



St John Plessington Catholic College

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Living Joyfully

Last Friday, pupils from Year 10, along with pupils from schools and colleges across the Wirral and Liverpool, attended a one day workshop at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool.

The aim of the workshop was to learn about the different kinds of vocations available within the Church.

Pupils met members of different religious communities, including Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Nuns and Lay People who have offered their lives to God.

The workshop gave the opportunity for pupils to ask questions about their vocations and their role in the life of the church.

The workshop also supported the work that our pupils are undertaking in their GCSE Religious Education course.



Please note, the College will be closed Monday 16th - Friday 20th February for Half Term. Monday 23rd February is a Staff Training day. Pupils return to College on Tuesday 24th February.

Basketball



Meet James, Philemon, Harrison and Orin. These four boys are keen basketballers who represent the Year 9 team but are also members of Bromborough Bulldogs Basketball Club.

All four boys are showing a keen desire to improve their basketball skills through training and matches each week. Watch this space for our Year 9 results.

If you would like to get involved in Basketball at SJP then please speak to Mr Nunnery.

Fixtures

Tuesday - Year 7 vs Woodchurch, Football (Away)
 Tuesday - Year 7 vs Bebington High, Netball (Away)
 Tuesday - Year 9 Rugby CVL (Birkenhead Park)
 Wednesday - Year 10 vs Woodchurch, Football (Away)
 Thursday - Year 7 vs Bebington High School, Basketball (Away)

Literacy Corner

Anagrams

These are all anagrams of famous writers.

Can you unscramble them?

Bring your answers to Mrs Connolly and win a prize!

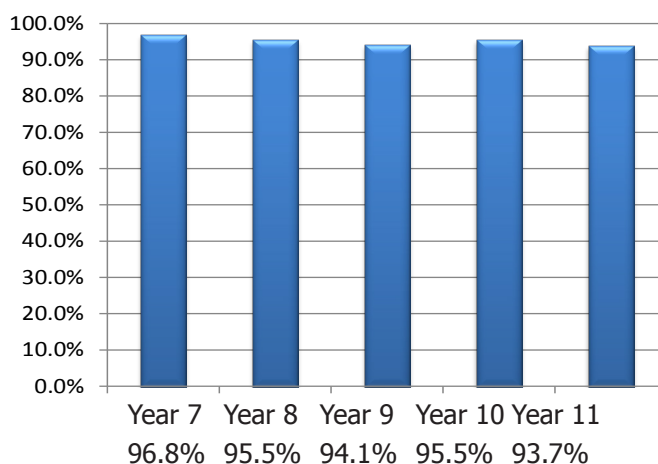
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Coming Up

9 Feb - Talk by Prof Chris Read University of Warwick for Year 12 History students
11 Feb - Paris Trip
11 Feb - A2 Geography Talk at Chester University
11 Feb - iGCSE English Year 11 Mock
12 Feb - Year 8 Enterprise Day
16-20 Feb - February Half Term Holiday
23 Feb - Staff Development Day

Attendance 01/09/14 - 06/02/15



Netball Tournament

The Year 9 and 10 Netball Teams represented SJP brilliantly in the Wirral Grammar Netball Tournament at the weekend.

Each team played around 10 matches against local schools. The girls showed great perseverance and teamwork throughout all of the games.

The year 10 team, captained by Ellie Stevens, continually used space on the court effectively through good footwork, passing and movement.

The Year 9 team, captained by Anna-Louise Finlay began to use tactical patterns to outwit their opponents.

A big well done to all the girls for their hard work and effort, especially on a Saturday!

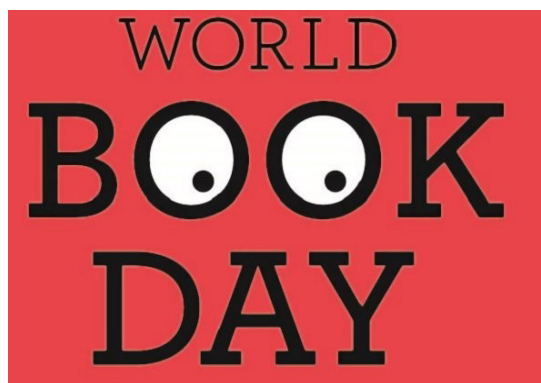


World Book Day - 5th March 2015

Look out for all the events occurring on the day, and in the weeks to follow. There are lots of prizes to be won!

