

# Passion for Pirates

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 80+ students from Bardney, Reepham and Cherry Willingham came to Pembroke for a day of pirate-themed fun! As it was also Children In Need, they all came dressed up too! (Pyjamas and pirates to name but a few!). On arrival, the children were welcomed by Mr Evans, who also threw in a few pirate jokes. After this, they were put into 5 pirate teams; the primary schools were mixed in these teams. These groups participated in 'big school' lessons such as Art, Maths, Science, English and PE. Year 11 prefects assisted the children in finding their way around the school and with the activities. The activities were as follows:

In English, with Mrs Mann, creative wavy writing! Students from the primary schools had to write a descriptive piece of writing about the sea using a wave template.

In Maths, with Mr Harrison, students had to work out the most important thing needed to survive as a space pirate!



In Art, Miss Neal led sessions of observational skull drawing using charcoal and chalk to explore tone.

In Science, Mrs Pickersgill and her handy helpers lead a series of pirate themed experiments. These included ink making to write treasure maps, cleaning treasure and separating "salt and sand".

In PE, there was a fun pirate-themed assault course which involved walking the plank, avoiding "sharks" and scrambling under nets. It was timed to create pirate competition.

Mrs Challis and her canteen team also prepared a yummy pirate feast for the children at lunchtime. There were prizes awarded at the end to students who showed creativity, support and resilience. All the children really enjoyed their day at Pembroke, and now year 5 can't wait for their turn!

Jen Shelbourn

## Creative Writing is Thriving...

Mrs Mann, our Head of English (whom we share with LSST) is passionate about Literacy and is working hard to embed this solidly within all subjects at Pembroke. Each term she launches a creative writing competition which all students and staff are able to enter. We have had spooky stories, fireworks and conflict as themes which have tied in with events within our daily lives. Mrs Mann would also like to invite primary school children to submit their creative writing for our next newsletter in March, so we look forward to hearing and reading from you. Here is this term's creative writing winner for you to share...

The explosion of vibrant colours like red, blue and yellow illuminated the sky, amazing everyone around. "Ooh! Aah!" the crowd repeated, as if they were the only words they could say. The barbequed smell of hot dogs and burgers distracted me from the fireworks, after all -- who can resist a hot dog? Another explosion went off in the air. It was like a child was throwing an array of colours at the sky. The sky kept changing from light to dark as if someone kept flicking a light switch. It reminded me of pompoms and all the colourful strands coming out the centre. The loud sizzle and bang of fireworks shooting into the sky sounded like a rocket exploding mid-launch. The final set of fireworks went off: deep reds, vibrant yellows, ocean blues, forest greens, royal purples -- and maybe some undiscovered ones -- exploded, leaving the sky in a disfigured rainbow.

Creative Writing Firework competition winner: Corey Maltby, Year 8



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## Official Opening Ceremony



VIP guests joined us at a special ceremony to mark the official opening of The Priory Pembroke Academy in Cherry Willingham on 6<sup>th</sup> November. The Academy teamed up with the Woodland Trust to plant a tree to commemorate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Charter of the Forest -- brokered in 1217 by the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Pembroke.

Headteacher Simon Evans, together with Lincolnshire County Council Deputy Leader Patricia Bradwell, unveiled a 7ft statue of Pembroke which will now stand at the entrance to the academy grounds. The Earl, William Marshal, has been carved from a sequoia trunk by local chainsaw sculptor Mick Burns.

Mr Evans told guests and students: "The Priory Pembroke Academy is a seed that is growing rapidly. We are on a journey of growth and excitement. Just like the new Tree Charter which the Woodland Trust has drawn up, our aim is to create something meaningful, relevant and rewarding in today's world."

Howard Gee, Chair of The Priory Federation of Academies Trust, welcomed Pembroke to the Priory "family" and thanked staff, governors and the local authority for their positive and enthusiastic work since the partnership was announced.

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# Charter of the Forest **wisdom** shared

Councillor Bradwell said: "It has been wonderful to see the young people here today at the start of such an exciting future. The Priory has a strong track record of success and we have no doubt that the Pembroke Academy will continue to go from strength to strength."

The opening ceremony concluded with the arrival of a group of cyclists from Fund4Trees, a charity which promotes sustainable treescapes. The eight riders had cycled from London to Lincoln and detoured to Cherry Willingham to join the occasion.

Natalie Stephenson, of the Woodland Trust, said: "With more trees being cut down than planted in England for the first time in 40 years, it is essential we act now as a nation to protect the future of trees and woods for generations to come".

