



Principal's News

Dear Readers,

What a freezing cold end to the Spring term this has been, with snow, snow and even more snow! Football games have been cancelled, cross-country abandoned and netball moved into the hall. The heating has been turned up, gingham dresses abandoned and a 'gem' of a query from Reception....'When is the Christmas tree going up Mrs Moore?'

Easter brings with it such promise of new growth, new life and new hope. The 'growth' can certainly be promoted through the generous donation of grow-your-own cress pots, distributed to all pupils. New life has appeared in the form of lively lambs, littering snow covered fields and of course we all hope for a sunny Easter break with our families.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support - it was lovely to see so many of you in school for our 'Science Week' and thank you to all staff for making the event possible.

Sincere regards,
Wendy Moore

Closing the Spring Term



Friday 15th March

This is always a significant day in the calendar at Priorslee. All staff and children really get into the spirit of 'Red Nose Day' and the day is always a lot of fun. Children were asked to come dressed in their pyjamas for the day in return for a donation of £1.

Friends of the school supported the event by selling cakes at the end of the school day - another enormous success raising £170.00.

The children were also asked to bring in any 'unwanted' coppers. Base 10 collected the most. The children in Base 3 and some Year 6 volunteers spent the afternoon counting the coins. True maths!

The total amount raised this year is a record - a staggering £788.89

A huge thank you to all those who contributed - a very successful day which both children and staff enjoyed greatly.



Yr 6 counting the collected coppers



Yr 3/4 counting the collected coppers



Yr 3/4 modeling their onesies

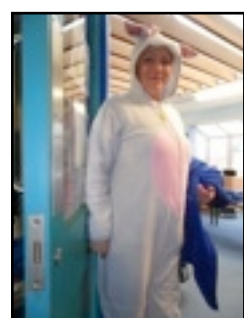


Yr 5/6 modeling their onesies



Whole School Assembly

Whole school assembly was a mass of colour this morning. The children watched the story of 'Robert' and how his life would be improved with their donations. The assembly wouldn't have been complete with the Comic Relief song "We're the Fun Raisers!"



Mrs Fielding joins in the fun!

Reception and Base 9



This half term we have been learning about 'People who help us'. As part of this work we have had a number of visitors in school to aid the children's learning. The children spent time exploring PC Ridgewell's equipment and listened to how it is used in her work. The children also had the opportunity to sit inside a police car.

Later in the term we had a visit from a Paramedic (Sean Thomas) who took the children into his ambulance and showed some basic first aid skills to the children.



Lucky Stars found this half term

- Amir Hare - B8
- Dylan Wormstone - Reception
- Ethan Harley B4
- Tia Ward B4
- Isabelle-Rose Mayle-Miller B1
- Olivia Chapman - B9

All children get to take home the Teddy and share their week with him.



Class Assemblies at Priorslee

Base 8 (Years 1/2)

Class Teacher - Mrs Court and Mrs Mullinder

On Thursday 14th March Base performed their fabulous class assembly!

Entitled 'Toys', the children first told everyone what they had been learning about toys from around the world and toys from the past; particularly the Victorian Toys they had learned about on their trip to Weston Park back in January. They showed us some traditional playground songs that many of the parents remembered from when they were at school. The children then did a superb performance of Pinocchio. Lewi Neate was fantastic as the main character while Alex Young and Maddie Reade were perfect as Gepetto and the Fairy. However, all the other children were equally brilliant - clear speaking and very enthusiastic singing and dancing made for a very entertaining show and Mrs. Court and Mrs. Mullinder were extremely proud of them all. Well done Base 8!

Base 9 (Reception and Yr 1) Class Teacher - Mr Holloway

It's been a very busy term in Base 9, with lots of preparation going into our assembly. We have been doing lots of work on 'People Who Help Us', which has been our theme.

The children put on a memorable performance for the parents, as well as the whole school during dress rehearsals. Dressed up as Postmen, Doctors, Firefighters and Refuse Collectors, the children did not disappoint their impressive singing and enthusiasm to perform.



