

Passion for Words

Creative writing is thriving and we would like to share it here...

Reepham Primary school entered the Kyra 500 word competition. Each school that took part chose 4 finalists to take to the grand final. Ethan was one of their four winners. At the grand final students met the author for a writing workshop. The author also judged the short stories and chose overall winners in each category. At the grand final Ethan was the winner in his age category.

Radioactive

I don't know what makes me get up in the morning. Maybe, deep down inside of me, there's an urge to live, a feeling that my life has a purpose. But there isn't much to wake up to. The world today has been ravaged by war and destruction.

I wipe my brow, which is sweaty and warm, but not just from the heat. Recently, deathly nightmares have plagued me as I sleep. I guess it doesn't help that a war between the all-powerful Fallout Force and humans is still raging on. Apparently, they can harness radiation and nuclear energy to cause mass destruction everywhere they go. If only we had one of them on our side; then we'd have a small chance...

As I'm breathing in the chemicals permanently implanted in the air, I look around my bare room. The slate grey walls stare back at me. Other than my stiff bed and a rotting, brown table, I have no furniture. Putrid odours rising from the downstairs flat assaulted me furiously, as they usually did within minutes of me rising from sleep. My only escape was to get out of the apartment and put some distance between me and the noxious fumes. Wearing the only clothes I owned, I set off to the market.

As usual, the market is packed full of people. I head immediately to Jama's small stand, where I knew I'd find both absolute bargains and endless entertainment.

"Jamie! How are you?" she straight away asked. She was a jolly lady, with vibrant clothing on 24/7.

"I'm fine thanks, Jama. Got any more bargains for me today?" My voice was slightly wheezy from the poisoned air.

"You know I do, five apples for the price of one! One time offer!" she smiled merrily.

Before I could answer, a commotion caught my eye. Someone was stealing some hard earned money from a fruit stand. Everyone nearby backed away anxiously.

"Put it down. Now." It took me a minute to realize I had growled the command. "Do I need to make you?" I found myself saying to the filthy criminal.

"Ha! So you're going to stop me? As if!" the criminal grinned, amused.

I felt fury welling up inside of me, like an erupting volcano. My teeth clenched. Then a sudden wave of energy came through me. I felt something in me, in my bones. Something powerful. The thief, now extremely shocked, was knocked back with immense force by the wave, which was flowing from – me. I stood there, confused and uneasy. Somewhere in the distance, I heard police sirens whirring and screeching. Someone grabbed me, then darkness overwhelmed me...

A single, burning light temporarily blinded me. A man wearing a smart suit and tie stepped towards me. After taking in my surroundings, I concluded that I was in some sort of interrogation room.

"We never thought we'd find you," he smiled at me reassuringly. "Now we have hope in this war. You see, Jamie, you're special. You're radioactive."

Ethan Prior (Class 6, Reepham Primary School)

'Black Beauty, a tall and thin horse, with heavy coloured fur, sprinted across the huge field, as fast as the wind. His enchanting dark coloured hair blew behind him as he continued to run and the grass beneath his smooth hooves flattened. Birds danced in the crimson coloured sky above Black Beauty before gliding down and landing gracefully in the old and creaky trees. The handsome stallion slowed and turned his run into a careful trot. The sound of his hooves trampling leaves sounded softly in his ears and the sun shone on his face, making the small white star on his forehead shine brightly.'

By Evie Linley in year 7. She was asked to write a description of what she imagined Black Beauty (current class text) to look like.

Chicken Life

One day I was in a little chicken coop in my little egg, I saw the light then I jumped out screaming. Straight away I ran to the seed because I was starving. My friends were trying to eat some seed but I pushed them out of the way with my little foot. An hour later, when I had gone to bed, I saw my mum and dad outside. Suddenly, my mum and dad were stolen by hunters! My light had broken and it was a cold winter night. I was petrified in my little shed, then I felt a warm hand holding my back.

One hunter said "Do you want chicken?"

The other hunter replied "Yes chicken sounds good"

I had to get out of this situation or I would die. Who wants to eat a baby chicken?

