

Priory News



FUNDRAISER



Hannah rises to her India challenge

A hard-working pupil from a Hitchin school has been busy raising funds for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to India by selling cakes she's baked herself.

Hannah Isbister, 15, made hundreds of mouth-watering cakes to sell in Market Place on Saturday - as part of her school's World Expedition

Challenge and development project.

Priory School student Hannah, who lives in Hitchin with mum Jenny, dad Roy and 11-year-old sister Maya, is now two-thirds of the way to her £3,000 target.

The Year 11 pupil said: "I've raised about £2,000 so far by selling bunting I've

made myself and cakes including ones with the India flag iced on. A big thank to everyone who came out in the rain to support me."

Mum Jenny - who visited India during a 1988 round-the-world trip, said: "I'm very proud of how Hannah is working to raise the money herself for the trip."

Open Evening Early Closure

Please note the school will close at **12.40pm on Thursday 6th October**. This is to allow time to prepare the school for Open Evening. Could all students who have kindly offered their time to support Open Evening be on site by **5.15pm**. Thank you. The school is then **closed** to all students on **Friday 7th October**.

Parent View Survey

Dear Parents/Carers

We would be really grateful if you could spare a few moments to complete the Parent View survey from Ofsted with your views of the school. To do this, please go to our website where you will find the link.

<http://www.priory.herts.sch.uk/news/spare-a-few-moments/>

Many thanks for your time in completing this.

Dates for your Diary 2016

Wednesday 5th October

KS4 & KS5

Textiles trip

Thursday 6th October

Open Evening

5.30—9pm

School closes at 12.40pm

Friday 7th October

INSET DAY—School closed to students

Monday 10th October

Year 8 Parliament trip

'X' Band

Arrive in school 7.00am

Tuesday 11th October

Year 8 Parliament trip

'Y' Band

Arrive in school 7.00am

Thursday 13th October

Year 10 Evening

Welcome to Key Stage 4

7.00pm—8.00pm

Teaching and Learning...



On Wednesday the 14th September I was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to present to Nurses and professionals at a conference held at the University of Hertfordshire. As a hopeful future paediatric nurse myself, this opportunity proved valuable because not only did I get to give a presentation, but I also got to watch other presentations which I feel really benefitted my knowledge towards the compassionate side of being a nurse.

The presentation which I gave was twenty minutes long and was on the topic of my national NHS campaign – SPEAK – ‘it’s a two way thing.’ SPEAK is a communication campaign which tries to promote effective communication between clinicians and young people (the video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLD-4lqEkOw>). I feel that the presentation was really beneficial, not only for me but also for the nurses attending, this is because even though I am sure they are all brilliant at their job, nursing like any job has times where the pressure is almost unbearable. Therefore it can be easy to get weighed down by that pressure and not speak Slowly, Politely, Easily, Kindly and Adapting your language . Therefore my presentation just acted as a little reminder that actually as young people we understand that clinicians are under a HUGE amount of pressure, but we still need that kind, compassionate care that helps us to have a positive experience and receive the treatment that we need.

Since giving the presentation I received requests for posters of SPEAK so that other hospitals, such as Barnet, can start using SPEAK in their trust. This is such an exciting opportunity for not only myself but everyone who has been involved with SPEAK from the start, three years ago. I am thankful for the opportunities that SPEAK has given me and for the support I have received from school. Through opportunities such as this we are one step closer to reminding both health care clinicians and young people that treatment is made so much easier if both parties are polite and make it comfortable enough that the young person has the courage to ask questions if unsure. So next time you have a health care appointment remember to SPEAK!
(By Hannah Price Year 13)