Thank you to the many parents who attended these performances.

We look forward to presenting many more!

School Dinners for Reception



From September all children entering Reception will be enjoying a hot school dinner provided by Wolverhampton Council. The fabulous varied menu can be viewed on our website. The children will enjoy many themed lunches as well as picnic lunches in the Summer Term.

Easter Assembly

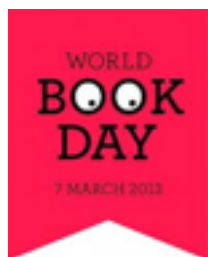
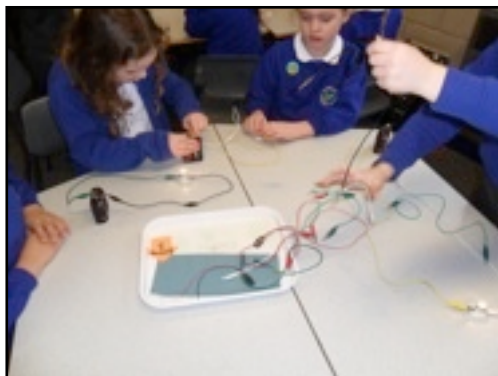


Reverend Roger Balkwill came to school to present an 'Easter Assembly'. The children loved his storytelling and listened intently.

Bases 1, 2 and 8



This half term we have investigated electrical circuits. The photos show children making human circuits and using the 'Ghost Ball' to demonstrate complete circuits. The children thoroughly enjoyed their circuits lesson and by the end all children had managed to make a light bulb light by making a complete circuit. The children were challenged to suggest reasons why their circuits might not light and therefore had to use trial and error to create a working circuit.



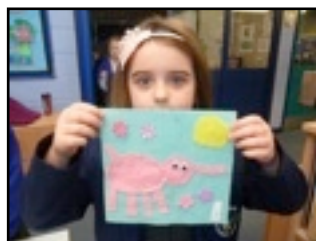
Children were invited to bring books in from home to share with other children in school. Children spent time sharing their books with younger or older children. The children are pictured here enjoying the experiences.



Bases 3, 4 and 7

This term we have been learning all about Africa. The children have enjoyed a visit from Richard Green who was able to share some of the work he had done in the small town of Jidda when he visited in February. The children were shown photographs from a newly built school that looked very different to Priorslee.

The children have also really enjoyed their Design Technology this term where they have made a page from a book called 'Rumble in the Jungle' linked to our African theme. Even though their work took a long time to complete the children persevered and have produced some fantastic work.



Year 3/4 Visit to Wrockwardine Wood Arts College

The Little Shop of Horrors was about a Venus Fly Trap who only eats human blood but starts to become famous.

I honestly think it was brilliant! My favourite character was Seymore. It was absolutely amazing, but I think my favourite part was when the plant was talking. I would definitely go to see it again and again!

Jo Bodley Yr 4

I think the play was amazing! My favourite part was when the plant was sucking Audrey's blood.

I enjoyed the play a lot and I was actually quite pleased with their performance. I would give the play a 9/10.

Anushka Singh Yr 4



Additional P.E. Session

Base 1 have been lucky enough to experience an extra P.E. lesson where they had the opportunity to travel on a range of apparatus in a variety of ways. The children were taught how to balance using points and patches, I'm sure if you ask the children they will be able to explain these terms to you! A fun session enjoyed by children and staff alike.

Competitions

Easter Bonnet Competition



Base 1 Easter Bonnet Entry

Mrs Atkins has been working with Base 1 to decorate an Easter Bonnet for a competition held at Hobbycraft, Telford.

The school bonnets were on show from Monday 11th March to Friday 22nd March, with the public voting for the top three bonnets.

The winners of the competition were announced on 26th March and we are pleased to announce that Priorslee Primary Academy took first place winning a fantastic £100 to be spent on Art equipment for school.