They put me in the oven. I started to feel the heat, then the ropes burnt. I saw a hole in the oven wall and squeezed myself through and I ran as quickly as my little legs could carry me. After I escaped, I ran and ran, home to my little red shed on the farm. The hunters were chasing me and five hunting dogs were too.

The farmer came around the corner and shouted "GET OFF MY FARM!!!!!!"

The farmer aimed a shotgun at the hunters and they ran off SCREAMING. After that day, no one ever came on my farm so I was safe for the rest of my life. My farmer gave me sunglasses and sun cream. The farmer told me to me that I will be safe forever.

James Blackburn

We look forward to publishing more creative writing in the summer module from both Pembroke students and our local primary school students. Please send your work to cneal@prioryacademies.co.uk for our next newsletter in July.



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Young Americans Take to the Stage!



On the Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th March 2018, Miss Keshmiri took 10 students to Grantham to participate in the Young Americans performance workshop.

The Young American's began in 1962 as a choral choir. It wasn't until 1992, that they started touring nationally as a group of passionate performers. This was their sixth year of coming to Grantham and working with the Priory family of schools. After Grantham, they were going to Sweden. They sang us the National Anthem and then their own anthem "We are the World."

The two days embraced singing and dancing through learning directed routines and students from each of the Priory Schools had to work hard together in order to put on a professional public perfor-

mance at the end. Alisha, in year 7, said "It was a great experience. It was really fun and I would definitely do it again."

The staff who came to watch the evening performance were Mr Cole, Miss Keshmiri and Mr Evans. Mr Evans said that the performance was amazing and energetic; "The Young Americans were very enthusiastic and the students had the courage to do it as it was their first time. They did it all in two days and it was wow."

Bethany Henderson said "It was tough nailing a dance and choral routine in just two days. I believed all my fellow students did really well, and we made a great team. I hope this experience will help us thrive in other skills and I believed even the teachers liked it. It was fun."

Emily Henderson

On Monday 19th February members of the school council were invited to a buffet lunch with the Bishop of Grimsby here at Pembroke. It was arranged by Reverend Penny Green and the Head teachers of the local primary schools were also invited.

Mr Evans said “At lunch time we took the curious school council and local head teachers to meet the Bishop of Grimsby for a question and answer session. They were passionate and showed courage to ask the Bishop questions. The Bishop explained his life history and background, it was fascinating.”

Student Safety Awareness

Miss K. Creaser



On Friday 8th March, Pembroke hosted its World Book Day (delayed slightly from the national date because of those pesky snow days!) Staff dressed up and students participated in a myriad of fun book-related activities all across the curriculum around school.

The day started with Miss Neal's assembly which was duly dedicated to Harry Potter, and specifically, JK Rowling's own inspirational rags-to-riches life story. The difference reading and writing has made to her life is truly monumental and we all emerged from assembly feeling impressed with how vital reading is and inspired to pick up some novels. In fact, at the end of the assembly all students received a free 'lucky dip' book (wrapped lovingly by staff in newspaper). Each surprise book had been donated by a member of staff who had also taken the time to write a message on the first page to inspire students to enjoy the book as much as they had. Although it looked like Miss Neal got herself a 'howler' rather than a book. It really was a great end to a busy week!

A woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a white shirt and a purple tie, is pointing her right index finger towards a large owl sculpture. The owl is constructed from crumpled newspaper and has a red heart on its chest. The background shows a window with blinds.



Our Generosity Never Stops

Our charity work continues!

Craft club finished off Module 3 brilliantly by making chocolates and paper roses for students to buy and send out for Valentine's Day. Students from all years sent little love notes attached to roses for a donation, which in total raised £42.50 for the British Heart Foundation.

Mrs Kumar-White's mother hand knitted numerous beautiful and intricate daffodils to raise money for Marie Curie cancer care. These raised an impressive £52.70 and counting together with the original silk daffodils the charity provide.

