

St John Plessington Catholic College

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World War One Battle Fields Trip

A group of GCSE History students took part in a four-day visit to the Battlefields of World War One in Belgium and France as part of their studies.

On Saturday morning, we drove to the Somme in France to visit battlefields and memorials. A site of particular interest was Newfoundland Memorial Park. Here, pupils had a guided tour of the trenches and experienced the view over no mans land, as the soldiers would have seen during the war.



The Trenches at Newfoundland Park



That evening, Mr Austin took part in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Rebecca Wilks, Dominic Crossley and Aaron Beech laid wreaths.

Sunday we visited more battlefield sites and museums in Belgium. Pupils had been asked to find out if any of their relatives had died in the Great War. Nathan Morris found out that his Great Uncle had fallen at

Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony

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Poperinge. We visited his grave and the pupils stood with Nathan whilst he told us about his relative, and Mr Austin played the Last Post.

The pupils experienced many aspects of the war, and gained a greater understanding of the vast loss of life and destruction that happened throughout Belgium and France.



Vimy Ridge Memorial



Year 7 & 8 Netball



Congratulations to the Year 8 Netball Team who achieved their first win of the season against St Mary's last week. The girls played exceptionally well, showing great character to maintain their lead. The result was 7-5 with Kayla Pearson scoring 4 of the goals, who gained the player of the match award.

Yr 8 Players: Grace Jones, Kayla Pearson, Faye Burnell, Beth Guttridge, Jismi Gladis, Hollie Jones, Allysha Billington, Chloe Lucas, Emily Marriot.

The Year 7s also won one of their games 7-0 and were defeated by 1 goal in a very close second match. They are starting to come together as a team and are improving each time they play. Kirstin Whitehead and Jess Murphy were both awarded player of the match.

Well done girls keep up the good work!



Yr 7 Players:

Squad A: Jade Cookson (7MK), Kirsten



Whitehead (7SB), Rochella Operiano (7SB), Lauren Edge (7VP) Rose Clarke (7VP), Jess Murphy (7MT) and Shelby Anderson (7VP).

Squad B: Laura-Jane Redfern (7VP), Genine Martin (7BH), Genevieve Neal (7OR), Chloe Keenan (7MK), Georgia Harrison (7TL) and Courtney Wynne (7MK)

Accrington Stanley—Success for Pupil !

Many congratulations to Michael Deegan from Year 10.

After demonstrating the potential for becoming a football player at the highest level, Michael has been registered with the Football League for the Accrington Stanley Football Club Centre of Excellence. This is a great achievement.



Well done Michael!

Years 9 & 10—Review Day

Please be aware that Review Day for Years 9 & 10 will take place on Friday 20th November 2009. The College will be closed for the remaining pupils on that day.

U16 Badminton Team

Well done to the Girls Under-16 Badminton team, who represented SJP at Wirral Grammar last week. The girls played singles and doubles games against Wirral and Bebington, with successes from Sian Bilko and Charlotte Obermuller. We are currently in a league across the Wirral so good luck to the girls for the rest of the season!





Becky Lunt, Charlotte Obermuller, Lauren Dickson, Sian Bilko

Sixth Form Emmaus Walk



The Emmaus Day is a new event arranged for all the Sixth Formers. It involved a walk along the Wirral Way from Leasowe lighthouse to Thurstaston visitors centre and on their return to College food was available for all tired staff and students. The aim of the day was to create a sense of community spirit within the Sixth form and for all students and staff to mix and develop a sense of belonging.

At the start of the walk, the students read the story of the disciples returning to Emmaus on the first

Easter Sunday meeting and how they met a stranger on the road

who asked them what was going on in their lives. The apostles shared with the stranger their story, the good bits and the bad bits as well. The stranger encouraged them to talk and tried to help them make sense of what was happening in their lives. It was not until they shared food together and the stranger broke bread with them, that the disciples realised that Jesus had accompanied them on their journey.

During the Emmaus journey that our students made they shared their stories with each other and shared the milestones in their lives.



Here Comes Chistmas!

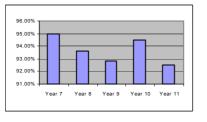
St John Plessington Catholic College present for your enjoyment 'Here comes Christmas' Friday 4th December



Attendance

Attendance figures up to 06.11.09

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



Yes, it really is that time of year again! We are looking forward to our spectacular "Here Comes Christmas" event which will take place this year on **FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER 2009.** Put it in your diaries now!

With your help, this event will be hugely successful and we are asking you to provide any unwanted goods, toys, games, DVDs CDs, household goods, pictures, utensils, etc for the now famous *"Dolly's Bric-a-Brac Stall"*.

This year, we are also asking for unwanted clothing in good condition, which we will pass on to Claire House Hospice for their Charity shops.

Please start sending your goods in to the College Reception.

Year 10 & 11 Science Revision

Day	Loc ation	<u>Date</u>	Module	Subject matter				
Tue	Sc5	10 th Nov	B1a	Drug abuse and controlling				
				infectious diseases				
Tue	Sc9	10 th Nov	B1b	Adaptation for survival and				
			(resit)	Variation				
Wed	Sc5	11 th Nov	P1b	Radiation and the universe				
			(resit)					
Thurs	Sc5	12 th Nov	B1b	Evolution and how people				
			(resit)	effect the planet				
Fri	Sc2	13 th Nov	B1a	Coordination and control and				
				healthy eating				
Tue	Sc5	17 th Nov	C1a	Crude oil				
Wed	Sc5	18 th Nov	C1a	Products from rocks and				
				rocks and metals				

Foreign Affairs

languages Corner

Try to find all of the days of the week in Spanish in the grid

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Last Week's Solution

Puzzle Corner

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If you get stuck remember to use page 110 at the back of your planner to help you!

Theme for the Week - "Generosity"

God is never mean; he is always more generous than we deserve, the poor widow in our scripture reading realised that and gave everything she had. It is a fact of life that the poor in our world are more likely to be generous, than the rich.

The rich are more likely to hang onto their money and their power and not to share it with those who are in need. We only have to look at the poverty, suffering and hunger endured by so many people in our world today, because we who live comfortably in the rich Western nations won't share fairly what we have with everyone.

Mark 12:38-43

As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, and have the most

important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Loving Lord, your justice is strong and your mercy is rich. May we show care and generosity to all who belong to our human family, so that we will never miss an opportunity to help anyone who is in any kind of need. Amen