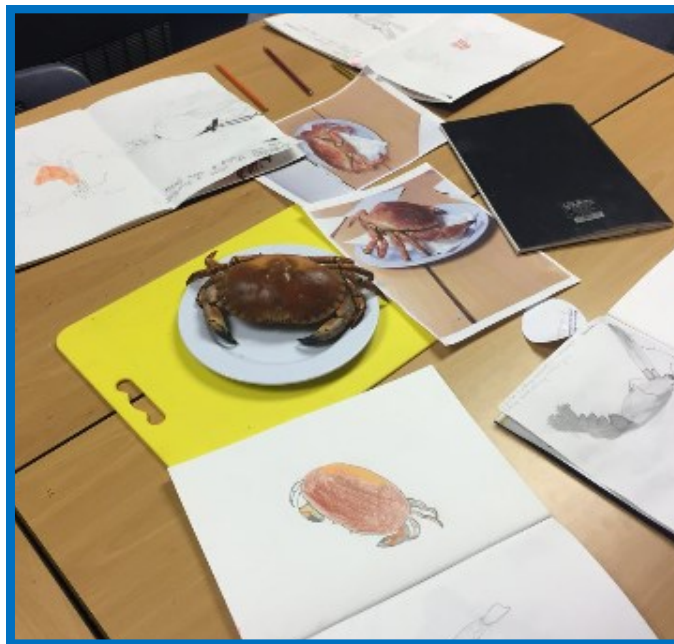
Earlier in the day, students had taken part in a range of workshops including willow weaving, bushcraft and foraging. Mr Evans also confirmed that the academy would shortly be working with the Cherry Fields project, where Pembroke students would plant more trees for the community. The Charter of the Forest – a companion document to Magna Carta – was issued in November 1217 and helped to establish access and hunting rights for the young King's citizens.

The Octocentennial was commemorated with tree-planting events at the six other Priory academies, as well as separate celebrations – featuring a group of Pembroke students – at Lincoln Castle.

By Emily Henderson



## Pembroke Primary Support



This term we want to share how much we are working alongside our local primary schools. In fact we are running out of hours in the week. We follow Cherry, Reepham and Fiskerton on Twitter and are often tagged in posts allowing us to share the work of our students. Pembroke is highly active within our primaries and is bringing all students and staff together this festive season on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December by hosting a Christmas Arts Celebration Evening. Performances from all year groups along with their art work will be show cased on this evening.

Cherry Willingham Primary school students in year 5 and 6 have been creating kinetic textile figures which they are animating on their ipads to produce a film to show the audience in the interval.

Fiskerton Primary are showcasing the stunning vocals of their Young Voices singing group who will perform in Sheffield at a big competition in January, in which we wish them luck and are honoured to hear their songs before the judges. Their year 3&4 class will be showing off their felt making skills in the art exhibition.

# Cherry Fields tree planting

On Wednesday 13th December the student council and I went down to Cherry Willingham Fields, with wellies and spades at the ready. We were planting trees in order to help this area develop into a woodland which can be enjoyed by all. The Cherry Fields representatives came into school on Friday 9th December to talk about their project in our whole school assembly. We watched a video of someone on the cycle track there which looked very cool if you like off-roading and getting a bit of height on your bike on jumps. By 10am, after only an hour the students had planted over 100 small saplings complete with protection from rabbits and deer. It was rather chilly and very muddy but we all returned to school with a sense of accomplishment knowing we had contributed to what will become a fully grown woodland area to enjoy picnics and walk in within 20 years. As a Charter of the Forest school we pledged to support our environment and promote a passion for the outdoors and the importance of trees, and this is what we will continue to do. We were all ready for our Christmas dinner when we returned to school.

Mrs S. Warnock



## Future Chef Competition



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, saw the local heat of the Future Chef 2018 competition. This was held at the New College in Stamford. Hannah Fox, Year 10, and Sophie Edwards, Year 10, attended after winning the academy heats in October. Both were up against students from The Priory Academy LSST and Prince William School. In total there were six students. The competition was a hard fought one with all competitors trying their best to win it. Hannah and Sophie both cooked out of their skins and took a lot from competing at this level for the first time. When the dishes had been served, the kitchen cleaned down and a lengthy judging session the results were revealed. Hannah came a very respectable second closely followed by Sophie. A special mention must go to them both for the fantastic feedback they received and also to the eventual winner of the local heats a student in her second year of the competition from LSST.

Mr G. Baker



# Generosity

Pembroke has a long and proud history of sponsoring charities, with a number of whole-school charities and each form sponsoring their own individual charities researched and elected by them to help some fantastic causes.

