



Plessington Catholic Technology College

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Theme for the week

"FAITH"

Lord God, You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrdden, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MASS THIS WEEK

Wednesday – 1.30pm
In the Chapel

ACHIEVEMENTS

Luke Camden, 7AB has recently been voted the Cheshire U-11s "Batsman of the Year". Well done Luke on this achievement. Hope to see you playing in a future Ashes series!

Andrew Evans Jones, 11AL has been chosen to represent North West England in the Trafalgar Celebrations – a national event – in London on Friday 23rd October.

Jennifer Cass, 9EA recently auditioned for a part in Aladdin and landed the main part of Jasmine. She will be performing at the Floral Pavilion Theatre, New Brighton in March 2006.

Two Year 9 pupils are representing the school at Liverpool Mathematics Society Master classes. The pupils are Connor Smyth and Stephanie Riddick, both of 9EC.

The pupils will be spending five Saturday mornings working on mathematics puzzles and games, at various Universities. The first session took place on 8th October at the University of Liverpool.

Plessington News

A Note from the Headteacher

Many thanks for all the positive comments regarding last week's first edition of the new format Plessington News. Please look out for this in your child's bag every Friday. Hopefully this will become a much anticipated end of week read.

At the end of our school year I will be offering a prize for any pupil who has collected every edition. Next week I will be announcing details of our new proposed uniform. Contrary to rumours I'm not considering moving to a green and white striped blazer!

Extra Curricular Music Activities

	LUNCH TIME		AFTER SCHOOL	
MON.	GCSE Music Brass Group	JS RA		
TUES.	Year 7 Choir		Main School Choir	JS
WED.	Theory Woodwind Group	JS HH	GCSE Music Wind Band	JS HH
THUR.	Upper School Choir Keyboard Club	JS HH	Liturgy Music Group	JS/T Mc
FRI.	Flute Choir Brass Group	HH RA		

Miss Davidson and Tony McGrath, our Chaplain, have taken 13 Year 11 students on a Residential Retreat to St Cassians Centre in Kintbury from Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th October. Here they will meet young people from other Catholic schools to discuss their faith and future as young Christian adults.

COMPUTER BUILD CLUB

Computer Build Club for parents begins after half term – Tuesday 1st November for 6-weeks. The sessions will take place 4pm – 5pm each week. The club is free of charge but places are limited. Interested? Please contact Mr Bates, ICT Department for a letter and further information.

"Your Choice"

Year 7 Students from our college met the Emergency Services on 29th & 30th September to learn about the impact of anti-social behaviour on our neighbourhoods. The students took part in the "Your Choice" event held at the Discovery Centre in Noctorum. Representatives from the Police, Fire and Ambulance services attended the event to raise the students' awareness of how important these services are to them and the general public.

The pupils also met with representatives from Merseyrail, Arriva and Merseytravel to learn how to travel with safety in mind.

Throughout the day they took part in interactive workshops, including drama, and participated in a "rap" session. The feedback shows that all students and staff found the day not only informative but enjoyable too.

**MANAGER OF THE MONTH AWARD goes to
Mr Woods for the successful result of 5-0 to Plessington
Year 7 U12 Football Team
against South Wirral - Well done to all!**

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

FAIR TRADE

Fair trade policy at Plessington Catholic Technology College has been awarded Fair trade status by the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development agency (CAFOD). Staff voted overwhelmingly that they would like to implement a fair trade policy in the school. All staff meetings and evening functions at the school will now use fair trade tea and coffee and there is also the option to use other fairly traded goods such as sugar, biscuits, hot chocolate and bananas.

The driving force behind the fair trade policy was the Year 10 Justice and Peace group. The group meets fortnightly and campaigns on many issues of injustice in the world. They write letters to MP's, make posters to increase awareness, pressure unethical companies to change their policies, support the Make Poverty History campaign, and earlier this year they sold fair trade chocolate and biscuits during fair trade fortnight. One staff member commented, 'I think the fair trade policy is very important. I didn't know much about it until the samples became available at Plessington.'

Fair trade goods guarantee farmers in poor countries a fair price for their goods. The price farmers receive is often the difference between being able to, or unable to feed their families adequately. This is something that the group feel strongly about and they have encouraged others to act as they do in purchasing fair trade goods which are available in most supermarkets. Year 10 Justice and Peace member Seamus Blakeway said 'We feel we are doing something that makes a difference. We help raise awareness of injustice to pupils who may not otherwise find out about these issues.' They have obviously had some success as another member of staff added their support, 'It is a good idea that a school with a Catholic ethos such as ours promotes such 'conscience' shopping.' The group's next task is to run a caption competition to highlight how world trade rules are rigged against poor countries.



PUPILS CELEBRATE

"NATIONAL POETRY WEEK"

Pupils across the school recently took part in a poetry competition to celebrate National Poetry Week in the first week of October.

In a joint initiative, staff from the English Department joined with Mrs Broom, School Librarian, to run the competition. Hundreds of enthusiastic entries were received by a hand-picked panel of judges and below are some pictures of the lucky few prize winners.

The reigning Poet of Plessington is now Hannah Caldwell of 8EA, who's poem "The Land of Food" impressed the judges.

Albistons Bookshop kindly sponsored the competition, rewarding winners and runners up with £10 & £5 book tokens.

Mr Quinn and Mr Pearson were on hand to congratulate Plessington's budding poets in a celebration held in the school library.



THE LAND OF FOOD

*The land of food is where I came, is where I came to look for fame.
I took the breadstick boat to soda lane, that's where I went to look for fame*

*I crossed the melted chocolate lake, across the field of choccie cake.
I picked the apple crumble bush, the green gummy grass was just so lush
The land of food is where I came, is where I came to look for fame.*

*I climbed the candy cane tree, the sugar mall for my shopping spree
I took the humbug bus to town, the jelly babies gave me a right frown.
The land of food is where I came, is where I came to look for fame.*

*I walked down to Sherbet Estate, the liquorice doorman made me wait
Up the milkybar steps I went, to see Mr Bobby Lent.
The land of food is where I came, is where I came to look for fame.*

*"Is there a job for someone like me?"
"Not at all – you are way too savoury"
Mr Bobby Lent sent me out, with an awful lot to think about.
Should I stay or should I go?
Or should I just act like mashed potato?
The land of food is where I came, is where I came to look for fame.*

**By
Hannah Caldwell, 8EA**

Forthcoming Events

Parents & Friends of Plessington
are holding a
Family Prize Quiz Night
On
Thursday 10th November
7.00pm-10.00pm
in the School Hall
Admission £4.00 per FAMILY ticket

Admission Includes Refreshments – Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks & Biscuits
You may bring your own 'beverages'