During Sport Relief week the PE department had each class skipping as a warm up. This was working up to a whole school skip on the morning of 23rd March during our weekly assembly. Students skipped furiously in pairs, counting skips done in 30 seconds and totalling up their numbers as a form. All students did 7651 skips in a minute in total—not quite the billion steps theme that Sport Relief had advertised but it was near the 10,000 steps we should do each day. Coincidentally this whole school activity fell on National Skipping Day! It was great fun and the best way to start the day—active, laughing and out in the fresh air. During lunchtime, students donated their dinner money change to create our #Pembrokevalues crossword on the hall floor. £23.11 was counted up and donated to Sport Relief.

Well done to all students who have been generous with their time, skills and donations with these charity events.

Mr C. Brewer



Peer Mentor Training

On the Wednesday 7th February 2018, Priory Pembroke Academy Peer Mentors: Joe Bower, Sophie Edwards, Emily Henderson, Katy Inkster, Madeline Inkster, Isabelle McCullough, Nicola Burns, Mrs Grant and Mrs Guirgis went to an anti-bullying event to get ideas on how to improve our anti-bullying work in our school. This was held at Leslie Manser Primary School.

During the day we took part in a series of activities to get to know other schools and build our confidence in talking to new people.

One of the activities that we did was to create logos for our school. We came up with different ideas. Some of these ideas were a big jigsaw with our 5 school values, two hands; one red and one green, the old Anti-Bullying ambassador sign with a world around it, just to name a few.



Another activity that we did was that we got paired up with another school and we did a piece of drama work on a scenario of bullying and how to solve it. It has given us a lot of ideas on how to develop activities within form time for students to remind each other about being kind in school.

Emily Henderson & Nicola Burns.

Pembroke Primary Support Continues...

Since our successful Christmas collaboration performance, our primary school liaison work has continued to grow and become a huge success.

This module has seen the introduction of Mrs Pickersgill's CSI Pembroke programme, whereby year 5 students from our nearby village schools have been invited to join a team of forensic scientists. This team of students have 6 weeks to unpick the mystery of Mr Evans's missing chess piece. It was stolen and clues are being gathered together each week to eliminate suspects and nail the culprit.

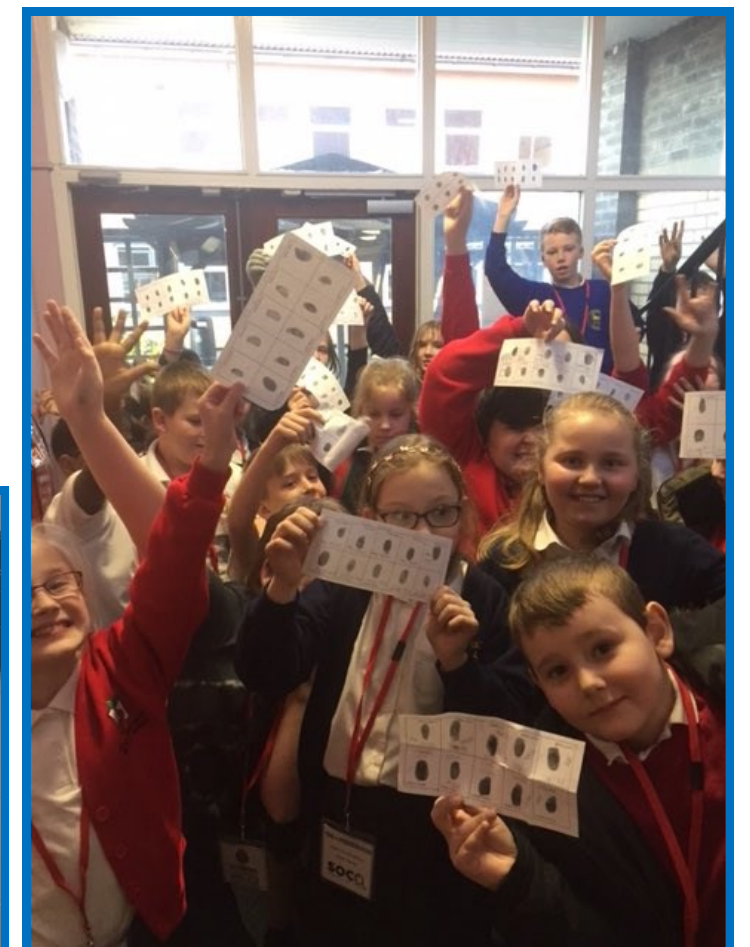
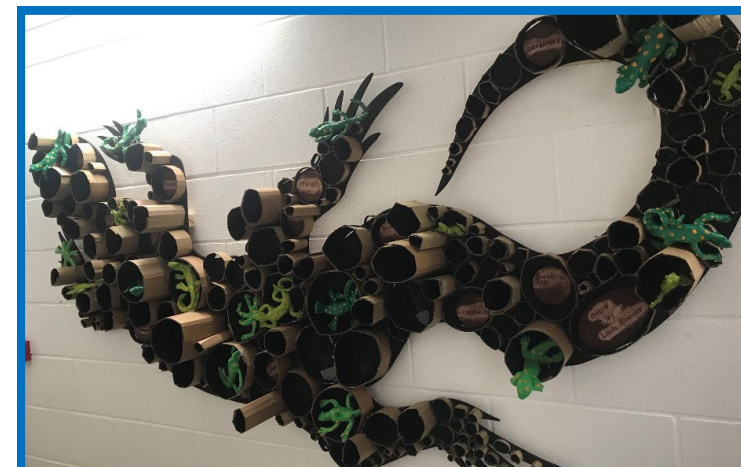
Mr Warnock (Assistant Headteacher) visits Bardney, Fiskerton and Reepham on Wednesdays to work with year 5 mathematicians who need stretch and challenge within the subject.