Attendance

Form	Attendance to 29/9/16	Merits as at 29/9/16	Form	Attendance 29/9/16	Merits as at 29/9/16	Form	Attendance 29/9/16	Merits as at 29/9/16
7LB	96.96	111	9VM	94.20	140	11MH	97.25	106
7CA	98.82	322	9AA	97.77	127	11RP	95.16	133
7SH	97.10	235	9GG	98.20	150	11RS	95.33	93
7HF	98.24	188	9HB	91.67	182	11DM	96.72	94
7CV	98.07	164	9MC	96.18	135	11LP	95.13	94
7RO	96.76	184	9LC	95.69	161	11SB	94.60	95
7AD	98.43	176	10AM	98.04	161	FP	94.54	16
8AR	98.96	246	10SO	97.25	179	LE	93.63	22
8NS	90.95	171	10NJ	95.91	115	LJ	96.26	10
8JT	94.62	170	10CH	95.00	167	RF	95.99	28
8CJ	98.62	145	10TV	96.45	116	JH	96.91	5
8EG	95.74	141	10SA	94.80	110	AX	94.12	22
8TC	96.20	246				VS	95.29	22
8AH	94.02	234				NW	94.67	15

Literacy News.....

BOOK CLUB

Want to buy books for your own collection at competitive prices and help the library buy new books for our students to read at the same time?

Then log onto our new

TPS Scholastic Book Club!

Go to the Library page on the School Website:

(Departments > Library athen scroll down to the 'links' section at the bottom of the page - TPS Library Scholastic Book)

alternatively go to

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/the-priory-sg5>



You can look through the **Mini, XD or the Teen** collections and make your choice! For every **£1** you spend the Library will receive **20p**, which will soon build up and allow us to buy lots of lovely news books for the students to read.

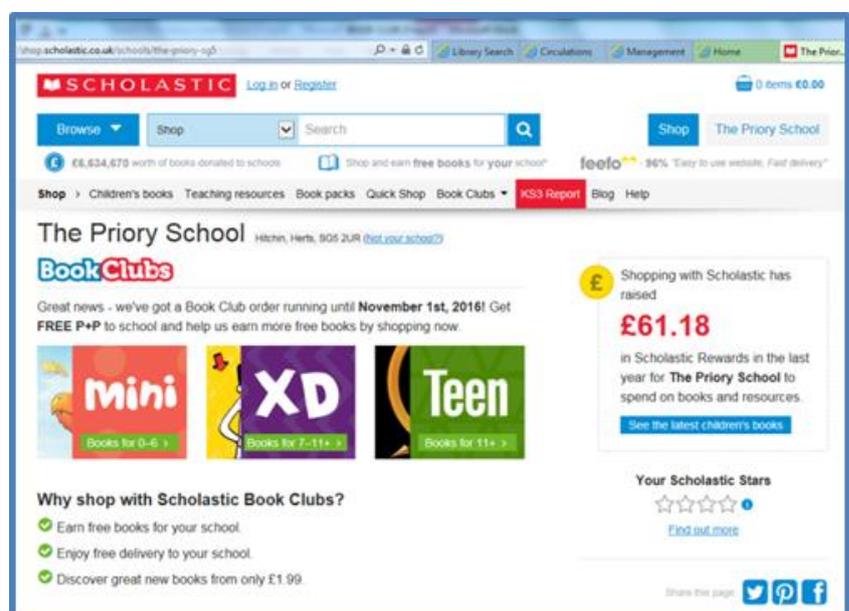
Parents pay online and the books are delivered to the school. When you sign in for the first time you have to register, set up a password and link yourself to our school so we receive the **20%**.

The instructions are simple and easy to follow!

With Christmas on the horizon it's a very easy way to shop and you are benefitting all the students at The Priory School while enjoying the ability to purchase excellent titles at discounted prices, so please **Sign Up today!!**

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Stovin and Mrs Plum
School Librarians



Events....

Wellbeing week

The week commencing the 10th October we have our first "Wellbeing Week"!

During the week students will be learning about all things wellbeing and mental health related in form time , and Mrs Southall along with the health champions will be delivering assemblies all week.

This is to mark National Mental Health awareness day on 10th October.

Also, during lunch time on 10th October there will be a wellbeing fair in the main hall with lots of different agencies attending such as school nursing, the Lister Hospital, CAMHS, Teen Yoga, Step 2, Phase and many more!

The fair is a chance for students to come along and learn more about mental health and wellbeing from a range of professionals. There will also be a cake sale, face painting and a yoga tent which Miss Loo is very excited about!