Mrs Atkins would like to thank all who took the time to vote for our bonnet as we share in the success of another competition win.

A huge well done to Base 1 and Mrs Atkins.

'Spring Time' Photography Competition

Children have been invited to take part in a community photography competition to be judged by local resident and Shropshire Star Photographer, Bob Greaves.

Prizes include family visit passes to Quackers Playbarn, a meal voucher for The Lion Inn, a Lakeside Garden Centre voucher, a Greenfields Farm Shop Veg Box voucher, a Priorslee Flaming Grill voucher, an I-pod shuffle and a Toys 'R' Us voucher.

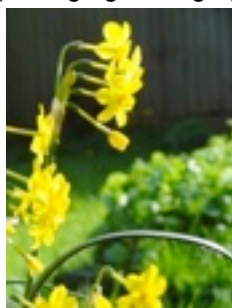
There are three age categories: under 7's, 8-11, 12-112.

Closing date: 30th April 2013.

Entries to be submitted by email to:

photos@priorsleepioneerministries.org.uk

(stating age category)



Readathon

It has been fantastic to see so many of the children taking part in the Readathon.

It has now ended and children have raised a huge £759.55

75% of funds raised goes to 'Readwell', CLIC Sargent and Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity whilst 25% will go to school to buy Scholastic books.

Visitors to School

This term we have had a new music teacher named Mr Wilcox coming to school to teach us how to learn music on the computer. This is different to our normal music because we don't use actual instruments. We used the '2simple Music Toolbar'. We thought this was very good because you learnt new things on the computer. Mr Wilcox was talented as well as all the other music teachers.

First we went on '2beat' which told us about patterns, rhythm and tempo. Next we went on '2sequence' which taught us about different instruments and the sounds they make. Finally we went on '2Play' and learnt about melodies. We completed a quiz on different melodies of theme tunes.

Report by Libby Row and Charlotte Bramford.



Music service - Paul Wilcox

After School Clubs

Art Club

Art Club beings again after Easter. There will be 10 places offered on a Monday for KS1 children and 12 places offered on a Tuesday for KS2. KS2 children will be working towards the Arts Award.

Cross Country

Cross Country will continue during the Summer Term - training on a Friday lunchtime with Mr. Mahy.

Dates of remaining races are:

Wednesday 27th March - Stirchley

Wednesday 17th April - Town Park

Wednesday 24th April - Phoenix Centre

Performing Arts

The children in the drama group are working hard and are having fun learning some great new songs from the Rogers and Hammerstein team. I am sure that anyone who likes fairy-tales will love the little twists to this traditional tale. Look out for tickets on sale in July, for performances at the end of the summer term.

Football

External coach Robbie is running a football club after school for:

Yr1/2 - Thursdays

Yr3/4 - Tuesdays

Yr5/6 - Wednesdays

We look forward to seeing match results as they come in over the coming weeks.

Netball

A Year 5 league will start in April and will run for 4 weeks. Mrs Taylor would like some more Yr 5 players - if you are interested please see Mrs Taylor.



Marie Beddows, a friend of mine, is running the London Marathon in aid of Children with Cancer. On Friday 8th March Mrs. Moore very kindly allowed Marie and I to use the school hall to hold a 'Pamper Evening' for this very worthwhile charity.

During the evening therapists gave up their time to provide various treatments. We also had cake, crafts and sweet/chocolate stalls. The event raised a magnificent £1032.60.

Marie and I would like to thank Mrs. Moore, Priorslee Primary Academy and everyone who helped to make the evening such a success.

We will be holding a Family evening at the Scout Hut on Friday 26th April for Children with Cancer and if anybody is interested in attending please visit me in Reception after school.

Carole Taylor - Friends of Priorslee

Celebrating success!

