



Priory Rise School Newsletter

Inspiring a passion for learning



Friday 9th May 2025

Value of the Month: Individuality

Dear Parents/Friends,

It has been a busy couple of weeks here in school as we have steadily settled into the Summer Term.

It has been wonderful to welcome our Year 4 and 5 children back into school following their successful residential stay in Irthlingborough. Children and staff had so many positive experiences which are now treasured memories of their visit. Wellbeing cups were filled to the brim with the benefits of gorgeous sunshine, shared experiences, strong relationships and lots of time outdoors. We are so very proud of the children's independence and confidence.

Many thanks go to our wonderful staff for facilitating this visit by giving up precious time with their own families, spending time outside of their working hours getting stuck into all the activities and for being such wonderful role models.

VE Day 80

We enjoyed marking Victory in Europe 80th Anniversary in school yesterday by dressing in red, white and blue, and we discussed why we mark this occasion during assembly this morning. Children reflected that we are able to live in the UK during a time of peace.



Our study of the past continues, so that we can take learning from events during World War Two to ensure that a time of peace can prevail, whilst we practice tolerance and respect towards one another.

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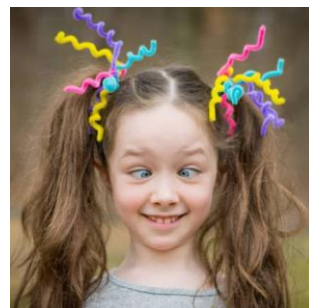
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Crazy Hair or Hat Day

Next Friday 16th May, we are asking children to arrive wearing their usual school uniform, however, they are invited to wear **crazy hairstyles or hats** too. This event has been organised by the wonderful Maheera and the Friends of Priory Rise.

We ask that children bring a donation of at least £1. Friends of Priory Rise are currently raising money for playground equipment as part of an ongoing project to develop provision around the social times of the day.



Year 4 at Irthlingborough – a message from Miss Major

Year 4 had an amazing 3 days at their residential to Irthlingborough. We were incredibly lucky to have had such fantastic weather, and we enjoyed every minute of it. The Year 4 children did us proud with their outstanding behaviour, their positive attitude and for continuously challenging themselves showing great resilience. The children carried out a range of activities and it was brilliant to see them in their element with some even finding new hobbies! Overall, an excellent experience for all involved! Plenty of sun, fun, food and giggles.



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Year 5 at Irthlingborough – a message from Miss Huish



Year 5 had an incredible time on their residential to Irthlingborough last week. From the moment we arrived, the sun was shining, and excitement filled the air. The children showed amazing courage and teamwork as they took part in canoeing, abseiling, high ropes, biking and an activity called 'Above and Beyond'. Whether they were jumping into lakes or facing their fears of heights, every single child showed resilience and determination. They supported each other along the way with enthusiasm and kindness, demonstrating so very many of our Priory Rise School values!

It was an unforgettable adventure, packed with laughter and memories to last a lifetime! Thank you to the truly amazing teachers who supported our residential and made it such a memorable experience for all.



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Fruit, Healthy Snacks and Water

Just a reminder that we are very pleased that children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack during the school day. In keeping with our Healthy Schools Policy **all** children are also encouraged to bring their own healthy snack to enjoy during morning break – this should be fruit, vegetables or dried fruit. **(Snack bars or any other sort of biscuit/crisp/cracker snacks are not permitted.)**



Guitar Music Festival

Mrs Horwood took a group of children to the Guitar music festival this week. Our large group won a presentation award and everyone performed brilliantly. It was a really fun event organised by Milton Keynes Music Service and a wonderful opportunity for the children to perform. Well done to

Group A – Daniella, Olivia, Joshua O

Group B – Seb, Bryan, Abigail, Satvik, Yuvraj, Robert, Ethan S, Dylan, Eva K, Fletcher



Year 1 become African Drummers



Over the last few weeks Mrs Horwood and Miss Huish have led African Drumming Workshops for each of the Year 1 classes. They have since been practising in their classes with their teachers. We have been treated to a few snippets of what they have learnt and their performance so far – wow! This might feature in the Year One showcase at the end of the year, which fits beautifully with our school values.

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School Uniform

Many thanks to our families for supporting our children in wearing our school uniform so smartly – including the PE uniform. We thank our parents in advance for support in maintaining high standards of school uniform across the school.

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

May I remind everyone that our PE uniform consists of wearing black trainers on PE days - there are a number of children wearing trainers which do not match with our uniform policy. Many thanks.



Safeguarding Snippet – Misrepresentation of Brain Research for Parents - White Hatter

The increase in the use of social media has led to an increase in misrepresentation of facts. This is largely down to the small-snippet format in which most social media content is shaped into. Scientific language is often used to allow for these snippets to be as short as possible. By using scientific language, the content becomes more credible and also allows for fewer words to be used, which would otherwise be implemented to gain the trust of the reader.



Since social media is used by all, parents and adults responsible for social care of minors may find themselves influenced by seemingly 'trustworthy' information. However, what is often missing is the peer-reviewed literature that gives such information context and makes it intelligible as part of a wider picture.

As social media usage continues to rise, these phenomena will become more of a problem. White Hatter has recently published an article which explores this issue and seeks to inform on its prevention. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://thewhitehatter.ca/blog/parents-be-wary-of-pseudo-science-presented-as-evidence-based-brain-research/>

Dates for your diary

- Monday 12th May – Start of Y6 SATs week
- Friday 16th May - Year 3 Sleepover
- Monday 19th May - 5.30pm Local Governing Board Meeting
- Tuesday 20th May - 9am Reception Showcase
- Wednesday 21st May – 9am Reception Showcase

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- Friday 23rd May – School Closes for half term
- Monday 2nd June – INSET – School closed to children
- Tuesday 3rd June – School open to children
- Wednesday 4th June (AM) – Year 3 Art Walk
- Thursday 5th June – Year 2 Waddesdon Manor
- Tuesday 10th June – Music Concert at Shenley Brook End
- Monday 12th June – 8-8:30 Father’s Day Breakfast
- Tuesday 13th June – 8-8:30 Father’s Day Breakfast
- Monday 16th June – Reception classes visit to Rookery Farm
- Tuesday 17th June – Year 6 Residential to Derbyshire
- Friday 4th July – P Fest

And finally...



We wish our resilient Year 6 children all the very best for next week, when they will take their SATs – they are ready! Whilst the SATs are statutory - used as measures for reading, writing and maths - they do not measure the whole child. Good character, love, respect, tolerance and emotional intelligence, along with polite manners, as well an ability to foster healthy relationships, remain the key skills for success in life. A sense of humour is always useful too!

Best regards as always to you all,

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