

Priory Woods Newsletter

Brief News

Signing Stars

The signing stars have had a great term. They have been learning the signs to their favourite pop songs and classic Christmas songs too.

They have been very busy performing in Morrison's for the customers and had fantastic feedback from the staff working. We will be continuing to learn more songs in our signing choir and will be putting on our next performance in February!

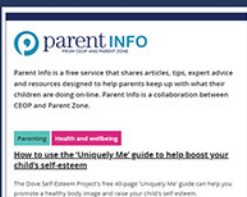
Look out for more information on the school website. Merry Christmas from all the Signing Stars x



Keeping Children Safe Online this Christmas

I am sure this Christmas Santa will be bringing a lot of electronic devices all of which can access the Internet. As a school we take online safety very seriously and part of our e-safety policy we want to support parents and carers in keeping their children safe.

Please check out our website for helpful information and a Christmas online safety song. If you are concerned about anything the information will point you in the right direction. Also please contact school and we will be glad to support you. Please have a very Merry and Safe Christmas.



Message from Janis

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's Christmas again! How did that happen?

It has been a busy term and it has been fantastic to see so many of you joining us for various events such as Beginning of Year meetings and social events such as the Halloween evening and the Christmas Fayre. As always, I am sure you would like to join me in saying a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and Enterprise teams and members of staff for making these events possible.

As always, our students have enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities both in school and out. There have been visits to the theatre both to be in the audience and also to find out about what jobs people do to keep the theatre running; lots of visits to local parks and beaches, the cinema and sporting competitions. We've even been signing and singing at Morrisons and have had lots of lovely comments from the public who enjoyed the performances. We have welcomed Bamboozle Theatre Company and musicians from Tees Valley Music as well as Tin Arts and Sue Thornton for dance.

Our children and young people, with your help, have helped to raise money for various charities and have gathered a huge amount of food for Middlesbrough Food Bank. Thank you all for your kind donations to all of these events.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to starting all over again on 7th January hopefully after a lovely Christmas break.

Kind regards
Janis

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Janis French, Hazel Souter or Lynn Stainthorpe in school.



Lower School

Pink & Red

Pink and Red class loved the Christmas display at Cherry Hill Garden Centre. The children were excited to see all of the sparkling lights and beautiful Christmas characters.



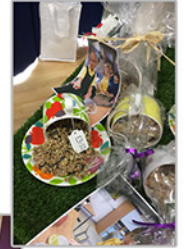
Angels

Students have been involved in creating 'Angels' for St Cuthbert's Church, Ormesby. A Festival of Angels has been displayed at the church and we had the pleasure in designing a wide range of wonderful angels to display. Prizes were won for 'The most angelic' and 'The most Christmassy'.

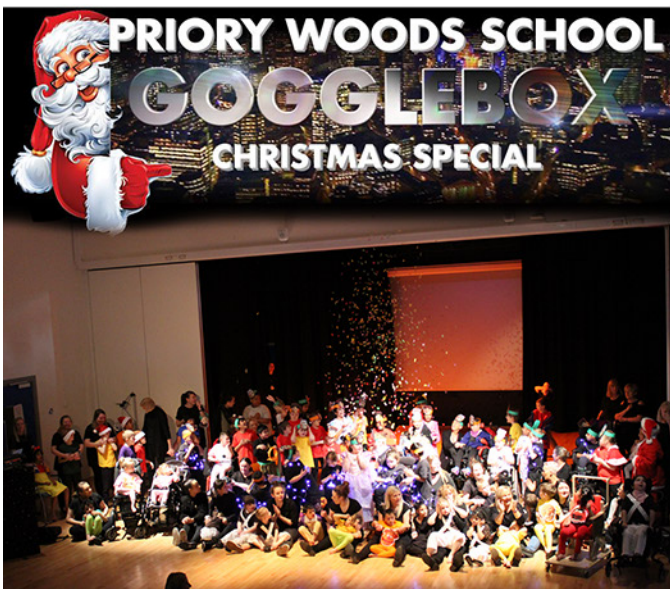


Silver

Silver Class have had a very busy few weeks making lots of things for the Christmas Fayre. We made lovely bird feeders using old tea cups and candle holders using empty glass bottles. The results were amazing.



As part of our Christmas show some of Lower School are doing a dance based on Alice in Wonderland. We went for a trip to Saltholme to see the Alice in Wonderland table in their grounds. The children loved looking at all the characters from the Mad Hatters tea party and then went splodging in puddles.



Lower School Performance

The lower school Christmas performance was a roaring success, here's just a few of the comments:

"It was brilliant the pupils and staff were fantastic! So proud to see everyone taking part"

"Amazing performance from such a fantastic school x"

"Absolutely brilliant performance by all children and staff well done!"

