



Newsletter

w/c 23rd February 2015



Paris Trip

Shortly before the half term break, eighty of our pupils travelled by coach and ferry to Lésigny near Paris. We arrived at our accommodation 'Chateau de Grande Romaine' where we enjoyed settling in, having an evening meal and participating in the evening activities of crêpe making and outdoor activities.

On the Thursday, some of the pupils spent the morning at the château taking part in a variety of outdoor activities including trapeze, climbing and archery. Other pupils chose to visit the Louvre where they took a great interest in the art and particularly enjoyed the Mona Lisa and the Napoleonic apartments.

The afternoon was spent with pupils visiting the 'Stade de France' where they had a guided tour of the entire stadium including the players' and referees' changing rooms! Meanwhile, some pupils opted to visit the chocolate factory where they enjoyed a presentation from the chocolatier and lots of samples from the factory!

Friday was also extremely busy, with all 80 pupils visiting the Eiffel Tower where they walked up to the second floor and enjoyed the amazing view! Many were even brave enough to take the lift to the summit of the tower! The group also took a very relaxing cruise down the River Seine with audio commentary.

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Paris continued

If that wasn't enough, pupils then visited the Arc de Triomphe and climbed the 284 step spiral staircase to the top! This was followed by some window shopping down the famous Champs-Élysées. During the afternoon others opted to tour the magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral and found out about its fascinating history.

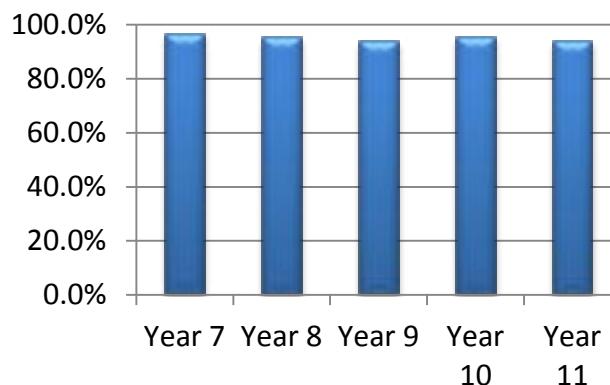
On Saturday, we spent the day at Disneyland in Paris visiting both the main Disneyland Park and also Walt Disney Studios. The trip was a great success where all students were immersed in French culture and took every opportunity to practise their language skills.



Coming Up

- 25 Feb - Year 11 EnMa Strategy Evening**
- 27 Feb - 1 Mar - PGL Street Dance Weekend**
- 27 Feb - 1 Mar - PGL Multi Skills Weekend**
- 27 Feb - Year 8 Beta Lady Lever Art Gallery**
- 3 Mar - Year 8 Alpha Lady Lever Art Gallery**
- 6-8 Mar - PGL Football Weekend**
- 6-8 Mar - PGL Netball Weekend**

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



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
96.7%	95.5%	93.9%	95.6%	93.8%

Literacy Corner

BOGGLE BONANZA!

Boggle requires you to look at the letters provided in the grid.

Your challenge is to create as many words as you can out of the letters provided.

You can pick the letters in any order, but you may only use the letter ONCE in each word.

The person who finds the longest word wins a prize!

See Mrs Connolly with your answers.

E	L	P	W
D	M	O	G
Y	A	S	I
T	O	I	L

Art Exhibition

The Art department were delighted that work from twelve of our Sixth Form students was selected for inclusion in the 'Fresh Perspectives' art exhibition at the prestigious Lady Lever Gallery in Port Sunlight.

We are very proud of the high standard of work that our students have produced and this opportunity to showcase their creativity and talent is well deserved.

Several of the students are pictured here at the recent weekend opening event. The exhibition runs until 19th April.



Year 8 Enterprise Day

Year 8 took part in their second Enterprise Day to develop key entrepreneurial skills including team work, analytical thinking, creative ideas generation, presenting skills, time management and leadership qualities.

The winning team was called "Funky Monkey" who gave an excellent pitch for their idea of 3 different school bag designs.

They now go through to the grand finals in the Summer term competing against other schools. Pupils commented on how much they enjoyed the day and rose to the challenge they were set.



Language Corner

**No me gusta nada el pepino aunque sea nutritivo.
Me gusta mucho la tortilla, porque es rica.
Me encanta el chocolate sin embargo, no es saludable.**

Find the three adjectives in the text.

Correct answers to Miss Gaffney for 5 Vivo points!



Maths Corner

Dominoes have two parts, each can have from 0 to 6 spots.

How many dominoes are there in each set?



Answer to last week's Math's Corner

Answer = 77 grapes



Weekly Theme - Lent - Challenge

Mark 1: 12 - 15

Then the Spirit sent Jesus into the desert. He was in the desert forty days and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels came and took care of Him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, preaching the Good News from God. He said, "The right time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Change your hearts and lives and believe the Good News!"

Lent is a time for us to reflect and make choices. That's why Jesus went into the desert. He went to commit to what his life was going to be about. He needed time to think and pray. In the end he chose to stand for God's compassion and justice, even though that got his cousin John the Baptist arrested.

We need Lent: we need time away to realise that our lives can make a difference we need time to face those things that draw us away from using our lives for God to heal the world.

Will I be a person who heals or a person who wants to get even? Will I spend my life seeking only what is best for me or will I take the challenge this Lent in order to do the right thing?

Why not join Jesus in the desert? Take time to ask God what he is challenging you to do. This Lent look at your strengths and weaknesses and make a commitment to do some act of service each week during Lent.

Prayer

Lord, remind us to pray the Our Father often. Be with us this Lent. Show us how to walk in your light and to always follow you. We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

