



Plessington Catholic Technology College

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Learning Programmes Unit 3/2

Theme for the week: *LOVE*
'Nothing is sweeter than love,
nothing stronger, nothing higher,
nothing broader, nothing is more
lovely, nothing richer, nothing in
heaven or in earth'.

NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

Jade bought some sweets. She had no 1p coins but she paid £1.03 exactly.

She used 8 coins to pay. Which coins did she use?

Give your answer slips to Miss Hodges in Room B12 by Friday 20 January 2006
All correct answers will be entered into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths

Last week's solution:
27 Creatures

Last week's winner: Lee Dagnall – 8MC

Science GCSE Results

These results have been published this week for Year 10 and Year 11 Modular Science courses.
Next exam is only 7 teaching weeks away 8th March 2006.

School Nurse

Pupils who wish to see the school nurse Mrs Ann Marie Milosevic, can now do so by completing a 'request for an appointment' slip kept at reception.

Plessington News

Our Learning Programmes have arrived!

Firstly, may I wish all students, parents and carers a very Happy New Year. I hope that 2006 will be a wonderful year for our school community and that we will continue to grow and build on the foundations of an excellent first term. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support and co-operation.

It is in this spirit that today we launch the first of the 'learning programmes' that your son/daughter has been asked to bring home to you today. The idea behind them is to give you as parents a detailed picture of the programmes of study that your son/daughter is engaged in here at school so that you can talk with them about the various topics of study and support them on their journey of learning.

Today you are receiving **UNIT 3**. This is the learning programme for the next 6 weeks in school up to half-term. You will be able to track the curriculum content being delivered in school during that time. You will also be able to track the homework tasks that each subject sets during the 6 weeks. The homework is clearly identified each week and this will help you to monitor what work your child should be engaged in at home. There are also lots of examples of extended learning tasks that mean our students can never turn to their parents and say – 'I don't have homework tonight'. Please use the learning programmes as an opportunity to motivate your child to get into good habits of learning at home.

I hope you find them interesting and useful. Please let me know your thoughts on them. I really do welcome your comments. If you find that regular homework is not apparently being set – please also let me know. My thanks go to my staff for the many hours of hard work that have gone into them. I am sure they will give all of us a fuller picture of the exciting things that are happening in our classrooms.

Visit our new e-learning portal – <http://www.samlearning.com>

PE Notices

There will be a new extra Curricular timetable put in place this term. All pupils wishing to take part in any lunchtime or after school activities should check this for further details.

In addition to this there will also be a new 5-a-side football tournament for years 10 and 11. Matches will take place on Friday lunchtimes. If you are interested in forming a team you must send **one** representative to a meeting on Monday 16th January at break time in the PE Fitness room.

We have been really pleased with the level of interest in our inter-form Rugby. Congratulations to Alpha Year 7 and Year 9 pupils from AL, MC, MW & JP. Looking forward to our next fixtures with South Wirral.

BASKETBALL

Good luck to the Year 11 Basketball team who are the 1st Year group to complete in this years Wirral Cup competition. Matches are Tuesday 17th January 3.45pm at Woodchurch parents welcome

Dinner Cards

It has come to our attention that a number of students do not have their cashless card at lunchtime and are using other students cards as a result. Next week any students not in receipt of their card will not be allowed to have lunch until the very end of the queuing system. If your son/daughter needs to replace their card they need to bring £5 in and see Mrs Gallagher the school's Catering Manager who will issue them with a new card.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING – 9 FEBRUARY 2006

At this crucial information evening, scheduled for 19.00 on 9/02, we will be providing details of the curriculum to be offered to pupils beginning Year 10 in September 2006. Information will be available on both compulsory and optional subjects. Heads of Department will be present during the evening and will talk about the courses on offer, some of which will be new to pupils currently in Year 9. Please make every effort to attend this information evening, which will be a big help in making important choices about the future.

Congratulations to:

Thomas McKeown 10AB, who has been selected to play for Cheshire schools Rugby. Thomas plays for Port Sunlight every Sunday as well as now representing Cheshire. Thomas's ultimate ambition is to represent England one day and beat the All Blacks at Twickenham.

Well done Thomas.

YEAR 11 STUDENTS

All Year 11 students will receive 2 hours study skills preparations next week in preparation for GCSEs. The whole year group will continue to receive support in various forms right up until the exams. Over 80 students will receive support from our learning mentors, and many more will have staff working with them on a one to one basis. More details to follow.

Whole School Mission

Plessington Whole School Mission run by the Sion Community from 30th January 2006 to 3rd February 2006. A week of activities designed to inspire new faith, to encourage tired faith and to challenge comfortable faith. Pupils will attend assemblies, receive classroom visits and have the option to attend one of many workshops. A Thursday evening event at 7.30pm on 2nd February is open to all parents, parishioners and pupils.

UNIFORM CHANGES FROM JANUARY 2006

I am delighted to announce that from January 9th 2006 girls can now choose to wear trousers. Please note that these should be of a plain style ie: no hipsters, flares, wide flares and big buckles. The style available from Carsons, Birkenhead is "Cambridge" black trousers.

MENU

| WEEK 2 | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Pasta Dish | Sweet Chilli Chicken | Spaghetti Bolognese | Ham in Cheese Sauce | Lasagne & Garlic Bread | Creamy Tomato and Smoked Bacon |
| Rice Dish | Chicken Tikka | Sweet & Sour Pork | Chilli Beef | Chicken Korma | Chefs' Special |
| Main Course | Cottage Pie | Spiced Chicken Legs | Roast Pork Dinner | Steak & Veg Pie | Battered Fish |
| Vegetarian Choice | Vegetable Pie | Leek & Mushroom Quiche | Roast Nut Loaf Dinner | Cauliflower Cheese | |
| | Potato Wedges Mashed Potato Veg of the Day Beans Gravy | Potato Wedges Mashed Potato Veg of the Day Beans Gravy | Potato Wedges Mashed Potato Veg of the Day Beans Gravy | Potato Wedges Mashed Potato Veg of the Day Beans Gravy | Chips Mashed Potato Veg of the Day Beans Gravy |
| | Pizza | Burger | Pizza | Burger | Pizza |
| | Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie | Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie | Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie | Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie | Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie |

Reply slip: Please return to Form Tutor.

I acknowledge receipt of the Learning Programmes booklet.

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian) Date: _____

Student(Name) _____ Form _____