



Priory Rise School

# Newsletter

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

## Value of the Month: Generosity

**Dear Parents/Friends,**

This term has begun with a busy mix of activities in school, including the first of our showcase assemblies and the Year 5 residential visit to Irthlingborough. However, foremost in our work is continuing to provide our all-important first class, quality teaching, whilst preparing all the children across the school for their end of year assessments which will take place later in the term.

Whilst the summer term is always the busiest time of year for us in school, with so much taking place across all year groups, I am always so very proud of the variety of activities that take place and the many enrichment opportunities that the children clearly benefit from and enjoy.

### Year 6 SATs approaching

We are extremely pleased that our Year 6 children returned to school after the Easter holidays with great focus, determination, and resilience in preparation for their SATs test that will take place in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May. All the children have demonstrated these Priory Rise values in the lead up to the tests and we could not be prouder of them! They have continued to work hard – both in school and at home - and we are sure that the children will do themselves proud when the time comes. We wish them every success as they approach these assessments with the greatest positivity and determination.



Thanks also to all our families at home for supporting the young people through this time. We look forward to the remainder of the term and all the exciting opportunities that are in the pipeline for our Year 6 young people, preparing for their transitions to secondary school.

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## Year Group Showcase Assemblies



We are delighted to report that throughout this term we will be hosting our year group showcase assemblies with families, which share the wonderful learning that has been taking place across the curriculum in school in each year group.



Last week we were treated to the first of our showcase assemblies presented by Year 5 where we were treated to a variety of presentations, dramas, and songs from the Year 5 children, couched in the frame of a Year 5's Got Talent format. There were even 3 judges (as pictures here) who commented on the successes of each 'act'. This was a wonderfully creative way of sharing many of the aspects of the curriculum that the Year 5 children have been working on across the year. Both showcases showed the children demonstrating confidence, joy and enthusiasm – alongside bundles of talent!

Many congratulations to Year 5 – you were truly amazing!

## Year 5 Visit to Irthlingborough



And if that wasn't enough for Year 5 - this week Year 5 children had an incredibly exciting few days at Irthlingborough Frontier Centre.

The weather was kind too, as the children took part in a wide range of new and, in some cases, even scary activities! These activities included a visit to Irchester Country Park, abseiling, canoeing, mountain biking and climbing on the high ropes - 12 metres in the air!



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This visit provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to mix across all three classes, and it was wonderful to see the start of new friendships developing too. All the adults could not have been prouder of each and every child, for their bravery and their efforts that enabled them to overcome their fears and achieve new goals.

Huge thanks to Miss Raval for organising such an excellent visit for the children to enjoy and to all the staff who accompanied the children enabling them to have such an amazing time away from home together.

### **Driving Safely Around the School Site – following an accident!**

It is with the heaviest of hearts that I share that last week, at the end of one school day, whilst cycling down Priestly Drive, two of our children were involved in a collision with a car that had swung into Mitchel Way without indicating, and moving at speed. Having little opportunity to react, one child skidded to a halt and the other went over his handlebars, landing in the middle of the road. Unbelievably, the car sped off, not checking on the children's health or wellbeing!



Fortunately, one of our families and a member of our staff team did stop to tend to the children and stayed with them until parents were able to come to the scene and both children, despite some minor bumps and bruises, were not seriously hurt.

But this could have been much worse!

In school we teach our children about values and appropriate conduct that we hope to see in everyone in our school community. Please can families support us in modelling our school values in and around the school site.

It is essential that all drivers around the school site exert the greatest of caution and tenacity. It is our duty to follow the rules of the road and for everyone to work together to keep our young people safe.

Many thanks to all those in our school community who support us in our work to keep our children safe in and around the school site.

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## Attendance and Punctuality

At the start of the term, many of our children received their 100% attendance certificates for their excellent attendance across the Spring Term. Many congratulations to all these children. Just wonderful!



In addition, we have recently noticed an increase in requests for families to take children out of school to travel overseas, or to take holidays. May I remind everyone that we have a duty to ensure that children are in school as much as possible, so that they can benefit from the excellent provision that is on offer in school during the school term. Every lesson counts! As I have expressed previously to everyone, children's learning builds on what has gone before and there is a direct correlation between children's attendance and their outcomes. It is so very important. Please can I urge families to take their holidays in the 13 weeks when school is not open for the children.

To be clear, unless children are poorly or there are extremely extenuating circumstances, leave of absence will not be authorised for holidays and there may be a fixed penalty notice in place. In addition, to support in the decision-making process, we require families to provide documented evidence to support their requests for leave of absence.

We have recently updated Attendance Policy which can be found on the 'Policies' section of the website. I would like to thank all our families in advance for your understanding and support in ensuring good attendance and punctuality for your child, which we know positively impacts of their outcomes. Thank you all.

## School Values

As you all know, our school values are well embedded into the daily workings of our school and hugely support our wonderful Priory Rise ethos and culture. Our value of the month for



May this year is 'Generosity' and we are focusing on this important value in our assemblies and in part of our Personal, Social and Health Education sessions.

Following 'generosity' the values for the rest of this school year are 'hope' and 'freedom'. We look forward to exploring these values with the children across the rest of the term.

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## Uniform

It is always great to see our children in school taking such pride in wearing their school uniform. Many thanks to our families for supporting our children in wearing our school uniform so smartly – including our PE uniform on PE days. Maintaining high standards of uniform reflects the high standards that we have of all our children in all aspects of their work at the school and supports us all in showing our belonging to the same Priory Rise family.

With this in mind, please be aware that we do remind children if we see standards in our school uniform are not being upheld.



## Plea to find a lost violin!



help in locating it.

One of our children has misplaced their violin at school and we are keen to recover it. We have searched and searched across the whole school and Mrs Horwood has checked with all our violin players if they have picked up the wrong violin, with no success. If anyone has accidentally found this violin in their possession or has any information as to where we can locate this, please let us know. We will be so very grateful for any

## Sporting News – Girls Football

Our wonderful girls football team have been busy with playing in lots of fixtures. The team



had a rocky start but with a bit more self-belief have now been performing very impressively. Both Mr Neal and Mr Smyth are thrilled to report the progress that the girls have made and the excellent attitude and determination demonstrated in each of their games. So far they have seen 1 win, 2 draws and 4 defeats.

Well done to the squad: Lili Mae, Amy, Nereah, Rachel, Daniella, Valeria, Taiasa, Ellie, Savannah.

## Safeguarding Snippet – Childnet Video

Childnet have produced a video resource to support young children in difficult situations in seeking out support and to understand what they need to do to help themselves out of those situations. This downloadable story on the Childnet site is aimed at children aged three and upwards. The objective is to make children aware of how to seek help.

By following this link below you can also find simplified resources around the story, as well as the story itself: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/hanni-and-the-magic-window/>

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This is an excellent online storybook resource that supports encouraging children to seek out trusted adults to talk to when something significant or worrying has happened. It may be something that you would like to share with your children together in supporting them if they need to seek out help.

## Dates for your diary for this half term

Please see below the dates in your diaries for this term:

- W/C 6<sup>th</sup> May – Jeffers Class – Come Dine With Us
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Showcases – 9am and 2.30pm
- W/C Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – SATs week
- 15<sup>th</sup> May - Foundation Stage Showcases - 9am and 2.10pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 Sleepover
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Music Concert – 5.30pm at Shenley Brook End School Theatre
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Class photos and Year 6 Leavers photo
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – break for half term
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June- INSET day
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June- Children return to school for Summer 2 half term.



### And Finally...

Best regards as always to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ruth Seagar'.

Ruth Seagar

Headteacher

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