



Year 7 Trip to Liverpool

Here Comes Christmas



On the 18th November Miss Walker, Miss Smith, Mr Colhoun and Miss Howard were lucky enough to take 50 Year 7 pupils to Liverpool for a tour on the 'Yellow Duck-marine' and to the World Museum as

part of their learning programme. The pupils were exceptionally well behaved and were very enthusiastic about the trip despite the torrential rain!

The pupils got to look at different aspects of Liverpool and how it has developed since being the Capital of Culture last year. We walked through Liverpool One and pupils got to see the Christmas lights and decorations all around the City. Overall, it was an excellent trip and we would like to thank both staff and students for a great day out.

Advent 2009

The countdown to Christmas seems to start earlier each year – did anyone spot Christmas cards and decorations in the shops in August? But it's not until these days of December that the real build up begins with the season of Advent. This special time of year helps us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas and the real reason why we celebrate with such enthusiasm on 25th December. Advent asks us to wait, to slow down and to be still, so that we can prepare peacefully, gently and prayerfully for the birth of Jesus.

Parents and Friends of **St John Plessington Catholic College**
present for your enjoyment

'Here comes Christmas'

Friday 4th December 3pm - 5.30pm

WIN a FIAT 500 CAR!!

A Wii Console, A BMX Bike!
Cash Prizes! Signed Everton & Liverpool Football Shirts

New attractions for this year...

- Bar Fly
- Velcro Wall
- Flying Pigs!
- Demolition Wrecking Ball
- Speeding Grandads

My Favourite Teacher
and lots, lots more!!

Lots of fun for the little ones including the amazing **Santa's special grotto**
Come along and meet Father Christmas and his helpers

The biggest and most successful school fair of its kind!!!

Work Experience - Year 10

Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July 2010

Thank you to all those pupils who have already returned their Work Experience Self-Placement forms.

Any remaining forms must be returned to Form Tutors at the College by:

Friday 11th December 2009

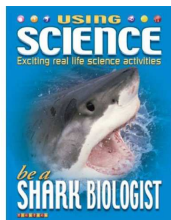
Please feel free to contact Mr Harrison at the College for further advice.

PFOP

PFOP meeting 7.00pm Tuesday 1 December 2009 in the College staff room. All Parents and Friends of SJP welcome.

What's New in your College Library

CAREER IDEAS *What's It Like To Be A....* This series of books provides fun and accessible careers information aimed at pupils who are choosing their options this year. Each title offers a behind-the-scenes tour of a high interest job and comprehensive information about training and entry routes.



NEW BOOKS IN STOCK

Look out for:

What I Saw And How I Lied by Judy Blundell

Villan .Net: Power Surge by Andy Briggs

Twister by Chris Ryan

Dark Calling by Darren Shan

Using Science: Be a Shark Biologist



TOP TRIVIA

Did you know that the great white shark is widely feared, but is not the most aggressive shark. The bull shark, though smaller, is more common and more likely to attack humans!

Top Tip! Never run away from a bear! A bear can run faster than you can – up to 30 mph.

Facts from:

100 Most Dangerous Things On The Planet by Anna Claybourne

BOOK OF THE WEEK: ***BEING*** by Kevin Brooks **14+**

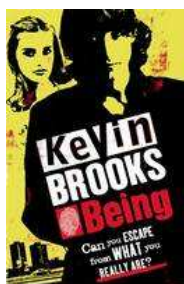
Award-winning author Kevin Brooks has yet again produced another intensely powerful page-turner!

Sixteen year old Robert lies anaesthetised. A routine operation has just gone wrong.

"What on earth is that?"

"That, Mr Ryan, is the inside of this boy."

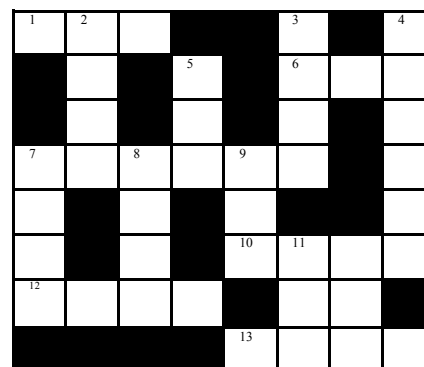
A real gut-churning thriller, that you won't want to put down.



Citizenship

Early in the New Year, Years 10 & 11 will be given the opportunity to watch a play about Domestic Violence, its causes and consequences. The play will take place during their Citizenship lesson and has been produced by the College Drama Department. Although the subject of the drama is potentially controversial it is felt that this is an important issue which pupils need to be made aware of and it has been sensitively addressed through the drama production which meets the criteria for our Citizenship/PHSE requirements. For further information, please contact Mrs D Cushion (Citizenship/PHSE Co-ordinator).

Literacy Corner



Across

1. Love conquers _____
6. Garbage in, garbage _____
7. Discretion is the _____ part of Valour
10. Barking _____ seldom bite
12. Still waters run _____
13. Christmas comes but _____ a year

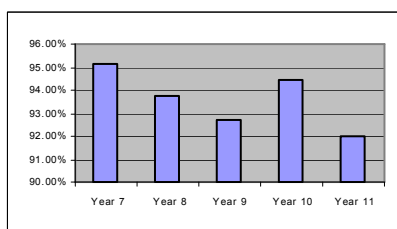
Down

2. Variety is the spice of _____
5. Live and _____ live
3. There's one law for the rich, and another for the _____
4. Do unto _____ as you would like them to do unto you
7. A _____ in the hand is worth two in the bush
8. Give him an inch and he'll _____ a mile
9. The _____ justifies the means
11. Mind your _____ business

Attendance

Attendance figures up to 27.11.09

Year 7 - 95.1%
Year 8 - 93.7%
Year 9 - 92.7%
Year 10 - 94.4%
Year 11 - 92.0%



Netball News

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 netball teams who both won their games against Ridgeway on Thursday. Both teams were exceptional on court and worked hard to gain victory. The Year 7 game ended with a staggering 14-0 win and the Year 8 team managed to secure a 12-2 win. Well done!