- Book Quizzes to complete in Forms for Key Stage 3, 4 and 5!
- Fancy Dress – dress up as your favourite character from a book – lunch time only, in the Library
- Visiting author, Curtis Jobling, creator of Bob the Builder and the young adult series, *Wereworld!* Workshops will be run all day
- Cake Competition – decorate a cake based on your favourite book!
- Staff Reading Rally – all forms in Year 7, 8 and 9 to be read to during AR by staff from across the school!
- Book Title Dingbats – winners announced!
- Staff displays – favourite reads and why they like to read

For further information, see Mrs Connolly or Mrs Broom.



Holocaust Memorial

Last week we, as a community, stopped to remember the atrocities which occurred during the Second World War in concentration camps in Germany, Poland and Holland. We also stopped to commemorate recent genocides in Rwanda, Bosnia, Darfur and Cambodia. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and the 20th anniversary of the Genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia. It is particularly appropriate that the theme for this major anniversary year focused on memory and the need to 'Keep the Memory Alive'. Here at SJP, we made a commitment to keeping the memory of these genocides alive and, by doing this, we commit ourselves to never allowing these atrocities to happen again.

Eight pupils from SJP were fortunate enough to attend a Holocaust Memorial workshop at the Floral Pavillion where they listened to the experience of Rudi Oppenheimer, a Holocaust survivor who spent 5 years in concentration camps in Holland. Rudi's talk was an inspiration to all those who were fortunate enough to listen to his experience and he reiterated the need for us to 'Keep the Memory Alive' to ensure that the 5 years he endured in Holland will never be experienced by any other human being. Holocaust Memorial Day was a real demonstration of how the lessons of the past can inform our lives today and ensure that everyone works together to create a safer, better future.

We must all continue to 'Keep the Memory Alive!'



KEEP THE MEMORY ALIVE
Holocaust Memorial Day 2015

Language Corner

Which city is being described?

Vivo en una ciudad grande que está situada en la costa. Mi ciudad siempre ha sido muy animada y turística, sobre todo en las playas durante el verano. Mi ciudad es conocida por una estila de vida muy divertida y disfrutamos del buen clima. Mi país está lleno de espacios verdes como la Selva Amazónica.

Tenemos muchos monumentos turísticos, como "Cristo Redentor", una estatua grandísima de Jesús Cristo. Se puede ir a la playa para nadar y comer frutas exóticas.

La Copa Mundial estuvo aquí el año pasado también.

Correct answers to Miss Gaffney for 5 Vivo points!



Maths Corner

Mrs Jones had a bunch of grapes. There were fewer than 100.

When she shared the grapes equally among 6 children there were 5 left over.

When she shared the grapes equally among 5 children there were 5 left over.

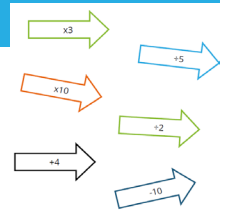
When she shared the grapes equally among 9 children there were 5 left over.

How many grapes were there in the bunch?



Answer to last week's Maths Corner

Answer = 4



Weekly Theme - Healing

Mark 1: 29-39

As soon as Jesus and his followers left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, and the people told Jesus about her. So Jesus went to her bed, took her hand, and helped her up. The fever left her, and she began serving them.

That evening, after the sun went down, the people brought to Jesus all who were sick and had demons in them. The whole town gathered at the door. Jesus healed many who had different kinds of sicknesses, and he forced many demons to leave people. But he would not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.

Early the next morning, while it was still dark, Jesus woke and left the house. He went to a lonely place, where he prayed. Simon and his friends went to look for Jesus. When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus answered, "We should go to other towns around here so I can preach there too. That is the reason I came." So he went everywhere in Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and forcing out demons.



Mother Teresa of Calcutta was a healer. She and her sisters welcomed the abandoned sick and cared for them until they died. She didn't make their diseases go away, but she cured some of the worst symptoms, isolation and loneliness. Her patients died with people who loved and respected them. Scripture scholars today debate over the types of illnesses Jesus healed. They also debate over how he did it. But they agree on one important thing, he cured some of the worst symptoms. In ancient Israel, people with serious diseases were often thrown out of town because religious laws forbade others from coming too close to them. Some people thought that sickness showed that you had sinned against God - that was another reason to stay clear. Jesus did the opposite; He approached the sick, He touched and embraced them. He brought them back into the community where they could find love and respect. So how about us? Do we ignore, mock or judge some people who are ill or disabled? Or, like Jesus did with Peter's mother-in-law, do we stop, reach out a hand, and care for them? Many people in hospitals and nursing homes are praying that someone will bring them back into the community by visiting them to show concern and respect. Some might even be in our own families.

Prayer

Jesus, you always helped those who were in need and reached out to them. Help me to reach out to others so that your healing love may grow in the world. Amen