

Newsletter



Upcoming PD Days

Next year's PD days are as follows. School is closed to pupils on these days.

- Monday 03-09-2018
- Tuesday 04-09-2018
- Monday 05-11-2018
- Monday 03-12-2018
- Friday 15-03-2019

Café 16

Café 16 would like to thank all their customers for their support over the last year. It would be lovely to see some new faces in the café next year. **We are open on a Monday and Tuesday between 10am and 2.30pm.** The Café is run by our Post 16 students and is based in the Priory 16 building on Fulbeck Road.

A Song and a Dance

KS3, KS4 and POST 16 pupils will be performing in this years summer showcase at **Middlesbrough Theatre on Thursday 19th July at 7pm.**

There are a few tickets still available from the school office (01642 770540), adults £7:00, children/OAP's £5:00



Message from Janis

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, that's another year just about over and as always it feels like it has gone in a flash!

It has been as busy as usual and it has been wonderful and a privilege to see how our children and young people have progressed and changed as the year has passed. I really do have the best job in the world!

I am sure you would like to join me in thanking all of our teachers, teaching assistants, care assistants, admin staff, governors, caretaker, nurses, physios and our PSA for the excellent work and opportunities they have provided to ensure our pupils are happy and safe in school, challenged and supported, cared for and loved. We really do have an incredible team.

We have so many successes and reasons to celebrate this year and one of these was our Ofsted judgement. We are so proud of this but recognise that we have to carry on being innovative and making sure we achieve even more with our students and to ensure that our students are given the best chance of success and that we ensure that 'Humour, laughter and a love of life' continues to characterise our school.

As it is the end of the year we are sad to announce that we will be losing a few of our members of staff. Stuart Blackburn has been a TA with us for three years now and is off to pastures new to train as a teacher; we wish him all the success in the world, and who knows, we may welcome him back in his new role one day.

Christopher McGuiness, one of our one to one support assistants will be leaving at the end of term. Chris has been a great support in Post 16 and I know staff and students will miss him. We wish him all the very best in the future.

We also say farewell to Karen Jessup who has worked with us for a couple of years in Post 16 and also across Upper School and has been a wonderful addition to our teaching team. I know that she is going to miss us as much as we will miss her!

Karen Appleby, our PSA, is leaving us too at the end of term. I know a great many of you have worked with her over the years and she has been a great source of support for families and for school. I'm so pleased however to be able to report that she will still be a member of our PTA.

Linda McGrath, who has been a teacher here for thirty two years, is also leaving us, retiring to be a lady of leisure. We are so sad to see her go but we know that she has taught us all well and her legacy is that the arts are central to everything we do and we will continue to follow this path. We all wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

It only remains for me to wish you all a lovely summer break and we look forward to starting all over again in September.



Lower School

Blue & Orange

Blue and Orange class enjoyed a great day at Tweddle Farm. The students loved seeing all of the animals and got to go on a tractor ride.



Yellow & Green

Everyone in Yellow and Green class enjoyed our end of year trip to Newham Grange Farm.



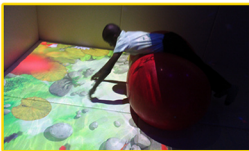
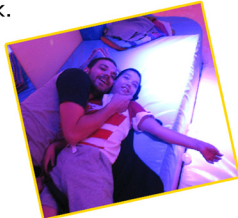
We got to see and feed lots of different animals, including rabbits, pigs, donkeys, sheep and even a wallaby!

We enjoyed having a picnic in the sunshine and getting lost in the maze. The children also enjoyed playing crazy golf, riding miniature tractors and exploring the play park. It was such a fantastic day!



Gold

Gold class end of year trip was to Pendragon multi-sensory room in Northallerton. We all had a great time and had time to stop off for picnic and a play in Preston Park.



Leavers Assembly

We had a lovely year 6 leavers assembly. Thank you to all the parents who came along.



Pink and Red

Pink and Red Class have had a very busy summer term. We especially loved taking part in lots of different activities during Sports week. We competed in welly throwing, water races and a colour run.

