

Priory News

Educating Students for Success in Life

OPEN EVENING THANKS

A massive thank you to all the students who supported the school through Open Evening and all of our Open Mornings. It is great to be able to show the school off to the community and our prospective Year 6 students. There was so much amazing work going on and hundreds of students worked hard to guide families around or demonstrate the fantastic learning we do at TPS. All students who helped have been rewarded on Epraise.

Thank you.
Mr Foster, Assistant Headteacher

INTOUCH

As you are aware the school has decided to move to SIMS InTouch to send our school communications as it will enable the school to send additional communications such as exam timetables and progress checks.

Year 7 already receive these email communications and after half term we will be transferring the rest of the school over to InTouch.

InTouch is purely an email based system , A SIMS Parent and SIMS Student app will be available (*further information on this together with a release date will follow later this term*)



To avoid InTouch emails being sent to your SPAM / junk folder, please can we ask that you add the following email to your contacts;

Contact Name: The Priory School

Email Address: 9194000@Capita-Intouch.co.uk

If you experience any issues with InTouch please email Nicola Blake , Office Manager at :

nicola.blake@priory.herts.sch.uk

Dates for your Diary 2017

Monday 30th October

Students back to school

Wednesday 1st November

Year 8, 9 and 11—Progress checks sent out via InTouch

Year 12 and 13— Othello Theatre Trip 2.30pm

Year 7—Halloween Disco 7pm in Main School Hall

Thursday 2nd November

Year 13 Consultation Evening

Thursday 2nd — Sunday 5th November

Iceland Trip

Monday 27th November

Occasional Day

School closed to students

AUCTION EVENING —WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2017



Art Teacher, Miss Havelange, organised an Auction Evening at The Priory School on Wednesday 18th October 2017 to raise funds for one of our students, Leon Woolcott and his family. Leon was diagnosed with a brain tumour a few years ago and has been receiving treatment since. This has meant huge hardship for his family having to attend appointments and treatments. So far the school has raised over £1,000 which will be given as a Christmas present to Mr and Mrs Woolcott. Huge thanks go to everyone who has supported this event and who have given so generously.



Responsibility

Respect

Resilience

Teaching and Learning...

UNIFORM PLEA

Last year we accumulated coats, jackets, hats, gloves, shoes and other clothing to the value of several hundred pounds in lost property. Students are able to look through lost property at any time and we lay it out in the Main School Hall once a term for parents to come and reclaim lost items too. Unfortunately, a huge proportion of this goes unclaimed every year and we donate it to clothes bank charities. Could I please ask that you label student clothing, including non-uniform items? This could be as simple as using a permanent pen on the internal labels to write their name. If your child's clothing is labelled somewhere, it will almost always find its way back to its owner. Thank you.

DETENTIONS

Unfortunately we have reached the point in term where some students have accumulated a few detentions that they need to attend. Could I ask for some parental support in ensuring your child knows when their detention is? Students have access to lists in the Café each day and are told daily who is on the detention list in the bulletin. If a student misses a detention, they must sit a longer Senior Leadership Team (SLT) detention on a Friday afternoon. We are looking to upgrade the notification system after half term to make communication more efficient. Your support at all times is gratefully received. Please remember, all homework can be viewed by students and parents on the ShowMyHomework site, available through the school website.

