



# Plessington Catholic Technology College

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**Learning Programmes Unit 4/1  
Week Commencing 27 February 2006**

### Theme for the Week - PRAYER

First they came for the communists and I did not speak out because I was not a communist. Then they came for the trade unions and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me.  
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### SCHOOL SPORT

#### Athletics

Calling all athletes in Year 7 & 8. It's not too late to make the team for London 2012. Have you ever thought of joining a club? We are partnering Wirral Athletics Club and next term we will be offering a range of taster sessions at school and on the track. Our first session will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at 3.20pm. Anyone interested should see Ms Showler/Miss Harris or Miss Shaw. First come, first served(boys & girls)  
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#### Girls Football

We're back! Footballers have been busy this week. On Tuesday the Y7 & Y8 teams played in a friendly 5-a-side tournament against Woodchurch. Wednesday saw the U13 team 11-a-side against Weatherhead. Although we lost on both occasions, it was for many their first ever matches. All the girls enjoyed their games and there is plenty of talent to build on. Practice is on Monday lunch 1.15 – 1.45pm and Tuesday after school 3.20 – 4.20pm. Well done!  
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#### Dance Mania

All those girls who need something constructive to do in half-term, get your dancing shoes on! Next half term sees the first ever Interform dance off! So anytime in the holidays you say "I'm bored" get with a couple of your form and make up a dance. The winning dances will be invited to take part in a dance show coming soon! Any style, any speed, any music! Have fun.  
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#### PE Kit

Well done to all of those who have now got the correct kit. This is much improved and has meant we can spend more time in lessons. There are still a few problems. Please could these be sorted during the holidays. May I take this opportunity of thanking all the parents for their support and for the pupils for being so organised and enthusiastic? Its been a great Interform week. Well done and keep it up  
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## Plessington News

We wish Tony McGrath our School Chaplain a fond farewell as he leaves us today. Tony is embarking on an exciting new challenge as he enters the seminary in the near future. Our prayer and thoughts are with him in the next phase of his vocation. Good Luck.  
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#### For Tony McGrath

May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back  
May the sunshine warm upon your face  
The rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palms of his hand.  
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### BISHOP BRIAN'S LENTEN TALKS

We are delighted to be hosting one of Bishop Brian's five Lenten Talks. This will be held at the school on **Thursday 9 March at 7.30 p.m.** Invitation to attend the talk will be issued in all parishes of the Diocese and the evening will be open to all parents, pupils, parishioners and clergy. Details will be advised nearer the time.  
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#### Punctuality

You will remember that I wrote to you recently regarding punctuality in the school. We have had a very good response in this respect but there are still too many students who are being late for school. It is very important that students are on the yard no later than 8.30am, ready for the beginning of the school day at 8.40am.

Whilst I appreciate that traffic is busy, and that sometimes buses are not on time, pupils and parents need to build these factors into their routines each day, and allow for such eventualities. We will continue to monitor punctuality closely over the coming weeks and we will be in touch with parents of pupils who are persistently late for school.  
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#### Student Voice – School Council

Year Councils met this week during their PSHE lessons. Discussions were wide ranging and these will feature on the agenda of the full School Council meeting to be held on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>, again during PSHE which will be period 1. Every pupil has a say at Plessington and this should be through your own Form Council which is meeting at least weekly, perhaps more often.

**You have a voice – use it.**  
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### BUSINESS STUDIES DEPARTMENT

#### HELP WANTED!

We are looking for some help with one of our courses – the double award *Applied Business* course currently running in year 10 with 14 pupils.

We need to have a link with a small but local business – a place to visit for some of our pupils; a guest speaker on a few occasions – some one who will share with us the trials and tribulations, the organisation and running of a small business.

If you are a local business person willing to help out or know of someone who will, then please contact **Mr L Botes** at school.

Tel: 645 5049

Thanking you in anticipation.

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

### NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

Mark and Simon have birthdays on the same day. Mark is 7 years older than Simon. In 4 years from now he will be double Simon's age. How old is Simon now?

Give your answer slip to Miss Hodges in Room B12 by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
All correct answers will be entered into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for W H Smiths

Last week's solution:  
7 £5 tickets, 3 £7 tickets

Last week's winner: Claire McGough – 7EC

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### BOYS PE

#### Basketball

Congratulations to Year 9 for making the final of the Wirral Cup. In an excellent match at Wirral Grammar school the team played well but lost by the narrowest of margins 1 basket.

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#### Interform

The Interform competition continues to be a great success with all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 involved in Football, Rugby, Hockey and netball. Particular credit can go to 8AB who won the Year 8 football final on penalties and 7MC who beat 7JA 2 – 1, Stephen Bilek scoring both goals.

Next half term will be very busy. The highlights should be our involvement in the Wirral Football Cup competitions and Year 7 and 8's performances in the Wirral emerging schools Rugby tournaments.

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### HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD" SERIES

This week parents of Year 7 will receive a special attachment. Can I please ask parents of Year 7 students to check that the homework in the attached schedule had been completed by your child. Please look out for Unit 4 after half term.

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### Aim Higher Visit to Liverpool Hope University

Sandy and Anna took a group of Year 10 Aim Higher students to Hope University on Wednesday this week. The day consisted of two main sessions of learning new musical skills. The students were split into two groups and taken off to learn how to play Brazilian percussion instruments, culminating in presenting a samba/reggae piece. The other half went and learnt how to sing a Gospel song not only in harmony but in Swahili. It was a great success because all the students joined in and the performances they gave were exceptional given the time they had to learn the pieces.

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### P.A.S.S.

Year 8 and Year 9 pupils will be completing a questionnaire in their ICT lessons over the next two weeks. This questionnaire has been carefully designed to provide the school with information on what pupils think about school as well as themselves as learners – Pupil Attitudes to Self and School (P.A.S.S.) In some cases the answers provided may allow us to offer some support or a different kind of support to pupils so that they may achieve to a higher level. I will send further information to you by letter in the near future.

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### Sixth Form Educational Visit to Auschwitz 2006

Last week, over forty students from the Sixth Form visited Auschwitz in Poland as part of a peer education project. The purpose of the visit was to learn about the Holocaust and wider issues such as prejudice, racism and our attitudes to asylum seekers. This visit also links with curriculum in areas such as History, RE, Art and citizenship. The students were deeply moved by their experience. The exhibits in the Auschwitz museum included the personal belongings of men, women and children. Over one million families were murdered in Auschwitz. The victims were mostly Jewish, but also included political prisoners and children and adults with disabilities. Auschwitz is the largest man made grave in the history mankind.

This visit was a powerful lesson of our young people about why we must all strive to ensure that human rights are protected.



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SCHOOL MENU: Please see our new menu for next week.

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Pasta Dish</b>	Sweet Chilli Chicken	Spaghetti Bolognese	Ham in Cheese Sauce	Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Creamy Tomato and Smoked Bacon
<b>Rice Dish</b>	Chicken Tikka	Sweet & Sour Pork	Chilli Beef	Chicken Korma	Chefs' Special
<b>Main Course</b>	Cottage Pie	Spiced Chicken Legs	Roast Pork Dinner	Steak & Veg Pie	Battered Fish
<b>Vegetarian Choice</b>	Vegetable Pie	Leek & Mushroom Quiche	Roast Nut Loaf Dinner	Cauliflower Cheese	
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