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Learning Programme Unit 3/4

## SJP'S GOT TALENT!

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It is customary, the day before, to eat pancakes. This is from the past when people used to empty their larders of all the nice and rich food, in order that during Lent they could fast. Fasting isn't about being miserable. Jesus himself said that. Yet, it is an opportunity to grow closer to God. Perhaps doing without a favourite treat might help you to think about God and to spend time talking to him. You might prefer to take on something extra – perhaps attending morning prayer in the chapel or doing some Bible study.

*Holy God,  
Help us to spend this Lent  
trying to get closer to you.  
Help us to look for you in  
all people and all things  
so that whatever we do, we  
are thinking about you.  
We make this prayer in Je-  
sus' name.  
Amen*

### Mass & Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer takes place every Tuesday and Thursday in College Chapel from 8.20 – 8.35.



Just before the Christmas holidays, the call went out that we were looking for something special. Since then, we have been star searching at SJP as over 150 pupils answered that call and auditioned to be part of the first ever "SJP's Got Talent" contest. That hopeful crowd

was whittled down to form two keenly-fought semi finals. These were held last week, with Years 7 and 9 providing a brilliantly enthusiastic and supportive audience under the watchful eye of SJP's answer to Simon Cowell, Mr Rylance. A total of twenty-three acts entertained us with their own special gifts – and what a broad range of skills we have! Singers, dancers, musicians, comics, magicians, martial artists, major-ettes, confectionary acrobats and even the Amazing Musical Stretcho Kid (who had to be seen to be believed!) all put in an appearance. In case you missed them, check out the SJP website for photos.



Sadly, not all of the acts will make it through to the final. A huge "Thank You" to the forty-six pupils who performed so well in the last round. The difficult decision of choosing the line-up for the gala performance is now being taken: the lucky few will be revealed early this week. Watch out for the posters around SJP to find out who goes through and how to get tickets for the final this Friday afternoon - this unmissable show will feature not only a quality line-up of pupils, but also some special guest appearances...

## YEAR 10 DANCE LEADERS A SUCCESS

On Tuesday of this week, 30 of our Year 10 girls went into primary schools to run dance clubs for their pupils. Prior to this the girls, who are following the Dance Leadership Course in P.E. lessons, worked hard on preparing the sessions. They have devised and practiced leading warm up activities, as well as choreographing a dance which they began to teach this week. They have all given up several lunchtimes to ensure their preparation was complete.

All their hard work paid off, with over 80 primary pupils participating in the various schools, all of whom enjoyed the sessions immensely. The feedback from the primary teachers was very positive, all were impressed with not only our dance leaders' choreography, but also their delivery. The girls will continue to visit the primary schools for the next five weeks, preparing the pupils for their performance in our SJP Dance Show in the last week of term.

Well done girls, you were a credit to the school and excellent role models for the pupils you taught!

### **Dance Leaders:**

Group 1 : St. John's Infants

Nicola McCulloch

Chelsea Holdgate

Lauren Armstrong

### **Group 2: St. John's Juniors**

Charlotte Doran

Kayleigh Mathieson

Lauren Maloney

Derrin Chesters

### **Group 3: St. Andrews**

Lucy Fitzpatrick

Katie Mitchell

Kate Jones

### **Group 4: St. Werburghs**

Chelsea Cummins

Laura Croft

Jerelyn O'Reilly

Caroline Henderson

Hayley Reilly

### **Group 5: St. Annes**

Kim Ward

Megan Porter

Lucy Porter

Emily Case

Sarah McGee

Danielle McCallister

### **Group 6: St. Josephs**

Courtney Thomas

Charlotte Thomson

Katie Kokborg

Anna May Jones

Natasha Murphy

### **Group 7 : Brackenwood**

Jade Critchley

Simone Male

Kate Al Arnab

Nicole Harrison

## PFOP BIG SCREEN RACE NIGHT

Forget Aintree, Epsom and Newmarket—it's coming to SJP!

Friday 14 March 2008 7.00p.m. in the  
College Hall.

**ALL WELCOME**

## ENGLISH GIFTED AND TALENTED CLUB

The English 'Gifted and Talented Club' is currently running a competition in order to promote a cleaner environment around the school. Pupils involved in the club should enter their recycling posters to Miss McGowan or Mrs Broom by the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. The winners will receive house points, a certificate and their poster will be copied and put up around the school.

Miss Phillips will judge the posters and the winners will be announced on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February.

