Church. Assemblies across the year groups in school will offer further information, but our students are encouraged to donate a wrapped shoebox with the suggested items and to bring this into school. The boxes will be collected on Friday 7th November, so please bring your shoeboxes into school as soon as possible. For more information regarding the Smile project log onto [www.smileinternational.org](http://www.smileinternational.org) and click on the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Or check out the local project at <http://www.wrbchitchin.org.uk/smileshoebox.html>



**On the morning of Sunday 12th October TPS Community Ambassadors took part in the Hitchin Big Tidy**



**up project for the second year running. The students focused on Redhill Road on Westmill where they worked together to clean up the foot path near the shops. When we arrived there were empty cans, glass bottles, sweet wrappers and even an old mattress! By the end of the morning, the students had collected numerous bags of rubbish as well as two full bins! Hopefully, with the hard work of the team, the footpath looks much more presentable for members of the public accessing it. The Community Ambassadors are keen to ensure that the path is kept tidy. In order to try and encourage people not to drop their litter, they are in the process of writing letters to the local council to ask for bins to be placed along the footpath. A huge well done the team for the continued effort, dedication and hard work to support their local community!**



## A sport of sword fighting over lunch

We were excited to have North Herts Blades fencing club in to give some of our students a quick tutorial on Fencing this month. Students were fully kitted out and taught different sword skills and allowed to fight an opponent. Even the teachers got involved!



### Mike Mullen, pro BMX rider pays The Priory a visit

A group of students were treated to a master class in BMX riding when Mike Mullen, a pro BMX champion came to visit as part of the Sky Sport Active Life Programme. He started off his visit with an autobiography of his life including all his ups and downs and how he overcame obstacles and persevered to achieve his goals. This was followed up by a 90 minute BMX master class including jumps and freestyle moves. We look forward to Mike returning in the Summer Term to work with our Year 10 sports leaders.



### And here's one I prepared earlier...!

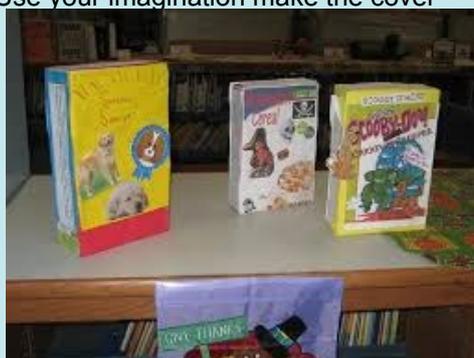
In the best traditions of that enduring BBC TV programme Blue Peter, we are calling upon those creative students amongst us to make (during a spare hour of half term) their own cereal box book! Book Week will be taking place between Monday 10 and Friday 14 November and we wanted to make our lovely new Library look sensational!

With a cereal box, variety pack or full size, we would love you to make your own 3d model of your favourite book. Use your imagination make the cover you feel best suits the story. The more colourful, the better.

Everyone who brings a "book" to the library after half term will receive a merit sticker and then everyone's name will be put into a prize draw!

So get cracking with the sticky back plastic, wrapping paper, glitter and glue, we can't wait to see your efforts!

Mrs Stovin and Mrs Plum



### WANTED – DISCO DJ

**Parents/carers are you a budding disco DJ or do you know of anyone that would be interested in being the school DJ for free or a small fee? please contact Mrs Folgate if you are interested.**

The Priory School Twitter account is now active and running. Please sign up to follow us and receive information, photos and links to events happening in and out of school, exam results, campus developments and other news snippets. You will still receive regular communications via post and Parentmail and of course more is available through the website but if you are a Twitter user, you can find us at @TPS\_Hitchin.



## Dates for your Diary 2014

### HALF TERM

Monday 27th-Friday 31st October

Monday 3rd November  
Dyslexia Week  
Remembrance Assembly (3 days)  
Independent Learning Week  
Yr 12 Astrium Science Trip

Thursday 6th November  
Yr 13 Parents' Evening 7pm  
Yr 12 & 13 Senior Maths Challenge

Monday 10th November  
LRC Book Week

Tuesday 11th November  
Cadets/Scouts Hitchin Memorial

Friday 14th November  
Senior Maths Team Challenge  
Yr 10 Good Food Show

Monday 17th November  
National Enterprise Week

Tuesday 18th November  
Yr 12 Parents' Eve 4.30-7pm  
Yr 10 & 12 Sports Leader Event

Wednesday 19th November  
PSA Yr 9 Disco

Thursday 20th November  
Yr 12 & 13 Biology Conference  
Yr 10 Enterprise Day

Friday 21st November  
Yr 9 Enterprise Day

Monday 24th November  
Local Charity Week  
Yr 12 Harry Potter Trip

Wednesday 26th November  
Yr 6 Maths Day  
6th Form Overnight Art Trip  
to London

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**Priory School Association**

The Priory School, Bedford Road, Hitchin, Herts SG5 2UR

# Christmas Craft Fair

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014 - 12 - 3pm**

We will be holding our annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November offering craft stalls, jewellery, stationery, health and beauty products, Christmas decorations and presents.

If any parent, carer or staff member would like to hire a stall to sell your own crafts, please indicate on the form below and send it with your remittance in to the school as soon as possible. The booking fee is **£15** per table (tables approx. 6ft x 2ft) payable in advance and non-refundable. If you have just a few things, and don't feel you could fill a stall, please contact us to let us know, as we can pair you up with someone else.

If you are interested, please reply by **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014**.

If you require any further information, please contact us on: [psa@priory.herts.sch.uk](mailto:psa@priory.herts.sch.uk)



## Christmas Craft Fair

29<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 12-3pm

To: **Priory School Association**, The Priory School, Bedford Road, Hitchin SG5 2UR

I would like to book a table for this year's Christmas Craft Fair on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014

I would like to share a stall or contribute items to a shared stall (you will be contacted to arrange)

Name .....

Address.....

Email ..... Tel .....

Products to be sold.....

Special requests .....

I enclose a cheque to the value of **£15** made payable to 'Priory School Association'

Please return together with payment to: Priory School Association, The Priory School, Bedford Road, Hitchin SG5 2UR

**By Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

# Christmas Fayre!

Saturday 29th November 2014  
Hitchin Market Square 11am - 3pm



*Proceeds will go towards our work with families in the Hitchin area. Hitchin Partnership of Schools work together to meet the needs of all young people from 0-19 years within Hitchin and surrounding villages.*

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