We have continued our art support and have celebrated the grand unveiling of the year 4/5 classroom at Sturton-by-Stow Primary school which was transformed into a rain forest back in February. Miss Neal worked with the class over four Friday mornings utilising a variety of textile techniques to create the forest foliage. Printing, weaving and felt making were thoroughly enjoyed by all students; they even taught their teacher how to make felt afterwards. With the help of year 7 and year 10 students from Pembroke we have worked alongside year 5 students from Cherry Willingham Primary and also Ellison Boulsters Academy. We were able to address the skills they wish to learn with their current class topics with ease. Thus creating two very different installations for their school buildings. One was based on the class book 'Holes' and the other on World War 2.

We have had two successful year 5 taster days on the theme of transport. On 7th February we invited year 5 students from Cherry, Reepham and Fiskerton to participate in an exciting day of 'transport' themed lessons. On 28th March we repeated the day for students from Nettleham, Scothern and Bardney. Students embarked on a day of four 45 minute lessons around the transport theme. Both of these days were great fun and each rewarded students who embraced our school values with prizes at the end of the day.

We have now had 200 year 5 students through the front door and our local primary schools are celebrating our growing success as a new school on an exciting journey. We would like to thank them for their support and we look forward to continuing to work with them each year.

Miss C. Neal



Our Clubs Build Confidence



Our exciting array of clubs has continued this module. Shooting club and the Mock magistrates have proved very popular. The students involved have produced this report.

Every Monday for 4 weeks 13 students picked up an air rifle, some for the very first time and learned to shoot them! For the 1st and 2nd week we learned how to handle an air rifle and also got to know the health and safety points when firing them. We were sat with a gun rest for the first session and without a gun rest for the second to get the feel of shooting. The 3rd week we stood up and it was very different than sitting down. We knew by then most of the sections of the weapon, all of the health and safety points and we were also very good at hitting the black circle on the target. The 4th and final week shooting at school was here and a test was due to know whether we can have the opportunity to earn a marksman badge. Everybody passed and we needed to achieve at least seven out of 10. We shot for the rest of the session.

On the next Sunday, we went down to the Reepham Moor rifle range and practiced for the marksman shooting test, where we have 5 cards (one practice) and 5 shots on each. We needed to obtain 50 points altogether. On the day we did our test some people were nervous and some were very confident. We all did very well and after the test we had the choice of shooting clay pigeons with a shotgun or carry on with the air rifles shooting metal cut-outs.

