



A message from Janis

Here we are, approaching another half term holiday and as always, we've had a busy time since Easter.

There have been three residential trips, all of which have been a great success with pupils trying out new experiences and generally having a fantastic time. All of this is possible because of the time our staff give so generously to take our young people away, which they do because they know how much they benefit from it. I'm sure you'll agree that they deserve a huge thank you!

I'm sure you will have seen the news about the case of a parent who has taken his case about term time holidays to the High Court and won. This has left the situation regarding term time holidays a little unclear and we await further instruction from the Government about how this judgement affects what we are asked to do in school. Until then, the advice to schools is that we carry on as normal and holiday forms should still be completed as they have been.

There's a busy half term coming up so here are some dates for your diary...

- June 9th and 10th- Dance exams in school.
- June 16th and 17th - Art exhibition in school.
- June 21st- Learning Performance Network performance of Midsummer Night's Dream.
- June 23rd- Upper school and Post 16 parents' meetings
- June 24th- Upper school and Post 16 parents' meetings
- July 5th- Summer showcase at Middlesbrough Theatre -TICKETS ON SALE NOW AND GOING FAST!
- July 11th- Sports Week
- July 13th- Leavers' Prom
- July 19th Leavers' Assembly
- July 20th- BREAK UP AT 2.00PM FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

More details of individual events will follow and there may yet be some other events that we will inform you of in due course.

Thanks again for all of your support,

Kind Regards,
Janis



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Science News

As part of our theme in Upper School this term of "Our Wonderful World", in science lessons we learning about animals and their habitats.

On Monday 10th May we had some very special visitors in school - bouncy dogs, a slithering snake, a happy hedgehog, terrific tortoises and beautiful baby rabbits. Great fun was had by all!



A Talented Footballer

Talented footballer Jack has been given an opportunity to play football with North Riding FA and the Middlesbrough FC foundation.

Jack has been attending a 6-week North Riding FA's Disability Talent Programme based at York Sport Village, the emphasis of the sessions is technical and tactical improvement.

Staff from Priory Woods School have been taking him to these sessions, and since he started we have seen a large improvement in his football ability.

We look forward to the football fun day on later next half term where the football team can once again compete against other schools.



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Post 16 Textiles Fashion Show



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Post 16 textiles group enjoyed show-

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off all their fantastic designs in an action-packed fashion show. The up-cycled t-shirt designs were amazing and the audience enjoyed being entertained with a mix of music, slick catwalk moves and storytelling.



Sponsored Toddle

Pink and Red Class have recently taken part in a Sponsored Toddle which was organised by Hilary Longstaff, a parent of one of our Post 16 students, who runs a play group at St Barnabus Church.

Hilary kindly dedicated the toddle to raising funds for Priory Woods School. This took place at Albert Park. The children had great fun waving the flags they had made as they toddled through the park!



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Tour de Yorkshire

Well done to the students and parents who took part in The Enjoy the Ride Carnival for the Tour de Yorkshire on Sunday 1st May. It was lovely to see such a lively display and excellent dancing!



Queen's 90th Birthday



On the 22nd April we enjoyed celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday.

We had a special assembly in which star pupils were presented with our school version of an OBE. This was followed by a party for all with street entertainers, candy floss and face painting.

Special guests included a Minion, Mickey mouse, Peppa Pig, Super heroes and Bernadette Knill OBE!

On the afternoon the classes worked hard to put on a 'Through the Decades' performance.

Well done to everyone who was involved.



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The Beamsley Project

16 students from Post 16 went to The Beamsley Project, near Skipton, for a residential holiday. The weather was kind to us and we did lots of exciting activities including going to the cinema to see *The Jungle Book*, bowling and we even went on a canal boat. As the weather was so nice we also went on walks around Bolton Abbey and had a barbecue. The students put all of their independent living skills into practice and helped to prepare and clear away meals and made their own packed lunches every day. Everyone had a great time and the highlight was our meal out at the Craven Heifer pub on the last evening.



Race for Life

This year the staff and pupils at Priory Woods took part in their very own 'Race for Life' in honour of one of our own staff who is struggling with this illness to show her how much she means to us.

All pupils took part with many dedicating their run to people special to their own family. Everyone had a lot of fun and we managed to raise lots of money along the way. A staff team then added to the total by taking part in the Middlesbrough event to make a total of nearly £1000 for this fantastic cause.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who sent in such generous donations - every penny will be sent directly to Cancer Research in honour of our friend.

Your generosity, as ever, amazes us!



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Carlton

KS2 enjoyed a busy few days at Carlton; climbing, walking, canoeing and den building.

All the pupils worked very hard and had a fantastic time.



Bendrigg Residential

Another successful trip to Bendrigg took place this term, a group of five students from upper school visited the Lake District on a residential holiday. The students took part in a range of fun and exciting activities such as canoeing, abseiling and climbing to name but a few. As staff, we felt overwhelmingly proud at their efforts to face all of the challenges given to them no matter how difficult. A huge well done to them all!