Stars of the week KS1

Base 1- Archie Brewer
 Base 2- Amnah Ejaz
 Base 8- Kirtan Sanghera
 Base 9- Emily Greaves
 Rec- Daisy Hancox
 Base 1- Harrison Gilbert
 Base 2- Garnet Leeper
 Base 8- Danielle Harrison and Kimmeron Matharu
 Base 9- Ashton Barker
 Rec- Eden Hooper

Stars of the week KS2

Base 3-- Armran Mattu & Arjan Mattu
 Base 4- Emie Watson-Nolan
 Base 5- Riley Horton
 Base 7- Jamie Robinson
 Base 10- Sophie Bramford
 Base 11- Chloe Trower
 Base 3- Sade Flintham-McLean
 Base 4- Joe Sumner
 Base 5- Sian Williams
 Base 7- Charlotte Bramford
 Base 10- Molly Reade
 Base 11- Jack Wootton

RAFFLE TICKET AWARD

THE WINNERS :

Corin Short- Base 2
 Joe Young- Base 5
 Shwari Varia - Base 10
 Amber Denton - Base 7

Opportunities to join your child for lunch

So far this term:
 Base 11 - 21st March

Monday Monkey Mayhem

15th April
 22nd April
 29th April
 13th May

Party Picnic Lunches

5th June
 19th June
 3rd July
 17th July

Forthcoming Lunches

23rd Apr - St George's Day
 21st May - Vegetarian Day

St Peter's Church, Priorslee



Messy Easter!

Good Friday - 29th March
 10.30-12.30pm

Come and join in the fun!
stpeterspriorslee@btinternet.com

or my mobile:
 Chris Harris
 07941 961461

Assembly Diary Dates 2013

Summer Term

22nd May- Reception Assembly
 10th May - Base 2 Assembly
 21st Jun - Base 3 Assembly

Free to a good home!



This little chap was bought for children in school but unfortunately is no longer wanted.

Enquiries via email to:
anita.evans@taw.org.uk

Working in Partnership with Blessed Robert Johnson College

Year 5/6 pupils have been learning about Space. Last week a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils visited the Blessed Robert Johnson College in Wellington where they carried out some flame tests in a lab to find out what elements were in liquid samples which were supposedly found in outer space! They also visited a Planetarium in the school and experienced a 360 degree view of the Universe. The children were really enthusiastic and particularly enjoyed the lab work.



Sporting Events

Cross Country

The Telford & District Cross Country League started on Wednesday, 20th March at Dohill Primary School. Priorslee had 33 KS2 children competing in it. Children of any ability get to compete, which makes it really special. Every child ran brilliantly and showed great determination and effort. Each race had over 120 runners in it. Running against that many children is a challenge in itself. We did however have 3 children in the top 10. Sophie Bramford took 1st place in the Yr 5 girls' race whilst Joe Timmins and Dylan Harley took a 6th and 9th respectively in the year 5 boys. All the children should be very proud of what they achieved.

Colin Mahy

Table Tennis

In January the Priorslee Academy Table Tennis Team went to Pheonix School to play in the Regional Finals. The boys' team came third after an astounding match in the semi-finals. The girls' team came first after playing Redhill school in the final round.

Netball

The Yr 5 netball league beings in April and runs for four weeks. We are hoping to have a Yr 6 league in the summer term. The netball court is being re-marked on the playground and the Academy is buying more netballs and two netball posts. Anyone interested can check out the High 5 netball rules on the website: www.englandnetball.co.uk. Any Yr 5/6 children interested in playing should see Mrs Taylor.

Friends Of Priorslee

The 'Friends Of Priorslee' committee meet each month to plan events to raise funds for school. These events include the school disco, Easter Egg Bingo, Priorslee's Got Talent and the Summer and Christmas Fayres. In the past, money raised has been spent on the fresh-air outdoor PE equipment, and cameras for each class to name a few. We are now working hard to raise funds for additional PE equipment, which will include outdoor nets for use with ball games.

There has recently been a change in the Friends Committee - we have a new Chairperson, Kelly Mackay and new Secretary, Rachel Bailey. The Vice Chair and Treasurer is John Reade. There are also many parents who are committee members, who help out at events where possible. Without this support and help, many of these enjoyable events would not be able to take place and we would not be able to raise the funds we do, which are of great benefit to the school.

