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Learning Programme Unit 3/1

### **Theme for the Week:**

#### **Martin Luther**

Martin Luther King, the American civil rights leader would have celebrated his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday this week. He led a movement which sought equality in the USA for black people who were forced to live as second class citizens, segregated from white people and denied the education and other benefits that white people had. Marking King's birthday isn't simply an opportunity for us to learn about his life and see the progress that was made because of his work. It is an opportunity for us to examine our own life and times to see where people are treated unjustly. We have the power to think, act and pray about these things.

*Father, may our human family  
not become separated from  
you  
by building barriers of race or  
colour,  
of religion or class.  
Inspire us to recognise  
that we are all made  
in your image and likeness,  
so that we may grow in appreci-  
ation  
of all people,  
and encourage each other  
to grow in pride in who we are  
and who we are called to be.  
May we recognise your Son in  
our midst,  
and live truly as brothers and  
sisters. AMEN.*

## **YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY CONTOUR MODEL COMPETITION**



L-R Ashleigh Edwards, Chris Paisley, Megan Higgerson.

Congratulations to Christopher Paisley, Ashleigh Edwards and Megan Higgerson who were amongst the winners in our Year 7 Geography Contour Model competition. Pupils were asked to produce their own model of a desert island and some managed to include erupting volcanoes, lakes, rivers, tropical rainforests, palm trees and even several pirate ships!

First place went to Christopher Paisley, second place—Ashleigh Edwards, third place—Megan Higgerson

Runners up—Jake Gardner, Amy Lamb, Melanie Ferguson

## **SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING**

**Thursday 31 January 2008 6.00 to 8.00 p.m.**

We extend a very warm welcome to all of our Year 11 Pupils to come and join us at our Open Evening for a taste of Sixth Form life. Come along early as we are expecting large numbers!

### **Mass & Morning Prayer**

Morning Prayer takes place every Tuesday and Thursday in College Chapel from 8.20 – 8.35.  
As usual, Fr Nick will be celebrating Mass in College Chapel at 12.50 on Wednesday.

# Christmas Story Best Seller!

This year's English Christmas writing competition was one of the best in recent years. English teachers were delighted with the standard of the entries and after much deliberation, chose Reece Seller's magnificent short story "The Snowman's Perfect Christmas" as the best overall story. After all the entries had been considered, students attended a prize-giving meeting in the school library with Mr Quinn, Mr Pearson and Miss McNally. Pupils also thanked Mrs Broom for her support with the English Gifted and Talented club, which meets in College Library every week under the guidance of Miss McGowan.

Reece Sellers takes up the story ...

'Follow the story of a walking, talking snowman as he tries to make Billy's (an orphan) Christmas happy. But does he bite off a bit more than he can chew? Billy ends up a little further north than was meant to be. Can you solve the mystery of who ate Santa's cookies? Here's an extract of my story, which I thought you would enjoy reading:

"... I wiggle my fingers that are made of branches, getting all of the magic into them. The magic is warm and it swirls around around my body. I suddenly think of cookies then ZAM!!! My hands flash and a nearby stool is now filled with cookies and glasses of milk.

I start to think of presents but I hear a creak at the door. There, as skinny as a bone, stood Billy. I started to run; I was being followed by Billy. On my side I have a pocket made of snow, I pulled out a red and green phone with three buttons, a blue button in case the sun comes out and I start to melt, a red one in case a child sees me, and a green one in case a child says he doesn't believe in Santa.

I press the red one. I carry on across the field, still being followed by little Billy who had just started panting. Then in the nick of time I see the red of Santa's sleigh, as he zooms into the field, out of the sky. The door of the sleigh falls downward so I can slide up it. As soon as I am in, the door closed and Santa and I zoom off.

I looked but I couldn't see Billy. I heard a noise behind me. I looked but nothing was there. I had had a tiring night but it wasn't over so I pulled my bowler hat over my stone eyes and had a quick nap."

Extract from the winning short story "The Snowman's Perfect Christmas" by Reece Sellers 7AL .

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All Year 9 Pupils should be spending time on samlearning in the lead up to the National Tests in May. The exercises are proven to improve results.

All Year 9 were provided with their log on details during Academic Review on Friday 11 January 2008. In summary:

Centre ID: CH63pc

Username: Date of Birth & first letter of Christian and Surname

Password: The same as username

Year 7 and 8 Pupils will receive stickers detailing their log on details along with other information in time for their Year 7 & 8 Review Day.

Year 10 and 11 Pupils should be using samlearning revision exercises and tests to boost their GCSE grades.

**VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (VLE)**

**www.itslearning.com**

Staff Inset on 7 January 2008 provided further training for SJP's VLE which we believe will have a massive impact on the teaching and learning experience for both Staff and Pupils.

By the end of this week all Pupils will know their usernames and passwords for www.itslearning.com. Subject departments are already setting and assessing work via the VLE and this will increasingly become the case in the future.

