



Dear All

28 April 2023

This week's assembly was on the resignation of the Deputy Prime Minister, Dominic Raab, the different ways to give up or lose a job, and the importance of empathy in leadership and daily life. This spawned a new initiative, which is 'word of the week', the first word being EMPATHY. Every time we have a whole school assembly, I will offer a new word, focussing on its meaning, importance and impact at Priory School. It would be great if you could reinforce this at home. With regard to empathy, I used the phrase, 'walking in someone else's shoes' to help pupils understand. Thank you in advance for helping us explore these key words.

Next Friday, we are having a Coronation themed Mufti Day, with pupils wearing red, white and/or blue for the day. The normal £2 and 50p for cakes apply and the money will go to one of our King's charities. As ever, all cake donations are gratefully received.

Please note that once the GCSE and A Level examinations have finished, and before the end of term, we will have a more substantial event to make the Coronation. More details to follow.

In other matters, and with more information contained in the Sports Report, our U11 girls came runners up in the Island Netball Finals, having qualified for the finals last term by winning the Regional Round. We are so proud of our girls and the hard work, camaraderie and resilience they have displayed throughout the competition. Well done to our fabulous coaches too; Miss Boynton, Miss Mildenhall, Mr Byrne and Mr Woodward have orchestrated a hugely successful sporting year.

This week's Tuesday talk was given by Jonathan Ramsden of the Cats Protection, and he focussed on how to adopt and look after cats. The pupils were marvellous as ever, answering his questions with confidence and asking interesting questions of their own. They breezed through his cat quizzes and Jonathan was impressed with his Priory School visit!

Our Eco-Council are looking at environmental themes relevant to life at school, and next week we will be discussing the impact of global meat production and consumption on the environment. Whilst many of us enjoy eating meat, it is important to know about meat and issues such as climate change and deforestation, and the effect of the latter on indigenous communities and wildlife. Responsible farming and consumption will be the focus of the next weekly meeting. In future sessions with the Council and the wider school community, we will look more broadly at the impact of what we eat on our planet.

Good luck to all our pupils in S5 and Sixth Form who have started or are about to start GCSE and A Level examinations. Please remember to balance revision time with appropriate breaks, and very importantly, to ask for support whenever you need it. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Finally, the first 'Ice cream Friday' of the year proved very popular – the Magnum was delicious – and both the event and the Magnum will be repeated each Friday, weather permitting.

Reports:

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| 1. Tues 25 Apr | Tuesday Talk 'Cats Protection' |
| 2. Tues 25 Apr | Y5/Y6 Girls' Island Netball Finals, Cowes Enterprise College |
| 3. Wed 26 Apr | GCSE French Oral Exam |
| 4. Wed 26 Apr | S2 UK Maths Trust Junior Challenge |

Future Dates & Events:

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| 1. Tues 2 May | Tuesday Talk 'Equestrian Pursuits' |
| 2. Tues 2 May | YR/Y1/Y2 Outdoor Learning (Church or Beach) |
| 3. Wed 3 May | GCSE Spanish Oral Exam |
| 4. Wed 3 – Fri 5 May | Y6 PGL Residential, Marchant's Hill, Surrey |



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| 5. Fri 5 May | Mufti Day & Cake Sale (Prince's Trust) |
| 6. Sat 6 May | King Charles 3rd Coronation |
| 7. Mon 8 May | Additional Bank Holiday (re Coronation) |

Achievements:

On Saturday 22 April, 9 pupils from S4 completed a hilly 6.5 mile walk in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Practice Expedition later this term. All the pupils made excellent progress, improving their map reading skills and working very well together as a team. If other pupils in S3 would like to sign up for the Award, it is not too late! Talk to Mrs Gavin, Mr Strickley or Miss Wheeler.



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Open Morning

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2023 • 9.00AM TO 12.00PM

- See our school in operation
- Pupil-led tours
- Meet staff and pupils
- Small group tours every 15 minutes.
- Open to all years: Reception to Year 6
- Book follow-up visits or taster days
- Scholarship information*
- Meet the Principal

* means tested





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