

THE BLUE PHANTOM PHANTOM

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Exciting Enrichments Evolve

Enrichment week is a week of fun events that take place from the 5th of February to the 10th of February. The week is full of exciting events that help you with many skills.

The Blue Phantom interviewed Mrs Kelly about why we have Enrichment week and why it was held on this week.



'Enrichment week is a set of events that we wouldn't normally do. We do these

activities to help give people skills. It's a nice thing to do before the half term. It is usually in the summer but our summer this year is so busy that we did it in the calmer spring,' explained Mrs Kelly.

Mrs Kelly also said that these skills range. One day it's all to do with

science and the next day your being arty. The activities were picked because the Priory received adverts but also they deliver a nice mix. You use hands, art, sports as well as things from the past and new things.



Finally, we asked Mrs Kelly how the children at The Priory Primary School benefit from this week of

fun. Mrs Kelly stated, 'The most important thing is that they have fun. They also learn new things and it helps them to not get bored of school. It also helps keep the school activities fresh.'

The children have loved the enrichment week and they have benefited and had fun from this once in a year fun week.

By Maddie Whitehead



Rock the writing

We are the Blue Phantom and this newspaper is all about enrichment week

Enrichment week has so many great activities that our school looks forward to every year.

Our team includes Ryan Thornton, Asher West, David Lee,

Amelia Burbridge, Monty Smith, Angie Lawrence and Maddie Whitehead.

There are three Year 6 newspapers and they are all competing for a prize. All of the newspapers are about the same thing and that makes it more competitive.

We have all had fun doing these and we hope you like them.

By Maddie Whitehead

King Kites

On Wednesday 8th February the school came up with an interesting activity which was kite making. Key stage 1 and 2 will each be making and flying their own kites.

We interviewed some children from The Priory Primary School and these were their answers: 1. It looks really fun and I think they will fly really well



2. it will be fantastic. 3. Very fun making and sticking them.

Mrs Kelly stated that she found these amazing activities from leaflets that parents handed to her. This is how much fun our enrichment week activities are here are some pictures of the children making their kites.

By Monty



Falcons Fly Away

The whole school was devastated when the Falconry display which was scheduled for the 6th of February for enrichment week was cancelled. The whole school was told and sorrow filled the classrooms.

We were all told many cool things about the falconry display and we were all eager to see it. We had been told we would have birds fly through the

hall landing on our shoulders and making us duck.

The display was cancelled because of the freezing weather. The men complained that if the car broke down the birds would freeze and they couldn't do that to the birds.

Despite this shattering news the school still enjoyed the rest of the week. Mrs Kelly has now arranged for

the display to come back after half term on the 21st of February.

By Maddie



Dance? Act? Sing? Or balance a spoon on you nose?

The Priory Talent show is on the 16th of March

Show off skill!

Sign up Now!

Limited spaces!

Ask your teacher for letter

Nearly the whole school vote him a 10/10

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Super Science!

On Monday the 5th of February, Ian Dunne, Scientist, came to our school to do an interesting talk all about science. Many things came up such as space, dinosaurs, planes, the Earth spinning and much more.

He talked to both Key Stage 1 and 2 at separate times and they all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Ian Dunne was found by email and I am sure the whole school was happy he appeared. Ian certainly knew what he was talking about and used his knowledge to make it both riveting and fun for all.

Nearly the whole school voted Ian a ten out of ten for his entertaining speeches. The Blue Phantom interviewed some Year 3 students about why they enjoyed it. Max Horwood said, 'I liked him. I liked all the things he did and how he did them.' Kara Keates said, 'I liked him. He was funny.'

Ian came into all of the classes in the

afternoon for a Q&A (Question and Answer) session. The children then got to ask him about all of the exciting things they had heard that morning. Many children had great questions to ask from dinosaurs to radio activity!

The whole school loved Ian and with his good report he may come back next year for more fun talks in enrichment week.