Year 7 squad: Jade Cookson (7MK), Lauren Edge (7VP), Rose Clarke (7VP), Rochella Operiano (7SB), Kirsten Whitehead (7SB), Caitlin Morris (7MK), Jess Murphy (7MT) and Shelby Anderson (7VP).



Year 7 player of the match – Lauren Edge (7VP)

Year 8 squad: Kayla Pearson (8VP), Chloe Lucas (8VP), Allysha Billington (8JB), Grace Jones (8OR), Hollie-Anne Jones (8OR), Beth Guttridge (8JB), Faye Burnell (8VP), Emily Marriott (8OR), Jismi Gladis (8MT)

Year 8 player of the match – Chloe Lucas (8VP)



Birkenhead Netball League - 24/11/09

The Year 11 SJP Panthers took on Dolly 'C' team on Tuesday and, once again, were victorious. After a tough first half, the girls defended well making it difficult for their opponents. The girls gained lots of possession and attacked down court fast to finish with a 15-10 win. Congratulations to the team who are currently 3rd in this adult league - well done!

Squad: Olivia Webster (11VP), Sian Bilko (11SB), Danielle Boughey (11SB), Rebecca Lunt (11MT), Shannon Reid (11OR), Alex Scollins (11MT) and Hannah Bolton (12OR).



Player of the match – Olivia Webster (11VP)

Sports Council

SJP have appointed 21 members to our Sports Council which will drive forward PE and School Sport. The Council will meet regularly and will act as the student voice for these areas.

Congratulations to the following students in gaining a place on the council. We look forward to working with you this year.

Courtney Wynne	7MK	Jodie Aldred	8TL
Codie McNulty	8SB	Ellie Stephenson	9OR
Charlotte Obermuller	10TL	Dominic Crossley	10MK
Rebecca Lunt	11MT	Katie Robinson	11MT
Charlotte Waters	11MK	Joel Belmar	12VP
Craig McMahon	12MT	Callum Brady	12MT
Courtney Thomas	12BH	Michael Andrew Jones	7TL
John O'Shea	12JB	Luke Spereall	11BH
Connor O'Keefe	10JB	Danielle Boughey	11SB
Ciaran Daley	9VP	Luke Camden	11SB
Declan Evans	1OR		

Year 11 GCSE Catering

IMPORTANT!
REMEMBER YOUR INGREDIENTS
FOR YOUR FIRST PRACTICAL
ASSESSMENT:

11a Groups: 3rd December
Lesson 1,2 &3

11b Groups: 10th December
Lesson 3,4 & 5



This counts towards
15% of the course

Good Luck to you!

Foreign Affairs - "Le Bistro de Dan Roro"



On Monday 23 November we were pleased to welcome to school the lively production called "Le Bistro de Dan Roro", presented by Dan Roro himself. Year 8 pupils attended the performance in the afternoon.

The one-man show featured a wide range of acts designed to expose pupils to some basic French in a lively context and present a view of French culture, whilst challenging national stereotypes. Pupils were treated to juggling, uni-cycling, plate balancing, singing, and some very impressive ventriloquism with Dan's friend René. There were plenty of opportunities for audience participation too!

Some comments from the pupils:

"It was great fun and we learned loads of French"

Jess O Keefe 8MT

"It was good, I enjoyed it." *Andrew Smith 8MT*

A big 'merci' to all Y8 pupils for their excellent behaviour and participation throughout the show. A la prochaine!!!

Puzzle Corner

	4		8				5	
3			2	7				6
2	7	8				1	4	3
6					5		3	
		3	4		1	2		
	8		9					7
8	3	1				6	2	9
4				9	8			5
	9				6		1	

Last Week's
Solution

7	3	4	8	1	6	2	5	9
9	5	6	4	7	2	3	8	1
1	2	8	3	9	5	6	4	7
6	1	5	2	4	8	7	9	3
8	7	9	6	3	1	4	2	5
3	4	2	9	5	7	1	6	8
4	8	7	5	6	3	9	1	2
5	6	1	7	2	9	8	3	4
2	9	3	1	8	4	5	7	6

WEEKLY THEME—"FREEDOM FROM FEAR"

To be free. That's what we all want. To be loved. That too! These are the two greatest human values. Doing what I want all the time, getting my own way, however, is not real freedom; just as real love is not self-centred.

Only Jesus can give real freedom, by following his words – "Love one another" – and his example of unselfish caring. Advent is the season when we can examine the question: how free and "loving" are we?

Mark 13:33-37

"But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, not even heaven's angels, not even the Son. Only the Father. So keep a sharp lookout, for you don't know the timetable. It's like a man who takes a trip, leaving home and putting his servants in charge, each assigned a task, and commanding the gatekeeper to stand watch. So, stay at your post, watching. You have no idea when the homeowner is returning, whether evening, midnight, cock-crow, or morning. You don't want him showing up unannounced, with you asleep on the job. I say it to you, and I'm saying it to all: stay at your post. Keep watch."

**Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love.
Increase our longing for Jesus our Saviour and give us the strength
to grow in love for each other as we await his coming**

