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Carnival at SJP!



Friday was Carnival Day at SJP.

Although we couldn't be in school for Mardi Gras this year we didn't want to miss the celebrations.

Both staff and students joined in the fun with the girls wearing colourful tights or socks and the boys wearing bright ties. There were pizza prizes for the most colourful students.





6th formers made it a day to remember by dressing up as brightly as possible.



It was good to see everybody enjoying themselves.



Pupils made pancakes in the morning so that we could run races on the yard at lunch time.



Well done to those that won.

In between races we were all entertained by carnival dancing on the steps of the music block.





SJP's GOT TALENT



Another hugely successful year for SJP's Got Talent.

All the students that took part, from the auditions onwards, showed tremendous talent and deserve congratulations.



The three judges (Mr Quinn, Miss McGowan and Mr Meehan), were amazed by the quality of the acts in the final. Mr Quinn said "This show just gets better and better each year. I'm always impressed by how much talent our students have. Well done to everybody that took part.' The Winner: Thandie Sibanda



Runners up:



3rd place





2nd place

4th place

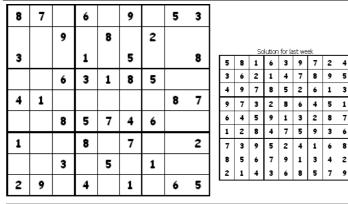
The Finalists;



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Puzzle Corner



Rugby News

Northwest Rugby Final



Tuesday On 9th SJP February the Rugby team competed in the North West Year 9 Rugby Finals in at Broughton Rugby Club, in Manchester.

A squad of 16 boys set off with one thing in mind: to win and make it to the national final at Twickenham.

There were 4 games to play. Although the first gave a comfortable 4-1 victory for SJP, however the second game did not prove so fruitful as our boys suffered a 5-4 defeat.

The third game gave another excellent victory but there was disappointment with another 5-4 defeat in the fourth game.

Despite the two defeats the overall results within the group meant that SJP made it through to the semi-finals and the team would have been fighting for a place at Twickenham if it hadn't been for an injury in the final match.

Well done to all the boys for an excellent performance and a good result. Particular congratulations go to Ciaran Mooney, Jack Caplin, Daniel Daley and Jordon Fleet for some brilliant play throughout the tournament.

Man of the tournament – Jack Caplin

Literacy Corner

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Literacy Corner

The first letter of each answer appears next to its clue in

alphabetical order. All the first letters have been entered into the grid. Can you complete the puzzle?

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I never saw another butterfly



1.5 million children perished in the Holocaust. In an effort to remember them, the Holocaust Museum in Houston, USA is collecting 1.5 million handmade butterflies.

The butterflies will eventually comprise a breath-taking exhibition, currently scheduled for Spring 2013,

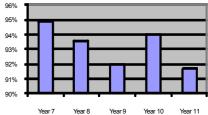
in memory of all these children. The Museum has already collected an estimated 400,000 butterflies for the display which is based upon the poem "I never saw another butterfly".

The SJP College community is contributing towards the exhibition by sending to the Holocaust Museum the butterflies created by our students during Holocaust Memorial Week.

Attendance

Attendance figures up to 12.02.2010

Year 7 - 94.9% Year 8 - 93.6% ^{94%} Year 9 - 92.0% Year 10 - 94.0% Year 11 - 91.7%



Parents/Carers

Pupil reports will be posted this week, if you do not receive yours by the end of the week please contact your child's Head of Learning.

Maths Brainteaser

You are on your way to visit your Grandma, who

lives at the end of the valley. It's her birthday,

and you want to give her the cakes you've made.

Between your house and her house, you have to

cross 7 bridges, and as it goes in the land of

make believe, there is a troll under every bridge!

Each troll, guite rightly, insists that you pay a

troll toll. Before you can cross their bridge, you have to give them half of the cakes you are car-

rying, but as they are kind trolls, they each give

Foreign Affairs

languages Corner

Spanish Idioms

An idiom is a sentence in which the meaning is not clear from the actual words in the sentence.

An example in English is 'it's raining cats and dogs'. Somebody who was from another country would probably have to ask you what you meant if you said this, even if they understood every word.

Here are some common Spanish ones-

First I have given the Spanish, then the meaning of the words in English underneath and in brackets how we might really say it!



No tiene dos dedos de frente He doesn't have two fingers of forehead. (He's not the sharpest tool in the box)

Tiene más lana que un borrego. He has more wool than a lamb. (He's loaded with cash.)



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While in my house, I am king. (A man's home is his castle)

Mientras que en mi casa estoy, rey soy.

El pan, pan y el vino, vino. Bread is bread and wine is wine. (Let's call a spade a spade)



There are hundreds of idioms in Spanish, some are more common than others. Do you know any others?

you back a single cake.

Maths

How many cakes do you have to leave home with to make sure that you arrive at Grandma's with exactly 2 cakes?

Weekly Theme — A Change of Heart



The way that some people cherish their cars or possessions, you would think that they worship them. The way that celebrities, TV stars, models, pop groups and sports personalities are treated by their fans, you could say that they idolise them.

As Christians we are called to worship God alone: we should

not make idols of anyone or anything. Jesus made this quite clear when he said," Only two things are necessary, love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself."

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone."

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendour, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Lent is a time for a change of heart – a time for a fresh and closer look at ourselves and the way we live our lives. What needs to be done? We can make changes to our lives that will help us become better people. It is a time for concern for others and it is a time for prayer.

We must be careful that we don't let this opportunity slip us by.

Father, your Son resisted the temptations of the Devil, while fasting for forty days.

May we too resist temptation more strongly as we journey through Lent.

We ask you to give us the help that we will need.

