



We LEARN with PRIDE

Priory Junior School, Priory Road, Gedling, Nottingham, NG4 3LE
Head Teacher: Mr. J. Cross

Newsletter – 14/2/25

We've made it!

Another fantastic week this week at Priory! There was loads to celebrate... literally! We had two joyful celebration assemblies where we had the opportunity to celebrate those pupils who are living out our PRIDE values. It's always a pleasure to welcome parents in, too. Please note that we return to school on Monday 24th February after half term.

Key Dates

As always, some key dates to look out for:

Monday 24th Feb – Return to school

Weeks of 3rd and 10th March – Assessments in school

Monday 17th March – 1:30PM – PINS Coffee Afternoon

Tuesday 18th March – Spring Term Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th March - Spring Term Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th March - Spring Term Parents' Evening

Monday 31st March – **9:30AM** Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 2nd April – **9:30AM** Year 5/6 Celebration Assembly

Friday 4th April – 9:30 AM Rock Steady Concert

Friday 4th April – Break up for Easter

HSBC Visit



This week we have had a visit from HSBC. They worked with the children on topics such as: Understanding the value of money, performing calculations with money (applying their maths skills), building awareness of global currencies and appreciating how money works.

Every year group had a different workshop!
Covering different themes:

Year 3 - budgets for food and preparing a weekly food budget

Year 4 - how we pay for things to manage our cash flow,

Year 5 - Household budgets - bank statements, bills, taxes.

Year 6 - looking at fraud



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The Priory Peace Force



Our Peace Force have been chosen. They are a group of children chosen by staff and pupils who live out our PRIDE values brilliantly. Part of their role at school will be to work together to improve the values of equality and peace at Priory Junior School.

Getting all arty



Year 5 have put up an amazing display outside my office in the entrance hall which combines their incredible artwork and some really thoughtful and considered poetry about themselves. It's a really lovely addition to our entrance hall so please check it out next time you are in the entrance hall.

It's not only Year 5 that have been completing some amazing artwork. Year 3 have been at it too! They have been creating some artwork inspired by Max Ernst. This technique is called frottage which is the process of creating artwork by using various surfaces to create colourful rubbings.



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Celebration Assemblies



This week, we have invited parents in for our half-termly celebration assemblies. It is always a pleasure to invite people in, especially when it comes to celebrating our pupils living out our PRIDE values. There was even an opportunity for a cheeky biscuit!

World Book Day! – Thursday 6th March 2025

On Thursday 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The theme this year is '**Read Your Way**'. '**Read Your Way**' encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, and lets children find fun in reading. The aim is to give children and young people the opportunity to discover reading on their terms, without judgement.

Dressing Up:

Every year we celebrate our favourite book characters by dressing up on World Book Day. This year, we are encouraging children to be inventive and create costumes using household items. Children could dress as their favourite character or as a (school appropriate) word. Google produces a vast array of ideas for this. There will be prizes for the most imaginative ideas in each year group. Alternatively, if your child doesn't like dressing up, coming to school on World Book Day dressed in their comfiest clothes is perfectly acceptable, as long as they bring their favourite book with them.

Read Your Way - Extreme Reading:

Let's celebrate Reading for Pleasure. Capture your child reading in the most extreme, obscure, surprising or creative places. Taking a train journey, take a photo of your child reading and send to us. Taking in a mountain view, take a photo of your child reading and send to. Going on holiday? Take a photo of your child reading in the pool and send to us. You get the picture!

Help us to create a buzz, send photos to office@priory-jun.notts.sch.uk. We will use these to create a whole school display.

Readathon:

Across the week of World Book Day (3rd-7th March), to celebrate a love of reading at home and at school, our PTA will be running a sponsored read. Money raised will go towards new books for the school. Please help us to enhance our reading resources by encouraging your child to read for a small amount of time at home. Further information, sponsor forms and reading logs will be set out after half term.



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Book Sale:

On Wednesday 5th March, a number of used books will be on sale at the end of the school day for a small donation. Further details will be sent out after half term.

More information will go out about World Book Day after half term.

That's all for this half term. I hope you have an amazing, restful break and we will see you when school opens on Monday 24th March.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr. Cross