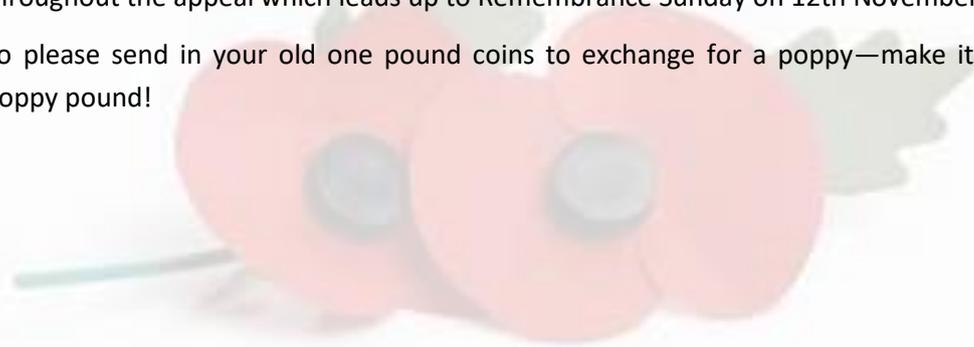
Mr Foster, Assistant Headteacher



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2017

The official Poppy Appeal will launch on Thursday 26th October 2017 across the country. Although the old round pound coin ceased to be legal tender after 16th October 2017, the Royal British Legion is offering to accept any out-of-date coins throughout the appeal which leads up to Remembrance Sunday on 12th November.

So please send in your old one pound coins to exchange for a poppy—make it a poppy pound!



LEGO



Do you have any unwanted Lego?

Is there a big tub in the back of a cupboard just gathering dust?

We are looking to start a Lego club in school, but only have a very limited supply, so are looking for any donations possible. If you have any spare bits or any manuals or sets of instructions, please can you send them into school addressed to Learning Support.

Thank you!



Mrs A. Harrison, SendCo

Teaching and Learning...

JACK THE RIPPER TOUR – LONDON

On Wednesday 20th September 2017 some Year 9 students went on a day trip to London - based on their Jack the Ripper work in History. We arrived at school at 8.50am and got on a bus into London. The bus journey took about an hour and a half, and we arrived in London at about 10.30am. When we arrived, we had two tour guides meet us, and we split into two groups. Then the tour guides took us up to a hill and we got told about the History of London.

We learnt about how London – the capital city of England – was very useful in the past for trade and businesses. The River Thames was the main source of trade because it was such a long river, and boats carrying all sorts of goods could travel up and down the Thames. This meant that businesses in London could be well stocked. After that, we headed to the large brick wall, separating the City of London from the rest of London.

On one side of the wall London was very well developed with many nice buildings. On the other side however, there was the poor part of London, where poverty was very high around the time of Jack the Ripper. We learnt that the wall was a great place for Police to keep guard, because you could keep an eye on people entering and leaving the city of London.



the area which lasted for 15 minutes. Jack the Ripper was able to murder his victims in that time! Afterwards, we went round the corner and acted out what happened when a victim was found. We played inspectors, police, detectives and lots more! We learnt what would happen then, and the difference between how it was dealt with then, and how it would be dealt with now.

Finally, we took a walk down one of London's dark, narrow alleyways which allowed us to see what most of London would have been like during 1888 – very scary, and not a nice place to live in. It was a good, but tiring day!



Around 12.30pm, we walked a little bit further and sat down to have our lunch. We had a chance to ask questions, before moving on to learning more about Jack the Ripper and his victims. The tour guides then talked to us about how Jack the Ripper murdered his victims, and about how he was so stealth-like at night. The Police were guarding Whitechapel, taking loops around



By Alice Ramsey, 9CO

Teaching and Learning...

INTERMEDIATE RECITAL EVENING

The Music Department held its first Intermediate Recital Evening on Monday 16th October at 7pm. This was an evening for students who had achieved Music Grades 1-5 across all year groups to perform, including a few Year 7 students who only joined the school seven weeks ago.

There were performances from drummers, singers, trumpet and trombone players as well as string and woodwind performances. It was a really lovely evening and all the students did extremely well.



Thanks must also go to the Music Managers, especially Chloe who hosted the evening, and also to our Parent Fundraising Team as well. It was a real team music effort.

We are always looking for new parents to join our Fundraising Team, so if you have a child who takes part in the Music Department activities and can spare some time to help us with different events, then we would love to hear from you. If you would be able to help please email Lindsay Creak, Head of Music at: lindsay.creak@priory.herts.sch.uk

Finally, please do follow us on twitter @tps_musicdept to keep up to date with what we are up to! We look forward to seeing you at our



Christmas Concert on Wednesday 6th December at 7pm.

