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**Learning Programmes Unit 4/4
Week Commencing 20 March 2006**

Theme for the Week – The Good Shepherd Leadership

The Lost Sheep

What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one until he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

Luke 15: 4-7

SPORTS NEWS

Fixtures have been hit very badly by the weather this week with all football matches postponed. Year 8 did play rugby against Cheshire Oakes but found it hard going playing against a much bigger side and ended up losing.

A Year 10 side played their 1st Hockey match this week. As a result of some excellent lesson work, Wirral Grammar School put out a mixed Year 9 and 10 team to play us. The match was thoroughly enjoyable for everyone and will hopefully lead to further fixtures. The result not so good Wirral winning 2 – 0.

Next Week's Football Fixtures:

Thursday Year 7, 8 and 10 v Mosslands (A)
Thursday Year 9 v Woodchurch (A)

DRAMA TRIP TO SEE 'THE CRUCIBLE'

It was indeed a privilege for the whole main cast plus Mr Owen, Miss Boast, Miss McAlister, Miss Youds and Miss Rossiter to view the 'opposition' in the shape of the Royal Shakespeare Company performing 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller. Our own production of the play is scheduled for 27 June 2006 so this was a great opportunity to glean some tips from the most accomplished actors in the UK. We were not disappointed. The tale of supposed witchcraft set in Salem, Massachusetts in 1792 was powerfully portrayed in the Stratford Upon Avon Memorial Theatre. The cast and staff thoroughly enjoyed the various performances. The students' behaviour was a credit to the school. They should all be congratulated. In fact the journey home on the coach involved great rapport between staff and pupils involving a late night sing song of various past hits. I'm not sure Simon Cowell would have been impressed though the atmosphere was great.

Our eventual arrival at school at the ungodly hour of 1.22 a.m. on Saturday morning could not dampen the fine spirit engendered by this exemplary occasion of cultural enrichment. Thanks to all who participated.

Plessington News

PARENTAL SURVEY

All of our year 7 pupils have completed an on-line questionnaire about their feelings about school and their own learning – the P.A.S.S. questionnaire. This has led to 67 pupils receiving additional support to help them reach their potential in all of their subjects.

Year 8 and year 9 pupils are currently in the middle of completing their questionnaire and therefore the results will be reported to their respective parents/carers shortly – again extra support will be offered to some of these pupils.

As a parent/carer you now have the chance to have your say by completing a **PARENTAL SURVEY** and this should take no more than 10 minutes of your time. You will receive these surveys early next week **by post** – if you do not then please check with the school that we have your correct details on our system. Once completed please pass the responsibility of the safe return of the survey to your son/daughter who will pass it to their form tutor.

By completing the questionnaire you will be telling us how you think we are doing and how we can improve things that are important to you so that we can make the school the best that it can be for your sons and daughters.

RE REVISION CLASSES THIS WEEK Tuesday 21st March 2006

Year 11 – Public & Private Worship
Pilgrimage
Year 10 – Deacons, Priests, Bishops

Support Class – Lunchtime 1.30 – 2.00pm
Booster Class – After school 3.30 – 4.15pm

CONFIRMATION

Mr Woods visited Year 8 Assembly this week to inform pupils that some of our feeder parishes have begun their Confirmation Programmes. If you would like further details on how your child can complete their initiation within the Catholic community please contact Mr Woods at the school.

National Science Week!!! 10th-14th March 2006

'Be amazed at what you can achieve in 60 seconds'.
Come along and take part in some challenging sixty-second activities for National Science Week.

- Can you design a marble track, so the marble takes 60s to travel along it.
- Can you make a paper aeroplane fly for 60 seconds?
- Can you make a Cartesian diver, dive in no less than 60 seconds?
- Can you make a bubble last for sixty seconds?
- Can you design an egg timer that lasts for exactly 60 seconds?

Years 7 and 8 come along to A26 and take part in a week's worth of fun and challenging science activities with the department.

To join in – come to A26 at break on Monday to get a dinner pass

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

Yr 9 Students Meet Prize Winning Authors

On Monday 13th March a group of budding Yr 9 writers went along to Bebington Civic Centre along with pupils from 8 other schools to meet 4 of the authors who have books included in the "Wirral Paperback of the Year" competition. The authors were Nigel Hinton, Graham Marks, Julie Hearn and Matt Whyman.

Each of the authors spoke to the whole group, describing their books, their reasons for writing them and answered questions at the end of the session.

After drinks and biscuits all the pupils got to meet each of the authors individually, giving them a chance to express their views on the books, ask questions and take photos.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon and hopefully all the students gained some good ideas to help them become the next prize winning authors.



Congratulations to Paul Park, a former student, who recently gained his wings and is now a proud crew member of the Jet.2 airline. A Career in aviation has always been Paul's ambition and he successfully completed his Leisure and Tourism course at Plessington, at Distinction level. This gave him a solid foundation on which to build his career.

Good luck Paul as you climb higher.

Mobile Telephones.

The school policy on pupils' mobile telephones is in Pupil Planners.

This policy recognises the wish of some parents to allow their children to bring mobile telephones to school so that they can have them with them for safety when travelling to and from school. The telephone should be switched off at all times during the school day. Unfortunately this facility is occasionally abused by a minority of pupils, causing misbehaviour and disruption to the learning of others. Pupils should not use mobile telephones to telephone home or receive calls during the school day. Some mobile telephones have additional facilities such as MP3 players and cameras. These should not be used during the school day.

If mobile telephone usage by pupils continues to cause misbehaviour and disruption of lessons we may have to consider adoption of the same policy as other schools who have introduced an outright ban on the possession of mobile telephones in school by pupils.

FLYING HIGH!

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

| WEEK 4 | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Pasta Dish | Sweet Chilli Chicken | Spaghetti Bolognese | Ham in Cheese Sauce | Lasagne & Garlic Bread | Creamy Tomato & Smoked Bacon |
| Rice Dish | Chicken Tikka | Sweet & Sour Pork | Chilli Beef | Chicken Korma | Chef's Special |
| Main Course | Toad in the Hole | Beef Bourguignon | Roast Lamb Dinner | Spiced Chicken Legs | Battered Fish |
| Vegetarian Choice | Roast Veg and Yorkshire Pud | Spanish Omelette | Roast Nut Loaf Dinner | Veggie Noodles | |
| | 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 | Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes | Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes | Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes | Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes |