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SJP News



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Pentecost

Pentecost is the feast when we remember the account in the Acts of the Apostles in which the Holy Spirit descended upon on the twelve apostles. Since Jesus' death, they had been quite quiet and even when Jesus rose from the dead, they didn't rush about telling everyone what had happened. Instead, they kept a low profile. When the Holy Spirit came upon them, they went out and began to preach about "the marvels of God". The Spirit gave them the bravery and the powers of speech to tell everyone the good news about Jesus.

There are probably times in our lives when we are afraid to speak about our faith. We might feel that we'll get picked on or that people won't understand. The apostles were so full of joy that they were able to run the risk of following Jesus. Are you able to run the risk?

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Paul answers England's call



Year 11 pupil Paul Davies has been selected to play for England against Watford and Sunderland academies this month. It is an astonishing achievement which is well deserved for a player who gives 100% every time he plays. Paul has been first choice goalkeeper for SJP and this year collected the sportsman of the year award. In gaining these caps for his country, Paul is aiming to follow in the footsteps of players like Jermaine Beckford who is now top scorer for Leeds United. Good luck Paul and we hope to see you walking out at Wembley one day!

CYCLING SUCCESS!



Over the last few weeks, two of our pupils have achieved amazing results in cycling races in Ireland.

At the Coombes Connor Memorial Race, Ryan Mullen (Y9) won the U14 event and his brother Sean came second in the U12 category; Ryan also won the Monie Nolan Memorial Race

Both boys also competed in the Stamullen Grand Prix (10 mile race) – and both won their events!

Congratulations to them both: keep up the training!



Mass & Morning Prayer

LITERACY CORNER

Word of the week

Maelstrom (MAYL-struhm)

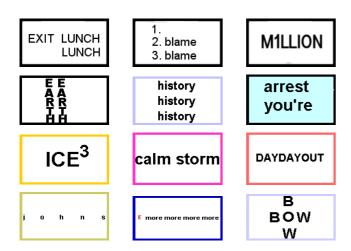
Noun: A large, powerful, or destructive whirlpool; a violent, disordered, or turbulent state of affairs

Origin: *Maelstrom* comes from obsolete Dutch *maelstroom*, from *malen*, "to grind, hence to whirl round," + *stroom*, "stream."

Synonyms: tumult, pandemonium, bedlam

Literacy quiz

Which well-known phrases are contained these boxes?



Answers

Out to lunch, No one to blame, One in a million, Down to earth, History repeating itself, You're under arrest, Ice cube, Calm before the storm, Day in day out, Long Johns, Ready for more, Cross bow

GRADE C MATHS REVISION CLASSES

Tuesday 3.20—4.20 with Mr Gatrell (MA6) and Mrs Thomson (MA4) Wednesday 3.20—4.20 with Mrs Sharman (MA7) and Miss Hodges (MA2)

Grade A/A* revision classes; Wednesday 3.20—4.20 with Mr Gatrell

Numeracy Brainteaser

Last Week's Solution: 1, 2, 3

Last Week's Winner: Stephen Evans 7EA

This Week's Brainteaser:

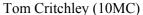
If the final score in a football match was 3-2, how many different possible half time scores are there?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 16 May. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths

Wirral Athletics Champions

Pupils from SJP competed in the Wirral Athletics Championships on Tuesday night Tom Critchley and Haley Dennett became Wirral champions with victories in the jump and the shot put respectively and will represent Wirral in the Merseyside Youth Games.

Tom will also compete in the high jump after coming second. There was also strong performances by Jess Leasor, Hannah Bolton and David Brockway, who also will represent Wirral. Well done and good luck in the Merseyside Youth Games





Haley Dennett (10JP)