The Music Department



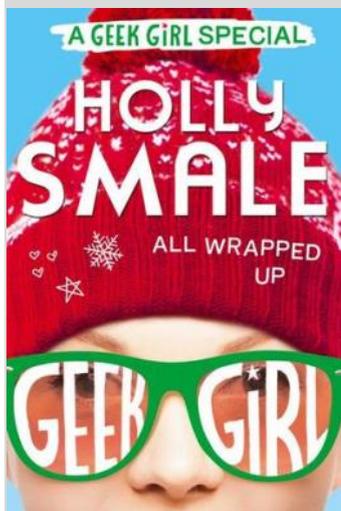
ITV THE VOICE KIDS 2018

ARE YOU A SUPER TALENTED SINGER? (AGED UP TO 14)

The Voice Kids is returning to ITV in 2018 and are looking for super-talented singers aged 7–14 years old, who have what it takes to take over The Voice Kids stage.

Applications for the second series can now be submitted via the following link: <http://www.itv.com/thevoicekidsuk/apply>. Applications must be submitted by a parent / legal guardian.

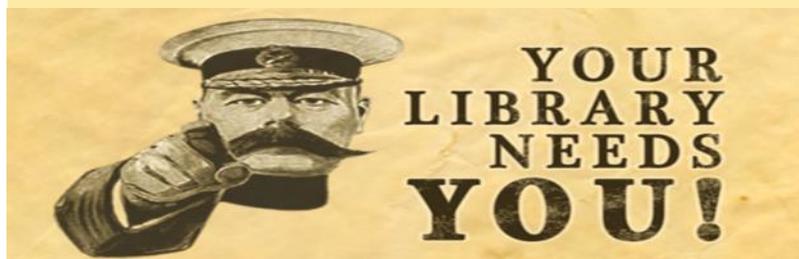
STUDENT CHOICE BOOK OF THE WEEK



Geek Girl – All Wrapped Up by Holly Smale.

This story is about how a girl called Harriet Manners is trying to get her first kiss - in the hope that her Christmas will go exactly how she wants it to. But many things happen on the way. Her best friend Nat is trying to convince her not to go on a trip to London as she is worried Harriet's boyfriend may want to break up with her – and her friend would hate to see Harriet in such a state. Her boyfriend is called Lion Boy and there is a weird and awkward start but they manage to sort things out in the end. Her Dad and Mum want to stop her from going because she has to go on a train to London all by herself so it takes her a very long time to convince them, eventually she does manage to convince them and goes.

By Scarlett Bahnsen, Year 8



CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

Half term is here which means Christmas is not too far away!!

Want to do some easy Christmas Shopping from the comfort of your arm chair?

Want to buy some great new books at discounted prices and raise money for the Library to buy books for school?

Get your parents to register with the The Priory School Scholastic Book Club and the school will receive **20%** of anything you spend!

Browse the leaflet then order online via the link on the Library page of the school website.

We will share any money raised with the form that raises the largest amount, so you can buy books for your form!



Mrs Plum and Mrs Stovin, Library

Sports, Clubs, Activities and Results....

NETBALL

Well done to the Year 9 Netball Team. They played their first league fixture on Thursday 12th October 2017 against Knights Templar School and Hitchin Girls' School.

The team won convincingly against Knights Templar School with 13-8.

They then played Hitchin Girls' School. Despite leading in the first half, they then unfortunately lost. They played really well.

Congratulations to the following students:

Jada Oye, Rhiannon Lawrence, Emily Rickels, Rebecca Hendry, Olivia Harrington, Molly Sharp, Rhian Kelly, Briony Arnold, Emma Dodd and Anya Knowles.



Miss Foy, PE Department



BRILLIANT FOOTBALL RESULTS

A brilliant result for The Priory School Year 10 Football Team who played against Highfield School on Thursday 12th October. The team won 9-2—a great performance all round. The goal scorers were Alfie L'Honore (3), Ajay Lidder (3), Cameron Francis (2) and Billy Porter (1).

The Football Team had another fixture on Tuesday this week against St Christopher School. The Priory School won 5-1! Great results coming through Year 10! The goal scorers were Ajay Lidder (2), Alfie L' Honore (2), Flynn Allen-Quarmby (1). The result could have been a higher score but it was a hard battled game, with players playing out of their positions. The team were well disciplined and did very well to secure a convincing win!

