



Headteacher's News

Good afternoon all,

Eid Mubarak!

Wishing everyone who is celebrating a very happy Eid! Enjoy the feasts and festivities after a month of fasting and reflection.

This week at Priory: I popped into Reception this week and saw some very impressive writing that they were doing. I saw Year 1 enjoying their PE lessons with their teachers for the first time! I have been teaching in Year 2 and they have blown me away with their dividing skills. Year 5 had a rather exciting visit from the fire service and Year 6 continue to work hard to revise everything they have learnt to apply all that knowledge in their SATs.

This week we have had a phonics audit completed, we can be very confident that our pupils are receiving quality teaching of reading and are making good progress. Well done to the early reading team and the teachers teaching phonics.

We have continued to plan our school celebrations for the King's coronation. On Friday 5th May, children will have a special 'picnic' lunch and spend the afternoon completing coronation activities to mark the special occasion

Strike days: As you are probably aware the talks between unions and the government failed to reach a satisfactory agreement. Most teachers declined the pay offer due to the fact that the government were not sufficiently funding the increases. School budgets cannot stretch any further and many schools will need to make some difficult decisions in the coming months.

There is a planned strike for the 27th April and the 2nd May. As before, I will provide you information as soon as I have it, however, I expect similar disruption as the previous strikes. I do appreciate everyone's support, I cannot believe, we are still in this position and I hope that we can get a resolution quickly.

Priory Friends: I am going to send a letter out about our charity Priory Friends. Unfortunately, we only have 2 active members and they will be stepping down after the next Annual Governance Meeting at the end of this month.

It would be such a shame to see Priory Friends cease to exist. They have contributed to so many events, raised significant funds for the school.

Anyone who has a connection to the school can be a Priory Friend, Please consider if you would be able to commit a little bit of time to Priory Friends so that we do not lose this wonderful opportunity.

Asthma advice: before Easter we had an email from the Pediatric Respiratory Nursing Team advising us that we must alert a parent every time a child uses their salbutamol inhaler. This will be tricky for some staff to call every time, however, we must do what we can to follow that advice.



I have advised staff to use their judgement and if they are satisfied that the child is absolutely fine and the taking of their inhaler is routine, they can leave it to the end of the day or drop the parent a quick email. If the staff member notices that the child needs their inhaler more often than they usually do, they are to make a call home as soon as possible. .

Lots of children are diagnosed with Asthma, most children manage their asthma very well. However, this can mean that we do get a bit complacent when it comes to children needing their inhaler. We must never underestimate the seriousness of asthma and how quickly an asthma attack can occur and how quickly a child can deteriorate during an asthma attack. If you have concerns about your child's asthma do get in touch with the school to make sure their care plan is updated with the information we need.

Have a great weekend

Upcoming events

Priory School Jubilee - we are going to celebrate the school's opening on Friday 8th September. The school will have been open for 70 Years!

Eid - 21st / 22nd April

Friday 5th May - Coronation Day

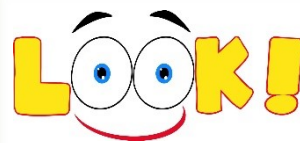
Friday 19th May - Wear it Green day for mental health. Best dress competition.

Soiree event - Wednesday 24th May



Important Dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar
[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023



Leaflets and Letters

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website.
Leaflets this week:
GEMS - Latest Social Activities Flyers



Sign of the Week

This week's sign is for



Peek at the Week

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



New 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](#)

Weekly attendance percentages: 27th- 31st March 2023

Whole school - 92%

Year 1 - 90%

Year 2 - 92%

Year 3 - 95%

Year 4 - 93%

Year 5 - 93%

Year 6 - 94%

Congratulations to **6Darwin** with 99% the highest attendance this week!

Congratulations!



Year 5 Art

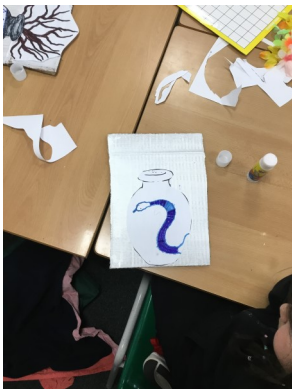
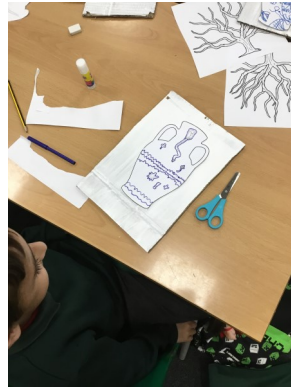
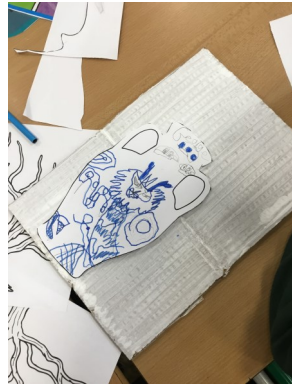
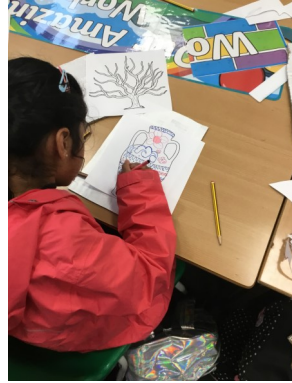
At the end of last term, Y5 finished our Art unit which focused on pattern and artists such as Lalla Essaydi and Yayoi Kusama. We worked in small groups to create patterned tiles and then came together as a year group to create one large piece of work.





Art Afterschool Club Years 1—3

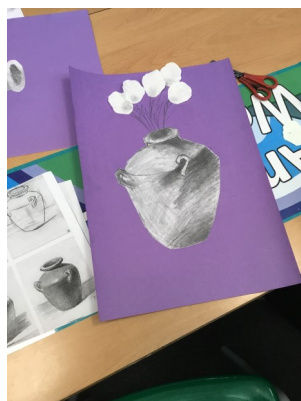
Y1, 2 and 3 looked at Chinese vases this week in art club and combined their collage and drawing skills to produce some beautiful artwork of their own.





Art Afterschool Club Years 4—6

Y4, 5 and 6 looked at the observational drawings of Leonardo da Vinci this week in art club and then combined their collage and observational drawing skills to produce some beautiful artwork of their own.





Year 5 Fire Service Visit

Year 5 enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service this week. We learnt about fire safety in the home and what to do in an emergency as well as having the opportunity to sit inside the fire engine!





Priory Friends News



Priory Friends on Facebook

www.facebook.com/prioryfriends



We would desperately like to encourage new members. We are looking to the future. If we don't start getting parents involved to create the ongoing success that we have had over the years in raising money for the school, then sadly it's not looking good. Fresh people bring fresh ideas, which would be great!

Official Notice

Priory Friends will be holding their Annual AGM on Friday 28th April at 8.45am in the Staff Room.

We currently have the following roles available:

Chair

Treasurer

General Committee

If you have any interest in these roles, please consider coming along to the meeting. Unfortunately, if we cannot fill the roles, Priory Friends will have to close and the children will lose the benefit of the extra funding.

Please email prioryfriends@prioryschool.com for further information.