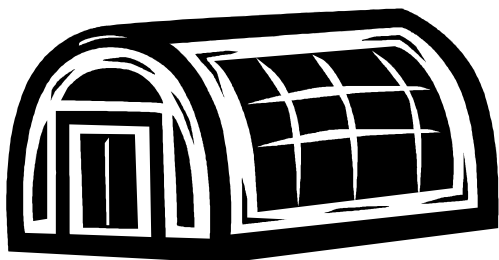
Parents will be able to access their son/daughter's own VLE homepage to check on progress made in their subject areas so allowing an alternative form of communication between home and College.

# HELP!

What did you get for Christmas this year? Want to give something back?

Help SJP raise money to buy a poly tunnel.

Please hand in any old mobile phones (working or not) at Reception. The phones are recycled or given to developing countries to help them start a business. Every phone collected provides £2.50 for College projects.



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 was the launch of **SJP's 360 project**.

SJP has set itself a challenging target, to reduce its electricity consumption by 6% monthly. An energy advisor from our local awareness bureau provided some useful facts to help motivate staff to do their bit, including:

- A laptop uses 90% less electricity than a P.C

If you leave a room for over 1 ½ minutes, it's worth turning your lights off.

In just 1 month SJP used 53 714 kWh of electricity, more than an average household uses in 7yrs. If we can save 6%, we will pump 1 450 tonnes **less** of Carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and save money for College.

**SJP: protecting our environment for future generations** The logo was developed by Damien Passman and Peter Boyle (6<sup>th</sup> form) and became part of our College Mission Statement at the start of the current academic year.

## SPORTS LEADERSHIP COURSES

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December as the term was coming to a close and everyone was winding down for Christmas, sixteen Year 10 pupils attended Bebington High School for the day to participate in various Leadership Courses.

The day comprised of an intense 6-hour course to enable the Young Leaders to plan and deliver safe coaching sessions for primary school children in tag rugby, dance, netball or football. The leaders were taught how to coach basic skills and progress these skills into a game situation, and how to introduce the relevant rules of their sport into their coaching. The pupils worked extremely hard throughout the day and were a credit to SJP. Our Sports Coordinator hopes to utilise their knowledge and leadership skills in primary festivals to be held at SJP later this year.

Well done to all of the following, who will be receiving certificates as a reward and recognition of their hard work:

Tom Critchley, Courtney Thomas, Tom Giles, Kate Ashcroft, Kevin Yates, Katie Dickson, Craig McMahon, Nicola McCulloch, Liam Crossley, Hannah Bolton, Tom Belton, Charlotte Thomson, Callum Brady, Kate Al Arnab, Jessica Cadden, Tom Tudor.

## YEAR 11 GCSE SPANISH REVISION

Coursework help and revision classes will take place every Wednesday from 3.30—4.30 p.m.

# WORD OF THE WEEK

menagerie

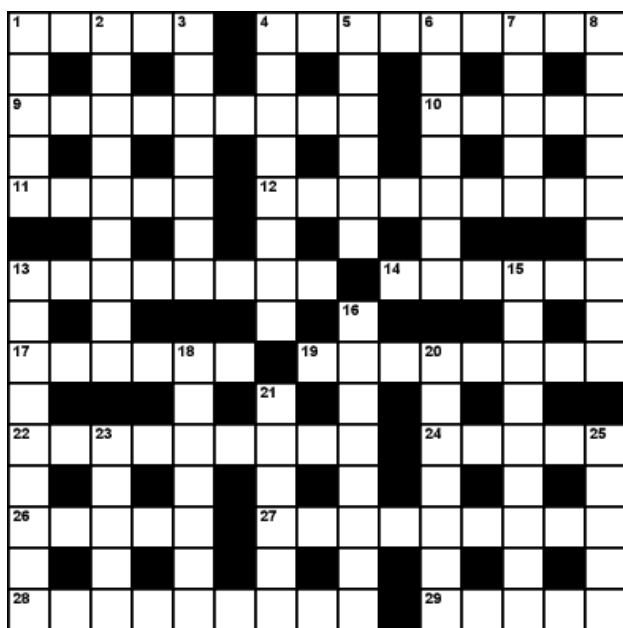
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- **noun** a collection of wild animals kept in captivity for showing to the public.  
— ORIGIN French, from *ménage* 'household'.



## Literacy quiz:

### Quick Crossword



### Solution:



#### Across

- Surviving but outdated custom (5)
- Occasionally (9)
- Preaching friar (9)
- Light theatrical entertainment (5)
- Straight-edged strip of material for measuring (5)
- Skilful teller of anecdotes (9)
- Administer (8)
- Chinese tree bearing edible fruit (6)
- Perceptive (6)
- Magnificent (8)
- Note having time value of two minims (9)
- Disprove (5)
- Author of *Robinson Crusoe* (5)
- Filled with wonder (9)
- Very small dog (9)
- Container for tea (5)

#### Down

- System for detecting position and speed of distant object (5)
- Focus of public attention (9)
- Principal (7)
- Guarantee (8)
- Danger (6)
- Oppressive government (7)
- Film (5)
- Lead (9)
- Expressive of enthusiastic feeling (9)
- Narrow-minded (9)
- Items of short-lived interest (8)
- Group of motionless figures representing a scene (7)
- Inconsistent (7)
- Disconnect (6)
- Civilian clothes (5)
- Sweet wine (5)