Well done to the following students:

Joe Warne, Peter Church, Jack Foulkes, Luke Griggs, Rocca Lewin-Wren, Andre McCalla, Finley Hayden, Flynn Allen-Quarmby, Cameron Francis, Ajay Lidder, Billy Porter, Alfie L'Honore, Thomas Gentry and Ryan Lawless.

Mr Omar, PE Department

Charity News



Hitchin's Christmas Shoebox Project - 2017

We have the opportunity again this year to be part of the town-wide shoebox project coordinated by Walsworth Road Baptist Church working to support the charity, Link to Hope. The project is being launched in schools and churches, with the hope that lots of shoeboxes

can be prepared and filled across the town during the Half term break.

Shoeboxes will be collected from the school on Friday 3rd November, and then sorted and prepared for their onward travel. Link to Hope send Christmas shoeboxes to people known to be in need in Moldova, Ukraine, Hungary and Romania. There are two styles of shoebox – *Family* or *Elderly* – so please choose which style you would like to create, and then wrap the box and lid with Christmas wrapping paper. Please print the Print Me sheet which is attached to this newsletter and use the contents list, stuck on the box lid, to fill the shoebox with good things, and please tick off what you have included.

Items suitable to go into either style of shoebox include -

Soap / Flannel Toothbrush & toothpaste Hair brush / comb Nail scissors / clippers Safety razors First aid plasters Candles with holders Socks / tights Craft kit / sewing kit Wind-up torch / radio Small/ travel-sized games Gloves / scarves / hat Hair accessories Pen / paper / notebook Work gloves

Shampoo / shower gel (max 300ml each) Sweets /chocolate ("best before June 2018", please)

Additional items suitable for a Family shoebox -

Crayons / felt tips Soft toys / small toys Colouring books Screwdriver / tape measure Simple calculator (esp solar powered) Hair accessories

Additional items suitable for an Elderly shoebox -

Cotton handkerchiefs Small mirror Reading glasses Sensory items (eg lavender bag/ a beany item/ small wind chime) Mug / cutlery / wooden spoon

Donation As a small charity and in order to assist with travel costs, Link to Hope ask for a donation of £2 per shoebox to be included with the box (cash or cheque), and encouraging those who are UK tax payers to sign a Gift Aid declaration as well, please. The form and donation can go inside the shoebox.

Thank you for your generous support again this year.

Questions? Please contact the local project team with any questions, rather than our school by emailing shoeboxes@wrbchitchin.org.uk or go to the church's website www.wrbchitchin.org.uk

PLEASE RETURN SHOE BOXES TO THE SCHOOL RECEPTION BY FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER.

If you are unable to print the attached 'print me sheet' please add a sticker on the box stating if the box is a 'family' or 'Elderly' box.

Charity News



AMAZING FUNDRAISING!

My name is Max and I'm currently fundraising for World Challenge. With World Challenge I'm going to the fluorescent country of Morocco! Spending time within the community of the country, going on horseback journeys and eating the unique food from Morocco, it sounds great! But there's a catch: to go on the trip you have to raise £2200!! I'm almost there and have raised £1370 with over half a year left. I've done cake sales, magic parties,



car washing, you name it I've done it! But recently I ran the Lip Sync Battle which was a huge success! The battle had 5 amazing acts and had one 'onesie dancing act' as the winner! The whole event raised £254, which is a great outcome and will massively help with my money raising! I'd like to thank Miss Follano and Simon from IT for their massive help and support!



The Lip Sync Battle was a great success and I cannot wait for the next one!

Max Carroll, Year 9



THINK PINK! DRESS PINK!

On Friday 20th October students and staff celebrated Think Pink Day!

The staff and students were encouraged to wear an item of pink (pink top, trousers, tie) and pay £1 to support Breast Cancer Awareness. We enjoyed seeing the students in their finest pink accessories!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Southall

Charity News

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING ANNUAL CONFERENCE



A Mental Health and Wellbeing Annual Conference was held at The Priory School on Friday 6th October 2017 for the second year running.