Jacob Spurr

We are also very lucky to have two groups of Lincoln University students who are running two after school clubs based on film making. One group are producing a promotional film for Pembroke which we hope to be able to put on the school website, social media pages and to show in Primary School assemblies. The other group are following a Harry Potter theme and producing a short dramatic film. Both groups of students will teach our students how to use the equipment and software necessary to edit and produce film. A trip to the University will also be involved next module when they get nearer to the end products being produced.

Miss C. Neal

Over the past couple of months a small group of students have been gathering with Mrs Pickersgill in her science lab to discuss and plan a prosecution and defence for a magistrate's mock trial, which was held at Mansfield at a real magistrate's court.

Most of the students involved such as Myself, Megan Boulter, Emily Bennett, Sam Scott and Ebony Masters Spent almost every single lunchtime in Mrs Pickersgill's Science lab slaving over statements, cross-examinations, examinations in chief and many other documents. Despite lots of practice during lunchtimes, we had to spend some time out of lessons to ensure we were ready by the morning of the competition. On Saturday 10th March we were all at school at 8am ready for our trip to Mansfield Courts.

By the time we got to the Court we were full of nerves, but we were ready and raring to go! As we entered the building, we were metal detected and sent into a Trial room where we practiced relentlessly until the time came for us to compete. We were confident in our roles and what we were going to say then we were called into the trial room - Defence first.

Myself and Ebony stepped up to the defence table and sat facing the opponents prosecution team. With Megan facing the magistrates, this then led to our laborious task of convincing the magistrates that there was no evidence to back up the case of the defence. We won! Megan was declared "Not Guilty", this was a massive relief and a shock as we did not believe we would stand a chance. Then came the prosecution; this did not go to plan as many of the questions that the opponents defence lawyer was asking weren't relevant or simply couldn't be answered by the witnesses. After a long winded battering by the other team we were called off and the magistrates went to decide the fate of Sam Fenton (defendant) they returned with the verdict "Not Guilty" this was not what we were hoping for but it was still 1 win/1 loss so we went home happy!

Jack Wood



Sporting Courage

We recently hosted the U12 girls and U14 boys Futsal competition at Priory Pembroke. The girls put up a tough competition for their opponents (Lincoln Minster). They played brilliantly but didn't manage to win on this occasion. The boys on the other hand won their game with ease! Both teams qualified for the School Games county final competition which took place on 22nd March in Grantham.

The boys team did very well indeed. It was clear that as they progressed through the 6 games, they got better, both physically as well as tactically, coming up against some quite stern & robust opposition. Although they did not win the tournament, they were all delighted to have won the 'Sporting Values' award, which was a true testament to their sportsmanship throughout the day. The boys did Pembroke proud, put up a good show and certainly were not humbled by any opposition.

Ben Bower: rock steady at the back

Ashton Toplis: industrious & skilful

Robert Towriss: timely interceptions & great reader of the game

Max Millar: midfield maestro

Leon Smith: took no nonsense at the back

Jacob Spurr: some world class saves from 'The Cat'!

Mr C. Selby



We welcomed ninety six primary pupils from nearby

schools through our doors in February for a KS1 Multi-skills festival. We worked in partnership with students from Lincoln University who organised and delivered the event as part of their project. They also helped 16 Pembroke students during their first experience at sports leadership. The primary pupils had a brilliant time and were very tired once they were finished! Our sports leaders at Pembroke really were thrown in at the deep end but they did a super job. Well done to you all!

School Games Organiser events coming up at Priory Pembroke throughout the summer:

Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics - Thursday 3rd May

Y5/6 Lacrosse Festival - Thursday 10th May

Y5/6 Rounders Competition - Monday 21st May

Y6 Girls Cricket - Thursday 7th June

Y5 Mixed Cricket - Thursday 7th June

Y5/6 Hockey - Monday 11th June

Y3/4 Tri Golf and Inclusive Tri Golf - Friday 15th June

Y3/4 Multi-skills Festival - Friday 22nd June

Y3/4 Pembroke Festival of Sport - Thursday 12th July

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Mrs M. Manby

