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Olympic Win - Park Tour



After successfully winning a competition organised by the London Olympic '*Get Set*' Education Programme, two pupils - Allysha Billington 8JB and Mark Mazier 8SB, accompanied by Ms. Allen, Geography Department, had a once in a lifetime opportunity to see first-hand the progress being made in preparing for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The competition was Launched by Jonathan Edwards on a visit to Manchester in May last year and was aimed at encouraging schools and colleges to sign up to *Get Set*, the London 2012 Education Programme. This works to inspire young people using the Olympic and Paralympic values, and has already seen over 500 schools in the North West register to become part of it. The Geography



Department signed up to the Get Set Network last April and designed a unit of work for Yr 7. LP6 was based entirely on the London 2012 Olympic Games and included a wide range of geographical issues including sustainable development. We also investigated London as a Brand and World City. The unit culminated in the Geography Olympics which demonstrated the true Olympic values of Equality, Excellence, Determination, Friendship, Inspiration, Courage and Respect.

This was a fantastic prize and we had the opportunity to tour the park in a special bus to see some of the iconic facilities which will pay host to the world's greatest athletes in 2012. We also had the opportunity to mingle with past and present Olympians. Manchester-born Olympic Gold and Silver medallist **Darren Campbell** was on hand to tell his story of living the Olympic dream, while **Shaunna Thompson** (100m Commonwealth Youth Games record-holder and Sale Harrier) shared her ambitions for competing at London 2012 - and, of course, **Jonathan Edwards** (current world record holder for the triple jump) and ex-swimmer **Steven Parry** (200 butterfly bronze medallist in Athens) were available for a photo or two. Both pupils were interviewed for BBC



NW Tonight and Mark's comments were released in the official press release of the tour. He commented:

"It was really exciting seeing the Olympic Park. I think it's brilliant that London is hosting the Games. My favourite Olympians are Mark Foster and Usain Bolt and I think London 2012 will inspire lots of young people my age to follow their ambitions and dreams and maybe one day be an Olympian themselves."



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Music Festival

Tuesday night saw the first ever SJP music festival, featuring over 150 of our talented pupils. The evening was organised by Mr R Thomas the Head of Performing Arts with the help of the whole Performing Arts team.

Over 300 parents and guests packed into the Hall to hear performances from the Brass Band, Chamber Choir, Swing Band, SJP Youth Theatre group, Y7 choir plus soloists and small groups. The Staff Choir made their debut live performance with a superb version of "I can see clearly now".

The highlight for many was the SJP Swing Band, formed only this term, who performed several jazz/swing classics including Fever and I Feel Good.



Another undoubted highlight was the acoustic duet of Oliver Gosling and Ellie Smith who sang and played guitars beautifully. Jacob Thomas and Luke Piggott performed the Green Day classic "Time of Your Life". The SJP youth theatre group performed a stunning rendition of "All that Jazz" from Chicago.

The SJP Brass Band showed they are going from strength to strength with a powerful rendition of the theme tune to 2001 a space odyssey, led from the front as always by Mr R Austin.

An amazing night for SJP and a taster of great things to come from the Performing Arts team; now we are all looking forward to the Music Festival 2010 which will be even bigger and better!



CAFOD "One World Week"



CAFOD "One World Week" is upon us and this year their focus is on creating a climate for Justice. In SJP this week, each student will be making a pledge of something they can do at home or in College to combat climate change. We will then display these in the Atrium, along with our banner created by the Art Department. They will then be sent to Gordon Brown before he attends the G20 Summit in Copenhagen to ensure that he makes climate change top of his agenda. To get involved with CAFOD's campaign, go onto their website: www.cafod.org.uk

"While we in the UK are being encouraged to spend our way out of recession, millions of poor people are trying to keep themselves alive in areas of desperately degraded land, while trying to cope with climatic extremes", says Director of CAFOD, Chris Bain. In SJP this week, let us show that we care about the plight of those millions of people by keeping them in our prayers and thoughts.

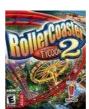
ICT Extra-Curricular Activities

Just a reminder to all year groups that the ICT department has some exciting Extra Curricular activities taking place after school each week.

> Tuesday 3:20 – 4:30 Gaming Club – IT5



Come along and test your gaming skills on a number of strategy and simulation games.



Thursday 3:20 – 4:30 Homework Club – IT4

Come along and use the ICT equipment to get your homework done

Hope to see you there!

Y7 B-Team Football - SJP v Bebington

A superb team performance from the 'Year 7 B Team' resulted in a fantastic result against a strong Bebington side. The effort and enthusiasm shown by the lads was outstanding and all were a credit to their year group and the school. Kyle McKean opened the scoring in the first half with a superb header after a beautiful cross from Norbert Babol. Norbert was again quickly involved in the game using his lightning pace and finishing expertly.

In the second half there were some flashes of brilliance from the lads with Conor Flaherty showing some fantastic skills on the right wing. He was not alone as Brad Taylor's superb skill and control to sidestep a defender created himself some space in midfield. The opportunity was not wasted with a beautifully weighted through ball for Kyle Hulse to race onto and round the keeper and slot home to extend the lead. Two more goals followed with Connor Shaw finding the top corner from the edge of the box with a powerful volley and then Daniel Matern striking home from the edge of the box late on making the score 5-3 to SJP.