Follow us on Twitter for updates of all the action! @SouthallMrs and @TPS_Hitchin or search #TPSmentalhealth

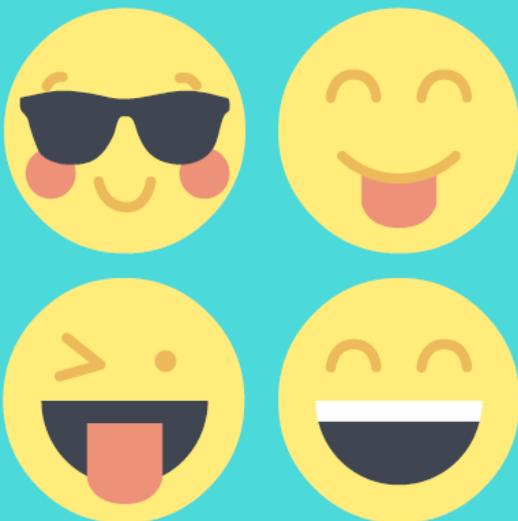


We  **face painting**

Don't cry over the past,
it's gone.
Don't stress
about the future,
it hasn't arrived.
Live in the present
and make it beautiful.

Wellbeing Week 10th October

**STUDENTS CAN
NOW LOGIN
TO OUR NEW ONLINE
REWARDS SYSTEM**



epraise.co.uk

The award winning school reward system

ASK YOUR CHILD TO SHOW YOU

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE SOME CHANGES TO THE PE CLUB TIMETABLE

Extra-Curricular PE Clubs

	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	7 & 8 Basketball Gymnastics	Girls Football
TUESDAY	Girls Badminton Volleyball	Netball All Years
WEDNESDAY	9 & 10 Basketball Table tennis	Rugby Wheelchair Basketball Climbing
THURSDAY	Trampolining (Club Trampolinists) Girls Basketball Yoga BTEC/GCSE Revision	Sports Leaders (Yr 10) Badminton Boys Football Running Club
FRIDAY	6 th form football	

Charity fundraising

TPS is in the top 300 schools nationally!



As you know, the Priory School always tries to give back to charities and every year we support a plethora of charities from Save the Children and Phase to Red Nose Appeal and Keech Hospice.

In 2015/16, together we raised just under £10,000 for a number of different charities. Well done to our staff and students who continue to work so hard in order to support these important charities.

This year, our first charity week is w/c 28th November for Children in Need with non-uniform day at the end of that week.

This week, TPS has been named as one of the top 300 schools across the county for fundraising and we have climbed over the last 3 years – reaching number 263 this year! As a result, Children in Need will be featuring TPS on their website as part of their 2016 campaign and we have just been awarded the accolade of a “BBC Partner School” – we are very excited about this!

So, let’s keep on fundraising together and ensuring that we can support these superb charities who do so much for those in need. Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Southall

WE ARE
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Thank you to all staff and students who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning by baking and eating cakes!
We raised £ 251.00!



Support...

Food Parcels

Times of hardship can impact anyone and have major consequences, perhaps through unemployment, bereavement, ill health, learning difficulties or carer responsibilities. **The Foodbank in Hitchin is able to provide three days' emergency food to support local people in crisis.**



Hitchin Partnership are a team of Family Support Workers working with schools in Hitchin and the surrounding villages. **If you would like to speak to somebody about arranging a food parcel please call our friendly team on 07817 715027.** If you prefer you could speak to a staff member at your child’s school who will contact Hitchin Partnership.

Foodbank Opening Times

Tuesdays and Fridays - 10am to 12 noon



If you call between 10am and 12 noon you will also be able to have a tea/coffee and biscuits.

Distribution Centre - Hitchin Once you get there enter by the door next to our sign

Hitchin Scout Hall

Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Andrew

16 Nightingale Road

Hitchin, Herts SG5 1QS

Other local Distribution Centres are in Letchworth and Baldock.

Hitchin Partnership CIO Registered Charity: 1158637 Hitchin Partnership is the collaboration of all 27 schools in Hitchin and the surrounding villages providing a Family Support Worker Service.

Enquiries: hpadmin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk.