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NEWSLETTER

Penwortham Primary School

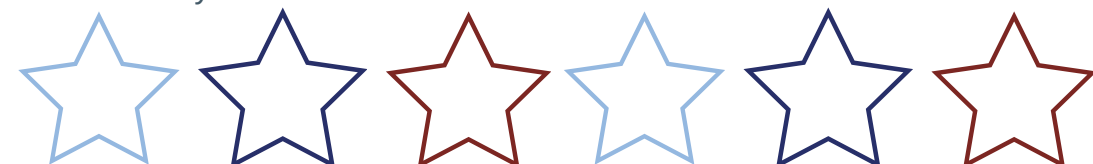
Christmas Spirit...

It has been another amazing week here at school, classrooms have been lit up this week with Christmas trees and festive decorations, along with a spectacular 10ft tree in the school hall. This will be specially decorated with personalised stars complete with all of the children's winter wishes. Each class then visited the tree to hang their special wish as part of a decorating ceremony.

Year 3 performed a very special class assembly on Wednesday which focused on national tree week, families were invited in to school to watch along with the whole school. The children learnt songs, lines and signs to perform for everyone. It was an incredible performance from everyone involved. Well done to the Y3 team, especially Mrs Helliwell for writing such a great creative performance.

We had some very sad news over the weekend, our beloved school guinea pig chocolate passed away in his sleep following a minor operation after a short and sudden illness. Mrs Lambert brought Chocolate into Penwortham Primary School almost 4 years ago, over the years Chocolate visited many homes from the children in year 2 and was a very loved member of our school family.

It is the PTFA Christmas markets today, A HUGE THANK YOU to Katie Snape and all members of the PTFA who have organised this magical event for the children, thank you to all of the staff, parent and children volunteers who have given their spare time to help on the night. Thank you to everybody for your bottle, chocolate and cake donations, your support does not go un-noticed within school and the monies you help raise towards improvements within the school. Our amazing Penwortham families really are the foundation of our wonderful school.



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In school this week...

This week in PE year 6 have been developing their own counter balance and counter tension routine in gymnastics, in history the class have been learning about the impact of The Blitz and reflecting on the aftermath.

Reception are exploring the past- and what that means. The class have been exploring old toys that children used at school.

They have also learnt about our sense of touch, walking on different textures feel on bare feet!

In PE the children became bees, trying to pollenate flowers and return to the hive in time. Carrying on the celebration of weddings Miss McKelvie has arranged to have a wedding photographer coming in to show us real life wedding pictures!

Pre-school have explored shapes and created some beautiful pieces of artwork using prints. In science the class have learnt all about senses with touch being this weeks focus. The children took their shoes and socks off and walked through different textures - this was so much fun! In PE the children became bees and their job was to collect pollen and bring it back to the hive, they did this by guiding the ball with their hands to the cones.

Year 1 had some visitors to help us with our History topic. Some of our grandparents came to visit and we acted as historians, asking them questions about what their childhood was like when they were 6. We then compared our findings to what our own childhood is like.

Year 2 enjoyed their learning about addition and subtraction in Maths last week using manipulatives such as Rekenreks and bead strings, In English we compared features of Fairytales and in forest school we built structures and enjoyed toasting marshmallows!

Thank you to everybody to attended and bought from the scholastic book fair, this is always a huge success and the rewards we receive will go towards new books for the library for the children to enjoy. Don't forget to pop along to the library club every Wednesday from 3.30pm.

Dates for your Diary:

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10.12.24 - Y6 Visit to Priory

10.12.24 - KS1 & EYFS Nativity 2pm

11.12.24 - KS1 & EYFS Nativity 9.30am

11.12.24 - Panto in a day (cinderella)

12.12.24 - KS2 Christmas Showcase 2pm

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12.12.24 - Christmas jumper day

18.12.24 - PTFA 'Elfridges'