After all of our hard work we enjoyed playing in the ball pool to relax!

Everybody was excellent at having a go and we had a very fun filled week! fantastic day!



Silver

Carlton Trip

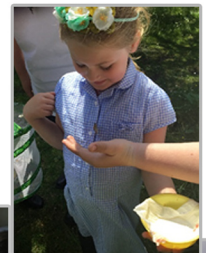
We had an amazing time at Carlton; the children were fantastic all trying the activities on offer.



We did a project to get tyres for our school playground creating posters, making phone calls to local garages and even did a presentation to the Head as to why it was a good idea. The tyres have arrived and we love playing with them on the field.



As part of our Lower School topic on Minibeasts we were able to watch butterflies emerge from their chrysalis's in our classroom. We then let the butterflies go outside. We also had a visit from a member of the Teesside Bee society with a bee hive. We learnt so much about bees, the children were very excited and loved tasting the honey.





Dance Festival

Some of our Key stage two students performed for Middlesbrough Schools Dance festival at the little theatre, they were all amazing and did Priory Woods proud.



Sports Week

The whole school enjoyed sports week, enjoying all sorts of different sporty activities.



Upper School



G3 Had a Busy Term

Our theme this term has been, 'Now That's What I Call A Cardboard Box', which has been great fun! We have been solving problems about making and building with cardboard boxes, fitting things into cardboard boxes, and finding a way of hiding in cardboard boxes. We even had a visitor from Macfarlane packaging company who told us lots of interesting cardboard box facts.

In cookery we have been making pizza with our favourite toppings. We invited staff for a shared lunch of pizza and salad, followed by fruit salad and ice cream. We loved preparing the food, then setting the tables and eating with our guests!

We had a visit to Stewart Park and a great day out at Preston Park. We explored the museum and 'Victorian Street' and even went in an old prison cell. It was very small!! We played in the play area, walked through the woods, and finished the day with a delicious ice cream.

We are now looking forward to our summer holidays!



G2 News

G2 have had a fantastic term learning all about "Now That's What I Call a Day at the Beach". We have visited Redcar beach, eating ice cream and dipping our toes into the sea.



We have been learning about what lives under the sea, so we decided to visit the Aquatic Centre to meet some interesting fish.



G2 have made lots of progress in the cooking room this term and have been making soda bread independently. They can find their own equipment and ingredients to follow the recipe.



CREATIVE ARTS

Live Music Now

This year we have been lucky to work again with the organisation Live music now. Over the course of the year we have had several musical concerts and 2 musician residencies, one based in upper school and one in post 16. Just last week we had a harpist visit us.

What a lovely way to finish our year.



WHOLE SCHOOL

Investigation Day

Priory Woods thoroughly enjoyed investigation day. We took part in lots of exciting experiments and investigations, such as making sensory bottles, jelly investigations, shaving foam rain clouds, coke rocket, sinking and floating and ice investigations.



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Message Makers

Post 16 have taken part in the Young Enterprise scheme this year with their business, Message Makers and it has been a huge success. The team as a whole have won a total of three awards and Jack won the Sir John Moore Award which recognises outstanding achievement.

The students have made a healthy profit which will be paying them a wage for their hard work, purchase table decorations for the prom and make a donation to a charity of their choice.



Post 16

Beamsley Residential

Sixteen Post 16 students had another fun filled week at the Beamsley Project near Skipton. They put their independent living skills into practice preparing meals; making their beds and generally helping with day-to-day tasks around the centre. It certainly wasn't all work though, we had a great day at Flamingo Land, visited the Science and Media Museum at Bradford and had fun paddling and skimming stones at Bolton Abbey.

As always, the highlight of the week was getting dressed up for our pub meal on the last evening, everybody looked great.



2018 School Prom



On Wednesday 11th July Post 16 had their Leavers' Prom at the Riverside Stadium. Everyone looked amazing and the leavers enjoyed travelling there in style on the party bus. Roary made an appearance we had fun in the football themed photo booth. Staff, students and parents danced the afternoon and evening away and everyone left with huge smiles on their faces.

