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SJP News



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Celebrating the Life of Margaret Clitheroe

Margaret Clitheroe is one of our form patrons (MC). She was martyred during the English Reformation for her faith. It was illegal to attend Mass during that time, so practising the Catholic faith was punishable by death. Margaret allowed her home to be used as a hiding place for priests and also as a place in which Catholic children could be educated in their faith.

In this country, we have freedom of worship, yet often we put our faith to one side. There are times when we have probably tried to put people off having a faith life. How can we support and encourage our friends in their faith?

Lord Jesus, it is not always easy to live a life of faith — you know that well!
Help me to be strong in my faith and to encourage others to be strong in theirs.
Amen

AIM HIGHER PUPILS PICK UP AN OSCAR!

Our Aim Higher cohort in Year 10 have attended a series of workshops and lectures at Hope University throughout the year. They have been given the opportunity to work within the Criminology Department and in Psychology and Sociology. Our pupils have also been invited to make their directorial and acting debut in Film Studies, where the pupils have created their own film from scratch.

Our very own Steven Spielbergs came up with the idea for a story line, wrote the script, produced the music and fitted it to their film. As well as acting in the film they helped behind the scenes with camera work and production.

All the participating schools produced films and these were shown at an 'Oscar' ceremony at Hope University. We actually won an 'Oscar' for our soundtrack.

As you can see by the photo, our pupils did us proud and dressed for the different parts they played.

Well done to all!



Mass & Morning Prayer

Year 7 Athletics Champions

On Thursday 15th May, we took a large Year 7 team to the regional athletics competition. Many were extremely nervous, as it was their first ever experience of such a big event, but they showed great strength of character and competed with 100% effort.

There were excellent results, including the following who finished in a top three position:

Ciaran Murphy – 3rd Shot putt Bryony McNellis – 1st Long Jump Lauren Lefebrve – 2nd Shot Putt

Well done to the following, who all represented the College with great distinction:

Christian Brown, Rhys Hanlon, Lewis Hewitt, Calum Glynn, Daniel Williams, Daniel Kane, Tom Patterson, Chris Boulton, Ciaran Mooney, Sean Mullen, Tom Lloyd, Jason Smith, Bradley Smith, Tyler Cook.

Ashlea Ryan, Jade Short, Ellie Stephenson, Bryony McNellis, Megan Higgerson, Amina Talib, Lauren Lefebrve, Shannon Doran, Hannah Naylor, Ruth Mitchell, Georgia Crook,

Numeracy Brainteaser

Last Weeks Solution: 12

This Weeks Brainteaser:

A boy has as many brothers as sisters but his sister has only half as many sisters as brothers. How many boys and how many girls are there in the family?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 23 May. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for W H Smiths.

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

EVENING CLASSES

All members of the College Community are invited to take advantage of the long summer evenings to gain new skills and make new friends.

Sign up for one of our all-new evening classes beginning on Tuesday 10th June and running from 6-8 pm.





You can choose from *Seasonal Cookery* with Miss McAllister or *Digital Photography* with Mr. Leicester. Both are six week courses.

We will be delighted to welcome you to the College. To get in touch and sign up, please send a note into College with your child, addressed to Miss Youds or email me at:

carolineyouds@plessington.wirral.sch.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

PARISH NEWS

Confirmation candidates from St John's and St Anne's are reminded that the service of reconciliation will take place at St John's on **Thursday 22nd May** from 6.30pm - 7.3-pm. Parents and sponsors are also invited to this. Please note that this is a change of date.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Ethan Fahy (10JA). Ethan was Silver Medallist in National Taekwondo Championships in Plymouth this weekend. It is the first time Ethan has entered such a large event, on a national scale. Our congratulations go to Ethan for his achievement in his first full tournament. Ethan joins the growing list of SJP sportsmen and women achieving highly on the national stage!



SCIENCE REVISION

Applied Science Y10 – Examination June 5th

Revision Guides will be available this week. Price £6.00

Wirral Coastal Walk

The 2008 SJP Lourdes group took part in the Wirral Coastal Walk this weekend to raise funds for their trip to Lourdes. They will join over 1000 people from the Shrewsbury Diocese this summer making the pilgrimage to Lourdes marking the 150th Anniversary of the Apparitions.

EXTRA SCIENCE REVISION CLASSES

In preparation for the Additional Science Biology Exam on 21st May (1.30pm), We will be doing revision sessions after school for 1 hour each night (except Monday 19th May).

Pupils should come prepared with topics they are finding difficult.

Revision sessions are from 330pm - 430pm in Science 12.

YEAR 11 PROM

Good luck to all of our Year 11 Pupils who will be attending their Prom this Friday night.

I hope you all enjoy this very special evening. We all look forward to reading about it in next week's SJP News.