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Learning Programme Unit 2/1

WIRRAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Theme for the Week:

Landmine Action Week

This week is landmine action week, an internationally observed week, with the intention of drawing attention to the dangers of landmines. They are laid in times of war, but are not collected back when a ceasefire is announced, meaning that they remain a threat in times of peace. They are the residue of war. A soldier with a gun can choose to shoot at another person – soldier or civilian – or not. A landmine is indiscriminate and will explode under the foot of any person, maiming or killing its victim. We cannot solve the problem of landmines in places that have been torn by war, but we can pray for those who suffer from the devastation they cause and try, in our own way, to create a sense of peace in our own lives and in the lives of those with whom we live and work.

*Holy God,
I pray for people who are victims of the devastating effects of landmines. I pray that they will know your love and that they will be given suitable support in recovering from their injuries or learning to live with a disability. I ask that those who are fighting in wars at the present time will act responsibly, fighting so that there will be peace, not further destruction. Amen*

A group of Year 13 students represented SJP at this annual event at Wallasey Town Hall on Tuesday October 16th. The aim of the event was to give young people a direct influence over policy-making, decision making and budgetary planning. Students identified issues of concern which were discussed in a full meeting of Wirral Council in the evening - such matters will stay on the agenda throughout the year and will be re-addressed in July to discuss the progress made. We wish our up and coming politicians every success.



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

This week we will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. All Year 7 Pupils will be attending Mass in College Hall on Wednesday afternoon, celebrated by Father Nick. There will then be opportunities for Pupils from all other Year groups to attend Mass on Thursday, the Feast Day itself, in the College Chapel.

NEXT PFOP MEETING

To be held on 8 November 2007 at 7.00 p.m. All Parents and Friends of SJP are welcome!

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer will take place every Thursday in the Chapel from 8.20 – 8.35. You're all very welcome – the more the merrier!

WORD OF THE WEEK



obstinate

• **adjective** 1 stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action. 2 hard to deal with or overcome: *an obstinate problem*.

— DERIVATIVES **obstinacy** noun **obstinately** adverb.

— ORIGIN Latin *obstinatus*, from *obstinare* 'persist'.

Literacy quiz:

A Slightly Harder Word Game

Three in One

Words are sometimes composed of other words. The word *dustbin* consists of *dust* plus *bin*, while together may appear to include three separate words: *to*, *get* and *her*. To reverse the process, which word can be made out of the letters in the three words *moor*, *root*, and *tow*? The answer (or at least, one answer) is *tomorrow*. In the puzzles below, try to find the eight-letter words which can be made from the letters of the sets of three words.

Example: *Soon*, *sun*, *toil*.

Answer: *Solution*.

1. *Riot*, *rite*, *tone*.
2. *Ale*, *lake*, *link*
3. *Rim*, *sty*, *tins*
4. *Lies*, *stone*, *tonsil*
5. *Agent*, *gnat*, *stage*

Answers:

1. *Interior* 2. *alkaline* 3. *ministry* 4. *insolent* 5. *stagnate*

WEEKLY FOCUS

This week let's take time to consider the lives of some of the Saints, ordinary people who served the Church and their Communities, in extraordinary ways. Think about your House or Form Patron. What marked them out as special? How can we live up to the examples that they have set for us?

Numeracy Brainteaser

Last Week's Solution : 4 large oranges, 6 small oranges

Last Week's Winner : Ashwin Toms Ajay 10MC

This Week's Brainteaser:

I save 5p today, 10p tomorrow, 15p the next day and so on, 5p more each day. How much will I have at the end of two weeks?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 2 November. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths.

SIXTH FORM PARENTS' EVENING

Please note that the Sixth Form Parents' Evening is on Thursday 1 November 2007, 4.30 to 7.00 p.m. This is an opportunity for Sixth Form Students and Parents to discuss their progress and targets for the future. Parents will receive their child's first Progress Report of the Year at this meeting.

Shoobox Appeal

As advertised in Assemblies before half term the Chapel will be open after school (3.30 – 4.30) 1st November for pupils who would like to help make up shoe boxes for *Operation Christmas Child's* Shoobox Appeal. We will be wrapping boxes and packing them up – so anybody who is good at wrapping or has a few bits they would like to donate can do so on Thursday.

Alternatively, Pupils and their families can make up a shoebox and bring it to SJP to be taken to the drop off point.

Year 9 and 10 Review Day 9 November 2007

We will be holding our annual Review Day for Parents of Pupils in Years 9 and 10 on Friday 9 November 2007. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting, at which you will receive and have a chance to discuss your child's first Progress Report of the Year. Parents should note that the College is closed on that day to pupils of other Year groups.

HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!!!

Our hugely successful 'Here Comes Christmas' fair will soon be upon us again. Book the date for your diaries – Friday 30th November 2007 3pm-5.30pm. College will close early on that day to allow pupils the first bite at the festive cherry.

We need your support before then by raiding the attic or garage or having a good clear out of any unwanted goods that could be sold on in our bric-a-brac stall. Your unwanted goods are somebody else's treasure and last year the stall made a terrific sum of money as a result of people's generosity. Anything apart from clothing will be gladly accepted (books, toys, games, DVDs, CDs, ornaments, etc) please send it all in to Reception and thank you in advance for your support.