On 9<sup>th</sup> November, Pembroke had a collection for the 'Cry in the Dark' Shoebox appeal: each form was assigned a Romanian child for whom students were to bring in gifts to put in a shoebox. A total of 15 boxes were sent out – so many gifts for each shoebox that some forms had to make two boxes!



In addition, we have had a number of individual students and small groups of students organising their own fundraising activities. On the 10<sup>th</sup> November (the next day!), 7RK organised – by themselves – a cake sale for their form charity, ‘Help for Heroes’, to tie in with Remembrance day. Another cake sale, helmed by Mr Baker (food technology and music), raised money for ‘Children in Need’ the following week – in total, well over £100.

Hayley Thorpe (9GF) also organised her own sponsored silence for her form's chosen charity, 'UNIQUE' (Rare Chromosome Disorder Support Group). For this, she remained silent for the entire day (even through lessons!) Entirely by herself, Hayley managed to raise over £70 for this brilliant cause.

As we head towards Christmas time, Pembroke's charity schedule is only ramping up! From the 4<sup>th</sup> December, Pembroke is launching its annual appeal for the 'Nomad Trust' – a Lincolnshire based charity dedicated to helping the homeless. Each form will be collecting food items for the needy ready to donate. On 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Christmas Arts Celebration Evening students are selling ceramic decorations, badges and wristbands to add to the £104 raised earlier in the term for 'Help me I'm fine' charity. Finally, on 15<sup>th</sup> December, Pembroke will be having a Christmas jumper day, which will be terrific festive fun for students and staff! This will be in aid of 'Save the Children', where everyone will donate £1 to wear a seasonal jumper.