If anyone would like to come along to a meeting and think they may be able to help out at some of the events, please contact fopriorslee@googlemail.com and we will let you know when our meetings are.

Kelly MacKay
Chairperson

Year 3/4 Football Team

The Year 3/4 football team managed to finish off their season on a high. An excellent performance saw them claim a 2-1 victory over a resilient Ladygrove team. Although the weather conditions were very testing at times, the team worked together well to ensure the victory. A strong defensive line, along with some quality finishing, ensured that Priorslee walked away with all 3 points.

Year 5/6 Football Team

All the pressure was on the Year 5/6 football team to get a result against Queenswood in this away fixture. In order to progress into the next round of the competition, they needed to take all 3 points. A slow start to the game saw Priorslee go 1-0 down to a well worked goal by the home team.

As the travelling fans provided lots of cheering and encouragement throughout the game, it didn't take long before Priorslee got back on level terms. With their new found belief, the team piled on the pressure, peppering the goal with shots from all over the park. As a result, they went on to score a further 4 goals, which earned them a 5-1 victory.

They now look forward to a rescheduled home game against Ladygrove in the second round.

Nathan Holloway

The Academy welcomes new pupils to this academic year:

Charlotte Silver- Base 8
Ruby Allday- Reception

We wish them both a successful future.

Birdwatching

We have recently installed a bespoke bird box with a camera to hopefully view some live action of nesting birds via the Internet. All we need is for a pair to take up residence!

Helping Priorslee Primary Academy Raise funds

Do you shop online? Did you know that every time you buy something you could be raising money for Priorslee Primary Academy?

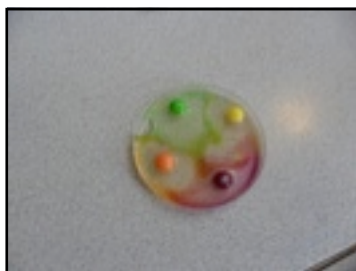
East Fundraising is an online facility which provides a simple way to raise money for Priorslee Primary. Over 2400 well known retailers including Amazon, M&S, Tesco, Waitrose, House of Fraser, eBay and many more, will donate a percentage of what you spent to Priorslee Primary Academy! All you have to do is shop with them via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/priorsleeprimaryacademy>. It's completely free to use, all you need to do is sign up and use the Priorslee Primary Adacemy link to do your shopping!



Week commencing 25th March

To celebrate another exciting event in the school calendar saw school open its doors again this year to parents for 'National Science Week'. Parents were provided with the opportunity to work alongside their children within class to find out how Science is taught at Primary Level. Here are just some of the events that took place...

Base 1 and 8



This year's theme for the Science and Engineering week is 'Discovery and Invention'. To celebrate science in school each class has invited parents to join in a science lesson. In Base 1 children investigated the invention of chromatography and carried out a 'Whodunnit?' enquiry to find out which robber wrote the ransom note demanding money in return for a stolen pet. Pupils also had fun investigating chromatography with sweets and other foods.



Reception and Base 9



Reception spent the afternoon working with eggs. There were four areas for them to explore. The children are seen here watching chocolate melt, some children made crispy cakes. Mrs Lakes bought in her cockerel and hen so the children could draw from first hand experiences. The hen and cockerel have created quite a stir in school as various rooms have been clucking and squawking over the past few days!

Base 2

Base 2 was turned into a 'Ice-cream Parlour' for the afternoon. Children used a combination of milk, ice and salt to transform chocolate flavoured milk into ice-cream. Garnet is pictured here with her Mum enjoying her ice-cream. A huge thank you to all the parents who came to join their children.



Bases 5, 10 and 11

Year 5/6 experimented with 'rocket fuel' - by mixing effervescent tablets and water in a camera film canister, they created rockets and competed to make them fly as high as they could. Some literally 'hit the roof!'.