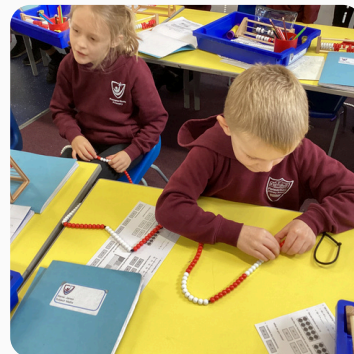
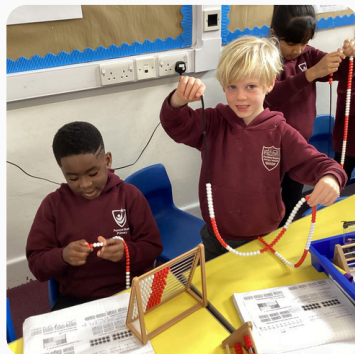
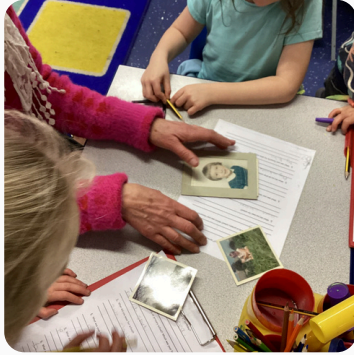
18.12.24 - Christmas lunch

20.12.24 - School closure 2pm Christmas

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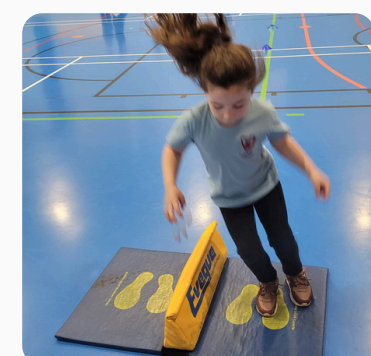
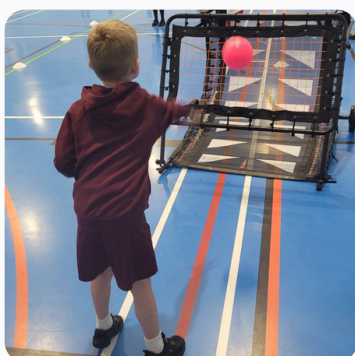
06.01.24 - School reopens

Photos of the week



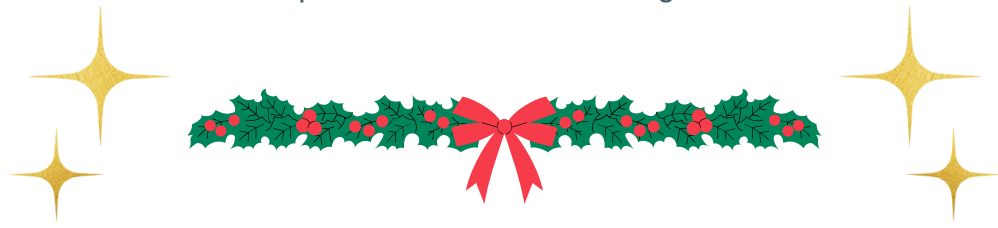
Achievements

Children from Y2 represented our Key Stage 1 this week in a Multi Skills competition at Priory along with children from lots of schools in the local area. They did really well at all the activities and came 4th overall! Well done everyone!



Donation plea!

Christmas is a magical time for children and we want to make every room sparkle with the Christmas spirit. We are appealing for the donation of unwanted Christmas trees and decorations for our classrooms. If you have any items you would like to donate please can these be brought in to the office.



Penwortham Stars Pre School

Just a reminder to parents/carers of all 3 and 4 year old children that you are entitled to 15 hours childcare per week and for most working families this can rise to 30 hours funded by the government. We do currently have spaces in our amazing Penwortham Stars Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds. Please contact the office to find out more information.



School Trips & Events

The year 6 residential trip is now live on spider to book. We have spread the cost of this trip across a deposit and 4 additional payments to make the cost as manageable as possible. Please ensure you also complete the consent form via the spider survey.

Panto in a day is returning again to perform Cinderella for the whole school on the 11th December. We have asked for a small payment of £3 which can be made through school spider.

We try to make sure all school trips and events that are organised are affordable and value for money, receiving contributions towards these events enables school to continue to plan and book in these magical experiences for the children. Unfortunately if costs are not met we may not be able to proceed. We want all of our children to have the opportunity to take part, therefore if any parent has difficulties in meeting the cost or requires more time to pay then please contact the school office to discuss the matter in confidence.

Winter weather...

Please take care when arriving at school, with the cold weather quickly creeping up on us the paths to school have been icy in places. We will continue to do all we can each day to grit the playground for parents and children.