Miss D. Farrell

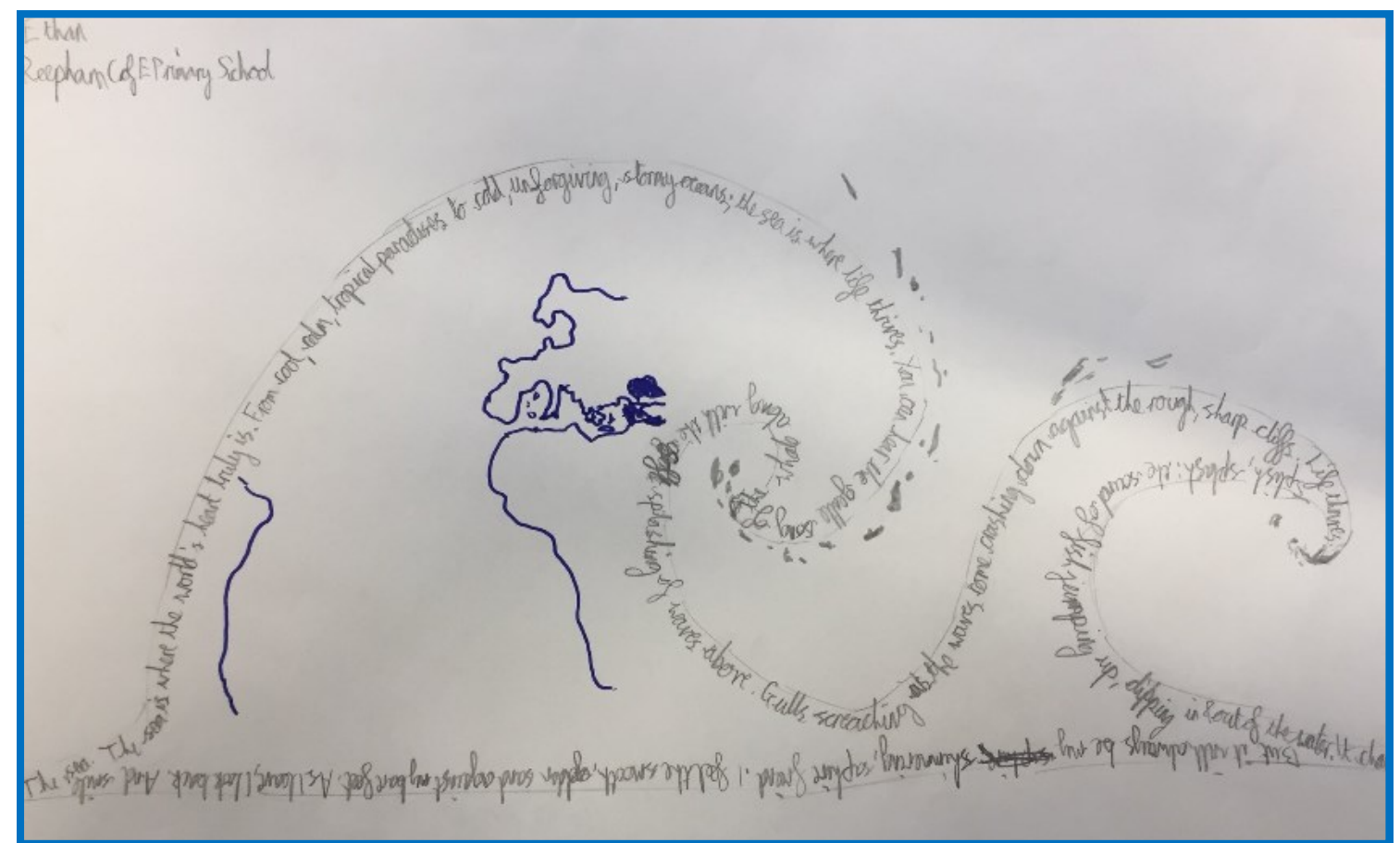


# Christmas feast for all

On Wednesday 13th December Mr Evans provided a Christmas dinner for the whole school. Both staff and students sat together to enjoy a full on feast prepared by Mrs Challis and her catering team. The school's senior leadership team were on serving duty and had to be swift in their spoons to ensure all 200 people were fed. The students didn't have to pay but were asked to make a charitable contribution to the Nomad Trust. Mr Evans led a Christingle after the meal where everyone lit their candles and sang 'Away in a Manger' by candlelight. It was magical.

After everyone was full of pudding, Mrs Cooper our fantastic receptionist held a quiz and some of our talented performers had time to share some Christmas songs on stage for the rest of the school's festive entertainment. This afternoon was a wonderful whole school event which will now be a permanent sit down fixture on the calendar each year. What a way to share lunch and the end of term.

Nicola Burns



## Primary support cont'd..

Bardney Primary School have a large singing group 'I-SING-POP' who are performing. Reepham Primary, whose year 3 and 4 classes are also singing a song from the musical 'Matilda' and I doubt there will be a dry eye in the house. Reepham will be showing off art work from year 1 and also year 3 which have been inspired by Van Gogh and also the book 'Only you' by Linda Krantz.

With the support of Pembroke teachers, our local primary students are exploring opportunities to develop art skills, PE, literacy and will soon be challenged in Mathematics. Year 11 students have supported the schools by helping at their Christmas fairs and spreading the positive vibes coming from Pembroke Academy. We are thoroughly enjoying working together and exciting all our learners to become curious resilient students.

Next year we are looking to host some exciting activities for our local year 5 students who are showing immense excitement about Pembroke and what the Academy has to offer them. Our future plans are to run an Olympics day, year 5 theme days, a forensics after school science club and much more. **So keep a look out for more information on our twitter and facebook pages.**

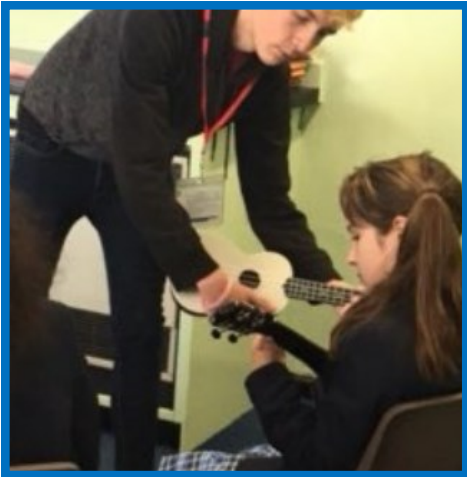




Enriching clubs drive curiosity

Sporting Courage

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Pembroke Singers – Music (Mr Baker)  Science Club - Mrs P lab (Mrs Pickersgill & Mr Cole)  Hair & Beauty – Tech room (Mrs Hepplestone & Mrs Elvin)	Buddies – Hub (Mrs Guirgis)  Craft Club – Art room (Miss Neal & Mrs Warnock)  'You can Dance' – Drama Studio with Charlotte Scott  Cinema Club – (Miss Filisetti in her room)	Origami & Zentangles Reflection Room (Miss Rigby)  Pembroke Stage-hands (Mrs Summers) – Drama Studio 1.40pm – 2.10pm	Board games – F101 (Mrs Kumar-White)  Peer Mentoring – SSD  Samba Band – Music (Mr Baker)  Ukulele Club with Cameron (yr12) Lara & Beth (yr7) Reflection Room	Chess Club – D102 (Mr Evans)  Pembroke Press (yr 10 & 11) School newspaper club with Miss Farrell & Mrs Mann
After School	Shooting Club (until 4.30pm – Sports Hall with external coach)  After School Club – Hub (4.20pm – Mrs Coxon)	After School Club – Hub (4.20pm – Mrs Coxon)	Mechanics Club (3.15 –4.15pm with Mr Markham)  Pembroke Perform-ers (until 4.30pm Drama Studio)  After School Club – Hub (4.20pm – Mrs Coxon)	After School Club – Hub (4.20pm – Mrs Coxon)  Bake Off – Food Tech (with Mr Baker)	Karaoke Club – Art room (until 4.30pm – Miss Neal)



