



# Priory Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term's value is COMPASSION.

We have explained to the pupils that compassion has two parts:

1. Understanding how someone feels
2. Taking action to help

This value sits alongside one of the important aspects of Ramadan. As Muslims around the world observe fasting from dawn till dusk, they are reminded of the significance of compassion, empathy, and generosity towards those in need. We send best wishes and respect to all those observing their obligations this month.

At school today, children have been wearing something red to celebrate Red Nose Day and we have collected donations for the charity Comic Relief. If you would like to see where your donations go, please take a look at this link:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does/>

Please talk to your children about how they can show compassion in their everyday lives, and celebrate any action they take to help others.

I am very proud of the work that the Eco Council is doing at Priory Primary School, as they have been encouraging us all to think about our use, reuse and recycling of plastic. This is truly showing compassion to the world and to our future generations, who will have to live in a very polluted world unless we take action very quickly. Well done Eco Councillors!

Also today, our pupils in Year 1 to Year 5 receive their annual reports. We send home reports at this time of the year, instead of at the end of the year, so that parents and carers can 'check in' with how their children are doing, and understand if we think children are not on track to do their best by the end of the school year. Please look carefully at the children's new targets. You will have a chance to discuss these at your Parent Consultation meetings next week.

We look forward to seeing you all in school, including Nursery, Reception and Year 6, for Parent Meetings next week. There is still time to sign up on Monday if you haven't already got a slot.

Kind regards

*Mrs Fraser*

(Head Teacher)

## Attendance Cup



Week 1	Year 6
Week 2	Year 4
Week 3	Year 6



## Punctuality Award Winners



Week 1	Year 5
Week 2	Year R, 3, 5
Week 3	Year 5

Neil the Sloth is awarded to the class that has the best record for arriving on time each day



**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
**NO HOLIDAYS TO BE TAKEN**  
**DURING TERM**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Red Nose Day & Reports Go Home

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Year 2 Sports Festival

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Mar and Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Mar**

Parent Consultation Evening

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Frontier Centre Residential - Year 5

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Higgins Museum Trip - Year 3

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Year 5 Residential trip returns  
Last Day of Term

**29<sup>th</sup> March - 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**EASTER HOLIDAY**

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**NO HOLIDAYS TO BE TAKEN**  
**DURING TERM TIME**

Congratulations to Abdul Rahman for his superb performance at the Bedfordshire Music, Speech and Drama Festival. Abdul was the only pupil from a state school to be selected for a poem he had written himself, and then had to perform in front of an audience and professional judge. He was commended for his confidence and sense of humour!



## ECO-COUNCIL

Eco council took part in the Big plastic Count...



Sorted



Count



Bagged





## Orchestra Unwrapped

If you happened to be in town on Tuesday you might have seen a snake of nearly 100 Priory Primary School children all walking beautifully up to the Corn Exchange to see the Philharmonia - a full orchestra from London - playing live! The children recognised some of the pieces from our own music curriculum, such as Florence Price's Juba Dance, and we all got to participate in a special song we had been learning with Mrs Webber and the School Choir, in singing assemblies. When you come to Parent Meetings, you will see more details of this event, plus a display of the art work our pupil submitted as part of the backdrop to the concert.



## World Book Day

This year we followed the advice to take pressure off families to come in costume, but oh my word! what a fabulous day the children had immersing themselves in the world of books. They all had FOUR "Drop Everything And Read" moments across the day, then went on a carousel of activities that included some of our favourite books - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Gruffalo, The Guinness Book of World Records, Suddenly... , and many more. Did your children have the special menu at lunchtime? Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs and Peppa Pig chocolate Mousse and a biscuit were just two of the choices!

For World Book Day, Years 4, 5 and 6 spent time exploring the Guinness Book of Records. We then attempted setting records of our own; recording how many pancakes we could toss in a minute, how many skittles we could pick up with chopsticks and how many skips we could do in a minute.



## Science Week

We have all been EXPLORIFYING this week! On Monday morning, each class was given a special and surprising box full of questions and curiosities. The classrooms have been little laboratories and much amazing learning has happened. A big thank you to Mrs Wakeling and Mrs Morgan - our Science Leads - for organising this. Don't forget to ask you children about their Science learning this week!





## 'The Eye'

KS2 children met a most interesting medical professional, Mr Jude Edwards, and some went on to find out more about the workings and health of our eyes. Mr Edwards is the first of a number of visitors we hope to invite in to explain about jobs and careers that children might never have thought of. If you are working in an interesting profession, or you know others who would be willing to come into school, please let us know!



**School Trips - never mind the weather!  
Let's get out into the world!**

Year 4 went exploring at Rockingham Castle



Year 1 had a fantastic sensory experience in Putnoe Woods

# Please get to school on time!



## LATENESS IS RUDE AND CAUSES:

- \* Disruption in the office
- \* Disruption in the classroom
- \* Disruption for the teacher and other children

## IT ALSO:

- \* Impacts your child's learning
- \* And it is very disrespectful to staff, other parents and children

