

# Priory Woods Newsletter

## Art Exhibition 2018

Priory Woods Art exhibition 2018 'People Like You And Me' will take place at Priory 16 on Wednesday 2nd May.

Opening event 5.30pm-7.30pm

More information to follow. Look out for special invitations!!

Exciting opportunity to see and purchase the wide range of art work by Upper School and Post 16.

## We've had Great fun!



## Message from Janis

Dear Parents and Carers,

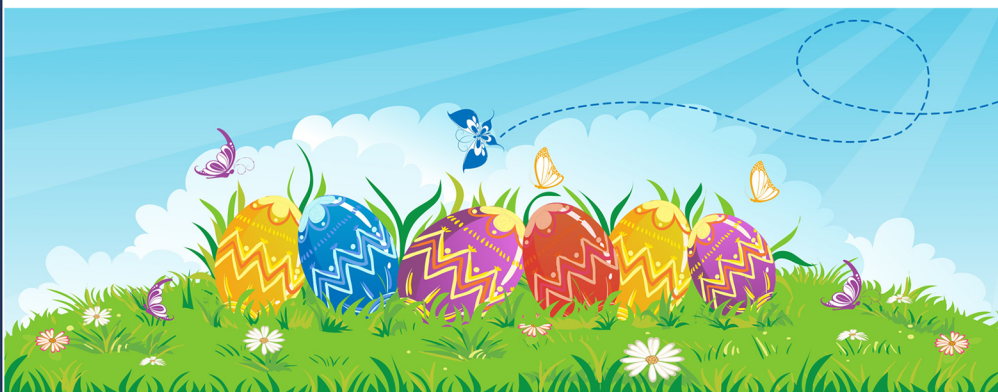
As always, we have had a busy term as this newsletter shows, from visits to Spain, Bamboozle Theatre company, Stay and Play sessions, Young Enterprise competition at the Metro Centre, competition in the Olympic pool and World Book Day.

We have also been busy developing our curriculum and assessment systems and I will be providing you with more information on this in the coming term.

I am sure that as you read this newsletter, you will recognise the hard work and dedication of our staff and I need to say a huge thank you to everyone who makes learning exciting here at Priory Woods.

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter holiday and looking forward to another busy term when we return on April 16th.

Kind regards,  
Janis



## Lower School

### Pink & Red

Thank you to all of the parents in Pink and Red class for attending our Let's Play Together sessions. Parents took part in our Speech and Language activities and had the opportunity to play alongside their children. We loved having our parents in and showing them all of the fun things we get up to in Pink and Red class!



### Yellow & Green

Some of our students made a trip to café 16 for an 'Eggtastic' Easter afternoon tea. Put on by our fabulous new Post 16 café recruits.

### Lower School Trips

Lots of our lower school groups have braved the cold this term and had some great times out on trips developing their social and independence skills.



### World Book Day

Lower School looked at the story of Handa's Surprise making African inspired jewellery and tasting the many fruits Handa loses along her journey.



## Upper School

### Museum Exhibition

This term our topic in Upper School is 'Mighty Metals'. We had a brilliant time thinking about ironstone mining in our wonderful area. We visited Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum, explored what it was like in a cold, dark mine, made music with metal instruments, made models of our fabulous local bridges, skyped someone on Sydney Harbour Bridge, and loads of other stuff. All our learning culminated in an exhibition that we had over one hundred visitors for! We loved it!



### Valencia Visit

This term, six students and four staff visited Valencia in Spain for the final visit of our three year Erasmus Project. Despite being held up in Paris on the way there, we all had a brilliant time! Some of our favourite parts included visiting a farm to learn about plants, visiting an aquarium to see a dolphin show and going on a boat trip across a huge wetland that used to be part of the sea! We made lots of new friends and tried lots of new things.



### World Book Day

Upper School created an African jungle soundscape using drums, danced the famous Gumboot dancing with their wellies, joined in with African sensory stories and created beautiful artwork.



## CREATIVE ARTS

### The Steady Heartbeat of Time

Bamboozle are a Theatre company who create beautiful performance pieces for young people with learning difficulties. This time the story was about how it hadn't rained for 10 years! There were lots of songs, dances, props and some friendly characters like Cloud-O-Matic who made cloud and rain. Here are some pictures, you can see how much we enjoyed it!



### Tea Dance

Post 16 students have been dancing with our Pensioners Luncheon Club ready for a Tea Dance. The students and pensioners have had a great time together learning dance moves to some Golden Oldies music and they are really looking forward to having both a dance, tea and cakes together!



### i.dance.tv

Some of our KS4 pupils have been working with pupils from Ormesby Outwood on an inclusive dance project. They have all worked extremely hard and performed at Billingham Forum on Monday alongside schools from Stockton, Hartlepool, Darlington and Redcar & Cleveland. It was a real celebration of dance and all our young performers were amazing!



## Whole School

### Purple Class World Book Day

During world book day the students from Purple Class explored resources related to the story Handa's Surprise. They followed their therapy programs whilst working on the large therapy equipment and developed their communication skills through the use of symbols.

Everyone worked very hard.



### World Down Syndrome Day

Thank you for all your support for world Down Syndrome day. It was great to see so many of our students wearing odd socks. If you haven't already please take a look at our students signing on the Website.



## A BIG Thankyou!

Thanks for all of your votes recently for the Golden Giveaway, we were awarded £1500 from Teesside Philanthropic Society



## Sports News

### Middlesbrough Football Club

We have had some very special visitors at Priory Woods School that came in to challenge us on our fitness and football skills. School welcomed players from Middlesbrough Football Club Under 23's squad as part of the work MFC development league have been doing with upper school. The footballers took part in a fitness circuit with some pupils before taking us on in a mini football match. We don't like to boast too much but our winning score line included hat tricks from Shannon Hammersley and Luther Paterson! Well done everyone.



### Table Top Games Event

Some of our students have explored their sporty side this term by attending a table top games event at Durham Universities Stockton Campus.



## Post 16

### Mother's Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day sale.

We made £316 which covered the cost of the gifts, provides wages for the students and the remaining money goes towards the Post 16 prom.

We hope you liked your presents!



### Roary the Lion



On Friday 23rd February we 'Wore Red for Roary' to celebrate all of the positive work the MFC foundation does in our local community and to raise money to help the charity. We raised £75 and would like to thank you for your contributions. Roary visited our school and he took part in a dance off in assembly! Well done to those who won prizes.



### Pizza Express Work Experience

Post 16 have been learning about employment and they were lucky enough to visit Pizza Express and make their own pizza and find out more about the world of work.



### Mums' Afternoon Tea

Post 16 invited their mums' for a special afternoon tea at the Independent Living Centre. It was a huge success. Thank you to everyone for attending.

# Calendar of Events

Dates for your diary

30/03/2018 - 13/04/2018 - Half Term

Please note that there will be no after school clubs the first week back and also on 23rd April due to staff training.