Pembroke Academy provides superb provision for all students to enrich their experiences each day at school. There is an opportunity each term enables them to sign up and attend clubs at lunchtime and afterschool where they can learn new skills, make more friends and try new things. Almost half the students here at Pembroke regularly attend a club, some attend one every day! Our school twitter page regularly updates our community with what these clubs get up to. However, to mention just a few; Ukele club is run by two year 7 students and Cameron Jarrold a year 12 music student who comes in every Thursday lunchtime to teach the students how to play. Baking club is popular where they bake cookies, brownies and other yummy treats which no doubt spoil their tea. Science club allows pupils to explore the wonder of this subject through fun activities such as shrunken heads, forensics and this week they made a chemistree—a tough engineering feat! The performance clubs are well attended and will be showcasing their weeks of hard work at our Arts evening on 14th December. Next term we are hosting a shooting club where 18 students will have the opportunity to achieve their Air Rifle Marksman Badge. Our students love these clubs and really make a difference to their school day. Each one is well attended by happy students of all ages.

Hannah Fox

There is a shared belief within this Academy that sport can empower our students, and we have made forward strides in pushing extra-curricular sporting opportunities this term in clubs such as football, handball, rugby and badminton across all year groups.

This module, students have taken part in a number of sporting events and fixtures. In September, 16 girls participated in a rugby development day at the Lincoln Rugby Club, learning the fundamental skills and rules which led to a full contact Rugby development event involving a range of schools later in the term. The girls thoroughly enjoyed these events and showed the desire to come out of their comfort zone and try a new sport!

There was further opportunity for inter-school competition for those involved in the weekly badminton club at a school games event held at Bishop Burton College. The KS3 boys, KS4 boys and KS4 girls’ squads were in action against some very experienced opposition. Although we did not make it through to the next round, all students embraced the challenge to compete with larger schools of badminton excellence. A special mention must go to the KS3 boys’ team (Ashton Toplis, Ben Bower, Reiss Edwards and Jack Wood) who, despite having little experience on the badminton court, held their own against a very tough LSST squad, taking LSST all the way in games which ended 14vs15, 12vs15, 13vs15, 13vs15, and a 15vs13 win for Ashton Toplis! The boys played with passion, displaying a ‘can do’ attitude with the resilience to continue in games with positive attitudes in the face of adversity.

The badminton squads continued their enthusiastic approach the following week when the KS3 boys and KS4 girls competed with the Priory City of Lincoln Academy. Matches were once again closely contested and another win for Pembroke was experienced by our first and second seeded players, Ashton Toplis and Ben Bower, when they demonstrated some outstanding team work to come from behind to secure a doubles match victory.

Next on our agenda was to compete in an annual event which would see 40 of our students across all age groups compete against local schools in the Lincoln and Gainsborough Cross Country Championships. A significant proportion of our students took part in this event and this really does highlight the desire of our students to contribute to sporting success.

A newly formed Year 11 football team also went away from home full of eagerness when they went head to head against the Priory City of Lincoln Academy. The boys were up against it from the beginning and went into the half time period 5-1 down. However, a hearty half time team talk and a pinch of team spirit saw these boys unite and battle for their pride thereafter, winning the second half 1-0 with a sublime solo effort from a Korbyn Toplis free kick effort to the top right hand corner! These students displayed an unconditional amount of resilience in this game, and now have the confidence leading into the tournament in the New Year!

The module comes to a close having seen our Year 7 boys and Year 7 girls squads participate in the ESFA 5-a-side Cup. Students entered the tournament with little experience; however a successful long range strike from girls captain Ellie Gooch gave the girls lots of confidence in the opening minute of the first game. Despite not progressing past the group stages in either tournament, these students demonstrated the ability to reflect on their first experience of secondary school competition and are now raring to go again for the next fixture!

Mr C. Selby