Although 5 goals were scored, congratulations should go to the defenders on the night who where fantastic with Michael Jones and Joseph Wingfield the games outstanding players. A fantastic performance from the lads with great enthusiasm and attitude on show throughout.

Well Done.

Mathematics Revision Classes

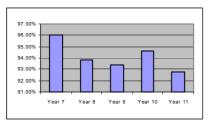
Tuesday 20th October—3.20pm—4.15pm Pythagoras & Trigonometry—Higher Level Fractions—Foundation Level

Wednesday 21st October—3.20pm-4.15pm Algabraic Manipulation—Higher Level Solving Linear Equations—Foundation Level

Attendance

Attendance figures up to 16.10.09

Year 7 - 96.9% Year 8 - 93.9% Year 9 - 93.2% Year 10 - 94.5% Year 11 - 94.2%



Y7 A-Team Football - SJP v Bebington

Another strong performance from the year 7 A team against a good Bebington side. The game started badly for the SJP team and by half time the game was slipping away from them as they found themselves 3-1 down. The team showed great strength of character and determination in the second half and the performance of the team improved and they got their rewards. The second half began with 2 early goals from Jack Rhodes bringing the game level at three each.

With 10 minutes remaining Steven Lynch managed to get onto the end of a fantastic through ball from Corry Taylor and coolly slotted the ball home to give SJP the lead and Steven his hat trick. Only 2 minutes later Corry himself managed to break through the Bebington defense to score his first and SJP's sixth of the day. The attitude and determination demonstrated by the team was highly pleasing to see and should help to ensure that their performances and results continue to be of a high standard. The Man of the Match award was given to Steven Lynch for his outstanding performance and three goals.

Netball—SJP Staff v Pupils

On Friday 23rd October (the last day before half term) a netball match between Sixth Form & Staff will take place between 12.15 and 1.10pm in the PE Department.

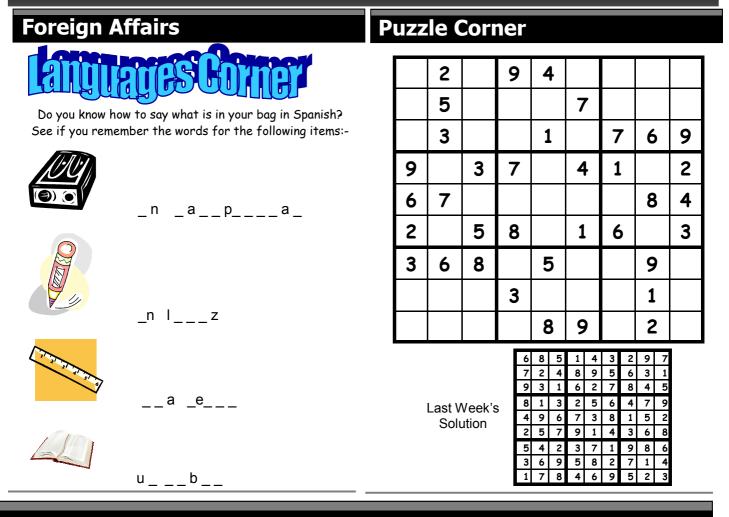
All College students are welcome to watch during their lunch time but a ticket will need to be purchased before the match. Tickets are 30p each and are available from the PE Department. All proceeds from the sale of tickets will be going to charity. Tickets are on sale now.

RE Competition—"Spirited Arts"

A reminder about the RE Competition—Pupils should submit their piece of art, no bigger than A3, with a description of what the piece is about by **Friday 23rd October 2009**. The art must be about one of the five categories:

Who is God? Mystery Justice for Everyone Open-Minded Life is Sacred

Pupils can win a Gift Voucher for the shop of their



Theme for the Week—"A Whole New World"

The mission of One World Week states this:

One World Week exists to provide the space for people from diverse backgrounds to come together to learn about global justice, to spread that learning and to use it to challenge inequality, discrimination and degradation, locally and globally. As a community we do much to promote these aims all year round, of course, but our prayer during this week unites us with other faith groups across the world in yearning for a world of justice and equality.

Create a climate for Justice

The world's poorest people are most at risk from climate change. This week we are being asked to focus upon and support CAFOD's Climate Justice Campaign

In December this year, our Government and other world leaders will be taking big decisions about how to tackle climate change in future decades. There will be some tough choices. They need to make a deal that addresses the cause and effect of climate change and put's the needs of the worlds poorest people right at it's heart. But they will only do this if they hear our voice

According to Catholic Social teaching "God destined the earth and all it contains for the use of every individual and all peoples. "So out of love for our neighbour ", we are all called to live sustainably and to protect and cherish the earth that we all share and rely on. Our world is in our hands and we all need to act now

So in this coming week, let us pray for and help support CAFOD's Climate justice campaign

Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours, ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out to the earth, feet by which he is to go about doing good and ours are the hands by which he is to bless us now.



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