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Dear Parents/Carers,

Tonight I will be travelling to Manchester with a group of staff who have been shortlisted for awards at the Co-op Academies Trust's annual 'Rewards and Recognition Evening'; a very proud moment for me as Principal of Priesthorpe.

The event will see both Associate and Teaching staff, from academies across the Trust, come together at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester to celebrate numerous examples of individuals and teams going above and beyond in support of student development. The awards are centred upon the Co-op's 4 'Ways of Being'; 'Do what matters most', 'Succeed together', 'Be yourself always', and 'Show you care'.

It is no accident that at Priesthorpe, we reflect these awards in the behaviours we expect of our students, staff and governors. These agreed behaviours are displayed around the academy on boards entitled 'The framework for how we behave', and are a visual reminder of the importance of fostering co-operative values across our community.

Have a great weekend.

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



Co-op Academy
Priesthorpe

Tuesday 26th March

House Competitions 4

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Friday 29th March

School Closes at 3pm

Monday 15th April

School Opens – 8am

Thursday 18th April

School Closes – 3pm

(For Bank Holiday – Good Friday)

Tuesday 23rd April

School Opens – 8am

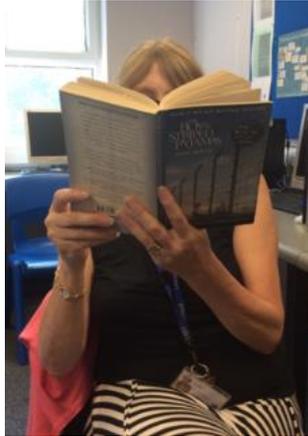
Tuesday 23rd April

Y7 Parents Evening



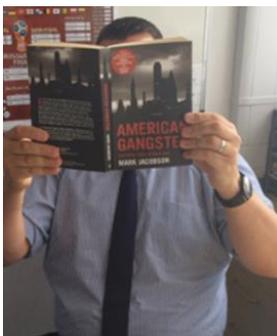
Everybody Reading in Class

Can you guess which staff member is enjoying reading their book?



This weeks recommended read – Mr Berry

I Am Pilgrim is the debut novel by former journalist and screenwriter, Terry Hayes. A former intelligence agent who wrote a book on forensic pathology becomes involved in a case where someone uses his book to commit untraceable murders. Because of his earlier career, he also gets involved in another case involving a threat involving an ex-Afghan fighter who uses the network he established fighting the Soviets to reverse engineer a virus which threatens humanity. I loved it because it is fast-paced and gritty!



Last week's reader was ...

*Mr Sheard from our
Business Studies
Department!*



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Attendance Matters

Better 3 hours too
soon than a minute
too late

William Shakespeare

Y7 – 96%

Y8 – 95.3%

Y9 – 94.5%

Y10 - 95.5%

Y11 – 93.5%

Overall School Attendance

95%



The Scholar's Programme

We are delighted to announce that all 12 students successfully completed the Scholar's Programme and attended their graduation ceremony at the University of Leeds. Students have spent the past few months attending seminars with their PhD tutor and studying the past using Maths and Sociology. Students learnt how to interpret historical network analysis maps to write their final assignment. Miss Moss, our Scholar's Programme leader, said; "During this period of study, students showed great determination and tenacity in order to meet their final submission deadline. Students have since met with Mr. Blacoe where they had opportunity to reflect on their experience and explain the ways in which they feel the programme has helped them develop as academics. Well done to all involved!"



[Please see below an email sent from MyBus for your information.](#)

Replacement of MyBus vehicles

The current fleet of yellow MyBuses is being upgraded as they are nearing the end of their serviceable life.

The current vehicles were originally specified and funded directly by central government. The replacement vehicles will be purchased directly by bus operators and have the same specification as other public service buses in operation. Therefore, whilst pupils may previously have been transported to your school, or to swimming lessons, on single deck vehicles with seatbelts, from September the buses may be double deck vehicles without seatbelts.

Children of all ages already routinely travel in safety on public service buses, and many school bus services are already non-seatbelted, all of which have an excellent safety record. Neighbouring councils already routinely provide non-seatbelted buses for education transport journeys. Any enquiries please contact - West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (the LEP) Wellington House | 40-50 Wellington Street | Leeds | LS1 2DE

News from our OLC

It has been a busy month for the OLC with events for World book day and the Scholastic Book fair.



Red Nose Day – Our Final total for 2019

We had a fabulous Red Nose Day! There were numerous fundraising activities dotted around our school site and students really enjoyed the chance to raise money for this great cause. Thank you to everyone who organised the raffles, bake sales, guessing games, sponsored silences, football shoot outs and leg waxing!

The Grand Total raised was **£1410.06**, a great effort from both staff and students.

We also need to say thank you to our fabulous kitchen team.

Ms Pinder, our Catering Team Leader, said; "Me and my 2 daughters made just over 140 red nose biscuit faces which were then sold at break time in the canteen. The total made was £79.35. The kitchen ladies also donated and we all came in our own T-shirt's/red items."



There were many students who took part in the Where's Wally school hunt but in the end we had two winners Ibrahim and Tabeer. They each won a £5 Love2shop voucher. Congratulations to the both of them.

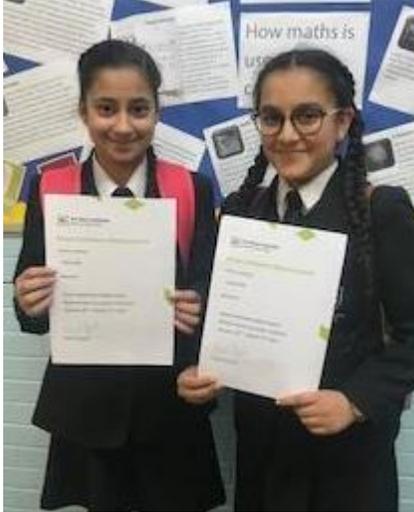


Over the last four days the book fair has been very busy. The students have overseen the event and we would like to thank everybody who supported us with sales. Currently we have taken over £250 and this is not including any reservations made.



Leeds University Maths Masterclass!

Dilraj and Komal, represented Coop Academy Priesthorpe this year, at the Leeds University Maths Masterclasses. This involved attending a six week course, hosted at the university on Saturday mornings. With just 40 places available for pupils from schools across the city, selection to the course is a significant achievement.



Mrs Chaloner, head of our maths department, said; "The masterclasses are aimed at pupils who demonstrate impressive flair for maths coupled with persistence in solving maths problems and puzzles. The classes extend pupils' learning by covering topics that are not on the school curriculum, such as code breaking, paper folding and knot theory.

Both pupils enjoyed the experience and agreed that it broadened their knowledge of maths and its uses, as well as experiencing life at a University."



If your child has reserved a book or item, please remember you can pay by Parentpay. All items not paid for will be returned on Friday 22nd March, when the book fair ends.



Finally, with one week to go the book themed activities being run over lunch time have been booked out and very successful, especially with Key Stage 3. In our final week of school, we will be making puzzle cubes so do mention it to your children.



Just a drop

Charity Easter egg gifting service

Prices
Small £1
Medium £2.50
Large £5.00

Buy an Easter egg to send to a friend and it will be delivered by the Easter bunny on 18th April (Thursday before Easter).

Place your order with a member of CO9RHL any break time in the canteen from 25th-29th March . All proceeds will go to Just a drop.