The theme this year was resilience. We were lucky enough to welcome 200 guests from lots of schools from across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Mrs Southall (Assistant Head) and Kieran Murphy (Director of Phase) planned the day around students and staff working together on ideas for how we can all look after and develop our resilience. Students and staff attended workshops, listened to two speeches from Kieran Murphy and Dr Kate Middleton on the teenage brain. Over lunch there was the opportunity for delegates to speak to a range of agencies and

charities all working to improve the mental health of our young people.

A big thank you to all those who attended (especially the TPS staff and amazing Sixth Formers!) and all the companies, charities and individuals that supported us through the planning stages. It was a superb day, and we are exceptionally proud that we were able to bring so many students and professionals under one roof to talk about mental health. Here's to next year!

Mrs K. Southall , Assistant Headteacher





Monday 13th November is our first of three charity weeks – Children in Need.

Last year we had a visit from Pudsey, had a staff fancy dress competition (Mr Edwards and Mrs Nearney dressed up as turtles!), ran a talent show and had many cake sales!

As a proud BBC partner school, any money that we raise for Children in Need will be matched by Lloyds Bank, so it is vital that we raise as much money as possible! We are asking students to take on board the responsibility element of our school vision and run their own charity events – a talent show, lip sync battle, cake sale, car wash etc. to raise as much money as they can!

On Friday 17th November we have a non-uniform day, so please bring in your £1 donation. I wonder if we will get a visit from Pudsey this year?!

If you would like to run your own charity event, please see Mrs Southall.

Mrs Southall, Assistant Headteacher



Local Events....



OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Hitchin Partnership provides a family support service to the 27 schools in Hitchin and the surrounding villages. They work alongside families giving practical support and user friendly parenting strategies.

In addition Hitchin Partnership list activities available during term time and school holidays. For a full list of what is available during the October half term please visit their website:

<http://www.hitchinpartnership.org>

(click on the Parents tab and then select school holidays)



COOKERY Camps

Holiday cookery camp for boys & girls aged 4-11 featuring unique food adventures each day!

October half term camp in HITCHIN
October 23-25, 2017
Monday - Wednesday | 9am-5pm

October half term camp in LETCHWORTH
October 26 & 27, 2017
Thursday & Friday | 9am-5pm



Kitchen skills • Science experiments • Ingredient talks
Seasonal decoration • Visitors & trips • Planting & growing
Food art • Flavour mixing • Star bakes • Lots of tasting!

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ON
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MERTHYR T.
 » SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 3PM - ELSP

CHESHUNT
 » SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 3PM - FAT Q1

WEYMOUTH
 » SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 3PM - ELSP

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**OCTOBER HALF TERM
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- CREATING CONFIDENCE IN THE TACKLE AND RUCK
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- FAST AND ACTION PACKED

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PERFORMANCE SKILLS CAMP**

FRIDAY 27TH
OCTOBER 2017
9.00AM - 12.00PM
VENUE HARPENDEN RFC
COST £20

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PERFORMANCE SKILLS CAMP**

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OCTOBER 2017
1.00PM - 4.00PM
VENUE HARPENDEN RFC
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**OPEN OAKLANDS
EVENTS 2017
2018**

St Albans

- A Levels
- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Animal Management
- Apprenticeships
- Art, Fashion & Design
- Brickwork
- Buildings Maintenance
- Business
- Carpentry
- Computing & IT
- EFL / ESOL
- Electrical
- Equine Studies
- Higher Education
- Hospitality & Catering
- Landmark
- Landscape Construction
- Motor Vehicle
- Leisure Courses
- Plumbing
- Public Services
- Sports Studies & Academies
- Supported Learning
- Teacher Training
- Workbased Learning

Welwyn Garden City

- Access to Higher Education
- Apprenticeships
- Applied (Forensic) Science
- Business
- Childcare
- Computing & IT
- Construction & Civil Engineering
- Engineering
- Hair & Beauty
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- Higher Education
- Media
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Travel & Tourism
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