By Maddie

Lego workshop



The Lego workshop is an activity Mrs Kelly organized for the infants and the juniors. A man comes in to teach The Priory Primary School how to build brilliant Lego structures.

The Lego Company has existed for 18 years. The instructor for the 9th of February was called Mr. Walker and he has 2 and a half years of experience at the Lego workshop. The infants were building a village and the juniors were building Olympic buildings. It is so much fun that teachers joined in! It was a great idea. All the

kids are really hoping that Mrs. Kelly will do it again because 80% of the priory pupils gave it 10 or 9 out of 10!



By Ryan

The Lunch Bunch

Thursday the 8th of February was the long awaited enrichment week lunch.

At lunch on the 8th of February we had a burger, chips and some Jaffa cakes and everyone was excited. We sat down in our class rooms and ate our lunch out of a box and everyone enjoyed it.

We asked Mrs Kelly why we had this exciting lunch. The answer was not as good as we hoped for because she said, 'It was because there was Lego in the hall.' We also found that Mrs Clitheroe's answer about why she picked burger and chips wasn't exciting either, she said, 'We needed something hot that could be put in a box.'

Vegetarians, instead of burgers, are getting a veg-

gie burger still with chips and a Jaffa Cake. We all loved the box meal and we really want one next year.

By Maddie and Amelia



Cancelled Rugby



the field so hopefully we will be much better.

By David

Children from the juniors have been learning how to play Rugby by Mr Philby, who is the coach. They have been training up to play in the matches at the Garlands school near Reading.

But then disaster struck!

It had been cancelled. On the 9th of December Mrs Britt, the year one teacher, left a note at our teacher's desk saying that it had been cancelled due to the field being frosted. So now people are waiting for the next match to come. The only good thing about it, is that we will have more practise on



On Thursday 9th February 2012 the school is hosting an annual Valentines Disco.

The children got fed assorted party sweets. The tickets were £5, but it's worth it. The ultimate party that had funky music and party games was a blast. It also was a fun party where kids played and gave valentine cards to people they enjoyed being with. There was a new activity that all the kids loved that was Zumba which was run by Priory mum, Julie. I guarantee that all of the children had loads of fun at this year's Valentines Disco.

By Angie



Brain Test

On Monday the 6th of February, the beginning of the Priory Primary School's enrichment week, a student from each key stage 2 year group went to a general knowledge quiz.

Quiz Club is a general knowledge quiz which gathers up local schools to compete. This year it was held at Beachwood school in Reading. Our school this year came fifth out of seven schools. The children who went were Molly Montague, year 3, George Smallbone, Year 4, Lars Smallbone, Year 5 and Maddie Whitehead, Year 6.

The experience was interesting and new for the children who came for their first time. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed it even though they didn't make the top three. The Quiz Club is a power point which is very cleverly made to respond to the handsets. The way the power point is organized makes it fun and enjoyable as well as incorporating lots of colours.

Molly Montague was experiencing this for the first time and she said, 'I liked how we had keypads. I also like the presentation and how it said our school name and bars rose up for the percentage of questions we got right.' The quiz Club was not like an everyday school quiz

but used music, famous people, general logics and much more.

Our school has been participating in Quiz Club for 4 years. This is our first year not getting through the first heat. We were all devastated but we still found it a great experience. Mrs Love said that we decided to do Quiz Club when an advertisement came via email. She thought it was great for the gifted who are clever. They could then represent the school without having to do sports.

George Smallbone also experienced his for the first time. He states, 'I enjoyed it. I liked pressing the controllers it as different to class work.' We all agreed that it was a great experience and despite not coming in the top three it was really fun. The Priory School is looking forward to doing it again next year and we hope we do better.

By Maddie and Amelia

Fun fitness frenzy

The Zumba instructor, Julie Spence, kindly came in to do Zumba Fitness with the school. On the 7th of February she came in to teach year R, year 1 and year 2.