## SPORTS FIXTURES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday :

Year 10 Boys Badminton Tournament at South Wirral

Year 7 & 8 Netball v Woodchurch

Year 10 Dance Leaders into Primaries

Wednesday:

U13 & U15 Girls Cricket Competition at Beb High

Year 8 at Liverpool Academy

Year 8 Basketball v Woodchurch (A)

Year 10 Basketball v St.Mary's (A)

Thursday:

Year 7 & 8 Netball v Prenton (A)

Year 10 Boys Football v Pensby (A)

## HISTORY REVISION CLASSES

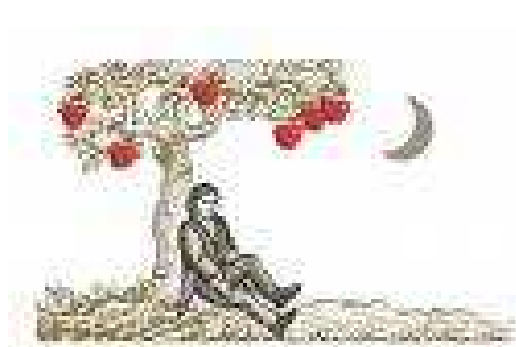
History Revision classes will begin for Year 11 every Tuesday (3.30—4.30 p.m.) from the 19 February 2008

## YEAR 11 GCSE SPANISH REVISION

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

## Yr 10 Triumph at Science Caption Competition

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January four Year 10 students along with Mr Hall attended a special Aim Higher Science Olympics Competition at Liverpool University. Ashwin Ajay, Rachel Lowton, Tom Ward and Grace Johnson competed in several events in the aim of becoming the area champions of Science Olympics. The students were asked to build rockets that were not only powerful but also accurate, build the longest bridge possible out of spaghetti, design a hovercraft that could travel the furthest and partake in a sweet trading challenge. Although they missed out on becoming champions in the main event they did manage to win the highly competitive caption competition. Captions like 'Its not raining men its raining apples' and 'My wife tells me to hover wherever I go' brought the judges to tears of laughter. The judges said their captions were 'head and shoulders above the rest.'



Overall they had an enjoyable day and learnt many skills and theories that they can transfer to their science in school. Who knows next year we may win in the main event as well! Well done Ashwin, Rachel, Tom and Grace for doing a great job throughout the day.

## LITERACY CORNER

Literacy quiz: Hub words

### Word of the week

**omnipotent**

/omnɪpəˈtɛnt/

• **adjective** having unlimited or very great power.

— DERIVATIVES **omnipotence** noun.

— ORIGIN Latin *omnipotens*.



### HUB-WORDS 01

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel? Each word must contain the hub letter I. Can you find a 9-letter word and at least 20 other words of five letters or more avoiding proper nouns?



9-letter word - EDUCATION  
Some other words of five letters or more containing the hub letter I: action, audit, cited, culte, edict, tonic, untie, unite, action, aunte, auction, coined, detain, induce, induce, notice, untie, untie, untie.

## Numeracy Brainteaser

This Week's Brainteaser:

In total, how many grandparents did your grandparents have?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 8 February. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths.

### LOURDES 150TH ANNIVERSARY—MASS

Mass in celebration of Lourdes 150th Anniversary will be held at St John's Church, Monday 11 February 2008 at 12 noon. Fr Frank extends an invitation to the SJP community.

### SCIENCE CLUB

Science Club is on Wednesday at 3.20 p.m. in SC9.

Over the next few weeks it will involve pupils undertaking a CSI project to solve a murder.



## Year 7 Rugby

On Tuesday the Year 7 rugby team competed in the Wirral floodlit cup at Birkenhead Park rugby club. This years' competition has been split in to three Wirral areas with competitions being held at Birkenhead Park, New Brighton and Caldy Rugby clubs.

Our first game was against Woonchurch High school, in a very close competitive game with some elusive running from William Hampson and superb defence we won the game 7:0 with a try by Daniel Williams, converted by himself.

The second game against Park High ended in a 14:0 victory with tries from Daniel Williams and Daniel Daley. Both tries converted by Williams.

To win the competition we needed to beat local rivals Bebington Sports college. The game was end to end rugby with some excellent try saving tackles from both Daley Brothers, George Cahill and others combined with strong attacking play from Cy Longstaff, Carl Cavanagh and Jack Caplin resulted in a 7:5 victory.

The boys played with determination and character displaying a do or die attitude and fully deserved each victory.

Team: Carl Cavanagh (captain), Cy Longstaff, Daniel and Kieron Daley, Jonathan Taylor, Jack Caplin, Conner Siddorn, George Cahill, William Hampson, Daniel Williams (player of the tournament), Conner McHugh, Brandon Williams, Daniel Gibbon.