"Amazing performance by the children and the staff. Well done! It was beautiful x"

It was a great effort by the pupils and staff yet again

A HUGE thank you to all who turned up for the Lower School Performance. It was fantastic to see such a wonderful turn out.

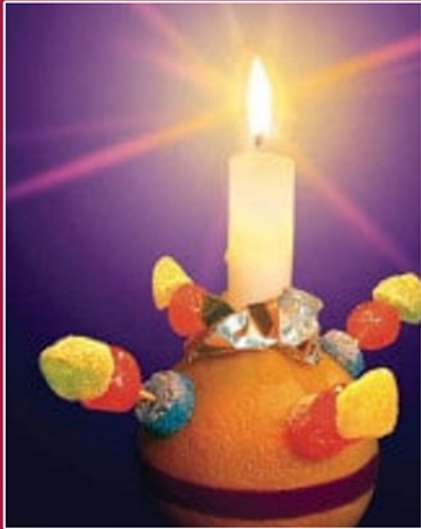


"Brilliant performance yet again!! You are all super stars !!!"

Lower School

Christingle

Lower School enjoyed our Christingle in school this year. Reverend Jen and the Ormesby Ladies joined us for carols, readings, prayers and the lighting of the Christingle candles.



Soft Play

Lower School loved their Christmas soft play trip to Play World in Eston. We had loads of fun on the slides and ball pools and took part in some role play in the vets surgery and car garage. We all ate lunch together, it was delicious!!



Ice Skating

We were invited by Middlesbrough Football Foundation to Winter Wonderland at Billingham Ice Rink. The children used penguins and snow men to help them move around the ice and some children even had a go with ice skates!!

Well Done!!



Upper School

G2 Had a Busy Half Term

We hosted guests for a delicious lunch we made for them.



We have been doing lots of problem solving, from working in our class shop to ordering food at the cafe to constructing our Advent Calendar.



Everyone has had fun and worked hard!



G4 Baking Skills

G4 have been working on their cake baking skills this term. Leading up to the Christmas holidays they have used their baking skills to make Christmas fruit cakes. G4 students have been busy weighing and measuring all the delicious ingredients. To top it off the students used green and red icing, sparkling sprinkles and their creative talents to decorate their own cake to wrap as a gift to take home. They did a wonderful job and all the cakes look delightful!



Their baking skills were once again used to compete in the class bake off! All students use their own personal instructions to follow the steps to make a perfect spongey cake. They had to decorate and present their cakes professionally to a panel of judges. The judges gave fantastic feedback!



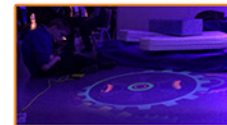
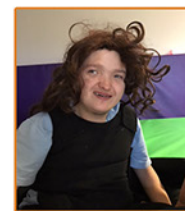
G7

Team G7 have worked hard from the word go this year. All of our group have worked very hard exploring The Wizard of Oz, Winter and have used a range of multi sensory resources. We are proud to tell you we have helped to develop the new sensory room. Jamie helped to develop our knowledge of switch work using the iPad.

Alfie has still been working hard from home engaging fully in guitar playing and singing a range of songs.

Joseph has been working out trying new positions in rebound and swimming. These are but a few things we wanted to share, there will be many more.

Merry Christmas love G7



CREATIVE ARTS

'Storm' by Bamboozle

Students went to see a performance of 'Storm' by Bamboozle Theatre Company at the Hullabaloo Theatre in Darlington.



Christmas Songs

We entertained customers at Morrisons in Berwick Hills singing and signing some Christmas songs. We received selections boxes as a "Thank you!"



Drama

Students created characters who fought in WWII and performed their very own remembrance service.



The Banjos worked hard in drama creating their own version of The Three Bears.



The Cellos work together to create an adventure trail.



Middlesbrough Theatre Visit

Students were learning all about the roles and responsibilities of people who work in the theatre. They got an access all areas tour and met the stage manager and lightning technician.



Preperation for Adulthood

Thank you to everybody who attended the Preparation for Adulthood evening. It was a great event and we hope we found it useful.



Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the Christmas fayre, either by sending in donations or by attending on the day. We raised a massive £1372.97!



Christmas Party

Post 16 have had a great term finished off with a fantastic Christmas Party.



Recording Studio Visit

Post 16 and upper school students recently visited the recording studio and media suite at Teesside University as part of their work on employability in the arts. We had a tour of the recording studio before using the green screen technology and interviewing staff about their work.



Calendar of Events

Dates for your diary

15/02/2019 - PD Day - School Closed

18/02/2019 - 22/02/2019 Half Term

05/04/2019 - End of Term



Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

everyone