Zumba is a Latin dance -inspired fitness program created by dancer and choreographer Alberto "Beto" Perez in Colombia during the 1990s. In 1986, Perez forgot his tape of aerobics music for a class he was teaching. He took the tapes available in his car—consisting of traditional Latin Salsa and merengue music—and improvised a class using this non-traditional aerobics music. After finding initial success in Columbia, he moved to the United States in 2001, where he teamed up with cofounder Alberto Perlman and, a childhood friend, COO Alberto Aghion. The trio produced a demo reel, and the concept was discovered and licensed by a company called Fitness Quest to create a direct marketing campaign and a line of home videos. This became known as Zumba!

Today it is still a success, especially with the younger ones, as the majority of the children in the infant area of the Priory School have put:

Points/classes	Year R	Year 1	Year 2
1 out of 10	0	5	1
2 out of 10	0	0	0
3 out of 10	0	4	0
4 out of 10	0	2	0
5 out of 10	4	0	2
6 out of 10	5	1	1
7 out of 10	3	0	1
8 out of 10	4	0	1
9 out of 10	3	1	5
10 out of 10	5	12	13

Mrs Kelly said that she picked Zumba because it was a fun thing to do. Having it in Enrichment week increased the club size in school. We originally got a flyer and teachers went to the class and loved it. They now persuaded children in their class to join!

Even Miss Scott said that it is a really fun way to keep fit and it is really good how you don't have to be coordinate to join in. Matthew, from Year R, said that it was fun and I liked to jump around. Sophie, from Year 1, said that I liked the dances we did and Olly, from Year 2, said that we shouted a lot. Jai Ho was my favorite dance!



Netball Disaster!

The children are devastated! All the training for it! Most of the children feel sorry for Miss Tucker who had to organise the transport on the

way there and back. All for nothing! All the children are really devastated! They feel so heart broken by it and are so cross with the Burnham Copse staff for cancelling



it. We all hope for the match to be arranged once more for us to play against them.

By David

Snow surprise

Snow's come back to town and the paths are white and the trees are white and everything's white! All the children are running around in it and having snowball fights. Don't worry about your children getting hurt as the snowballs aren't that hard.

This is a miraculous change to the weather as nearly whole time before and after Christmas was snow free. We've had some snow drops fall and land and stay on the ground, but since Christmas they have never settled this much. The temperature

when it was snowing was about -5 degrees to 0 degrees and it has been colder to up to -8 degrees without snowing. Nearly everyone's happy as they had most likely thought that the snow wouldn't be coming this year.

At about 12.00 pm, at school, we noticed that nearly all the snow from the field, which was about 2 and a half inches and not a piece of grass to be seen, had melted! This obviously meant that there wasn't much time till there was no snow at all. This meant that all the children were trying to build all the snow bases and snowmen as fast as they

could before there was nothing left.

The children had so much fun building snowmen, snow forts and snow balls. A few children were arguing and playing a fun snow ball game. There were also so many children trying to build large snowmen or just snowballs.

We don't know if there will be any more snow coming along but we have loved this snow

By Asher

Games



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| Miss Scott | Miss Tucker | Mr Beckett |
| Mrs Austin | Mrs Blake | Mrs Bowman |
| Mrs Britt | Mrs Candy | Mrs Chambers |
| Mrs Clitheroe | Mrs Collisson | Mrs D White |
| Mrs Dunne | Mrs Hawtin | Mrs Kelly |
| Mrs Lakhani | Mrs Love | Mrs P White |
| Mrs Pender | Mrs Persin | Mrs Rogers |
| Mrs West | Mrs Whitehead | Ms Budd |
| Ms Head | | |

By David and Asher



**Red Dot Blue Circle Not any-
more.**

Please stare at the red dot. After a while the blue circle will start to disappear.

Super Sudoku

By Monty and Angie

To do Sudoku you put numbers 1-9 in a box, vertical line, horizontal line and box. You cannot have more than one in each of those

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	7							6
3		5		4	7			1
				1				5
5	2						7	
		7			8	1		
	5							
7		8			2	9		
			9	6				

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