Thanks for the support and help with lifts from parents

## Year 7 Football Tournament at Liverpool FC

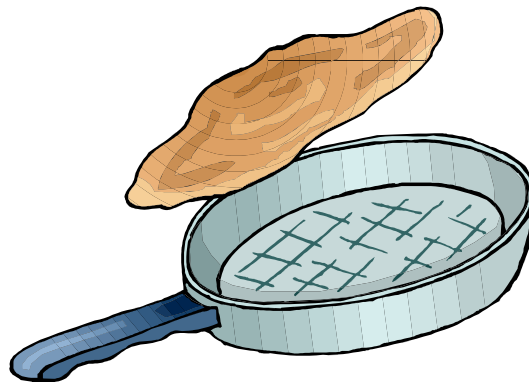
Congratulations to the Year 7 football team who came 3rd on their trip to the Liverpool FC Academy. Schools from around the North West were competing under the watchful eye of coaches and scouts from the Reds' world famous academy. SJP performed bravely showing a lot of enthusiasm and flare. Going into the final game a win would have clinched first place. Unfortunately, a narrow loss meant a 3rd place finish instead.

In spite of this all the boys involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience and showed great promise for the future.

Good luck to the Year 8 and 9 teams who will also be competing soon.



## FLIPPIN' PANCAKES



The season of Lent begins on Wednesday with the distribution of Ashes for all pupils in the school throughout the day in our Lenten services.

Traditionally we mark the last day before Lent begins with the making of pancakes. This year we have the first ever set of PANCAKE RACES taking place on the yard. Pupils are invited to take part in the races on the school yard at lunchtime – Entry Fee of 20p - with prizes for the winners who of course have to flip the pancake as they run. There will also be a staff pancake race championship. Could be interesting!

## NETBALL AT SJP



On Wednesday of last week the Year 9 & 10 teams both played Woodchurch at SJP. The Year 9 team played extremely well with a weakened side, drawing 7-7. The Year 10 team won the first game 7 – 5, but were unfortunately beaten in the second game.

The focus has remained with these two teams, in preparation for their tournament on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, with both playing two matches this week.

The first was away against South Wirral on Wednesday. After a shaky start from both teams, Year 9 won 9-7 and Year 10 drew 7-7. On Thursday Prenton brought their Year 11 team, which was a challenge, particularly for the Year 9s. However, they played outstandingly and won 8 – 6.

Luckily for the Year 10s, Prenton were tired after being run ragged by the Year 9s, and they also won 9 – 7.

A special thank you to our team's greatest supporter, Mrs. Robinson, who was again present at all the fixtures – your support is greatly appreciated.

Year 9 : Katie Robinson, Rebecca Lunt, Katie Leslie, Sian Bilko, Shannon Reid, Megan Gallagher, Olivia Webster, Danielle Boughy.

Year 10 : Kate Ashcroft, Katie Dickson, Courtney Thomas, Sarah Sayce, Hannah Bolton, Charlotte Thomson, Nicola McCulloch, Jessica Cadden, Rebecca Gilmore, Lucy Fitzpatrick.

Well done to all the girls who represented the school and will be doing so on Saturday morning – GOOD LUCK!!



## P.E. Extra Curricular Timetable



Year/Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>CHANGING TIME FOR ALL YEARS : 12 - 12.15</b>					Cross Country - 12.45
<b>KS4</b> 12 - 12.40	YRS 10/11 Dance	YRS 10/11 Dance	YRS 10/11 Basketball	YRS 10/11 Football & Netball	YRS 10/11 Rugby
<b>KS3</b> 12.40 - 1.15	YRS 7/8 & 9 Dance  Yr 7 & 8 Indoor Football Skills  Yr 9 Rugby	Yr 7 Rugby  Yr 8 Football  Yr 9 Basketball	YRS 7/8 Basketball  Yr 9 Football  YRS 7/8 & 9 Netball	Yr 8 Rugby  YRS 7/8 & 9 Netball  YRS 7/8 & 9 Fit- ness	YRS 7/8 & 9 Girls Football  Yr 9 Indoor Football Skills
3.20 - 4.30	All Years Dance  SHOW PRACTICE	All Years Basketball - CHESTER JETS YRS 9 & 10 Girls Netball  Yr 8 & 9 Football Team Practice	Badminton - All Years  Yr 7 & 10 Football Teams Practice	All Years Rugby  Yr 7 & 8 Girls In- door Cricket  Yr 7 & 8 Teams Netball Practice	Staff Activities
FIXTURES					