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Theme for the Week - "Creation"

These words are taken from a speech of Chief Seattle in the nineteenth century when Americans wished to buy the land of the Native Indians

How can you buy or sell the sky - the warmth of the land - the idea is strange to us. Yet we do not own the freshness of the air or the sparkle of the water. How can you buy them from us? .

... Every part of this earth is sacred to my people... We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of the lands is the same to him as the next... You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of our grandfathers... Teach your children... that the earth is our mother... Love it as we've loved it. Care for it as we've cared for it... With all your strength, with all your might, and with all your heart - preserve it for your children and love it as God loves us all... Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.

NEW CHAPLAIN

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Alison Benson to the position of School Chaplain replacing Mr Tony McGrath who left us for pastures new earlier this year. We look forward to Alison joining us in September.

THE SCHOOL'S BUZZIN'

There's a buzz around the place this week with the traditional style of school bells being replaced with a modern 'buzzer' system to mark key times in the school day.

The new school buzzer system will help to further build on the much calmer atmosphere around school at the changeover of lessons. It is encouraging that we have had such positive feedback from visitors to our school who have commented on the excellent behaviour of students on corridors and the noticeable calm atmosphere. The ear splitting bells are now a thing of the past!

WELL DONE YEAR 9

Well done to our Year 9 students who today finally completed the last of their SATs exams IN English, Maths and Science. The attendance throughout the week has been outstanding, the best ever in the history of the school. Their attitude and focus was a credit to them and their parents and we are hoping that the results will reflect their hard work that they have put in over the last months in school. Well Done Year 9.

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School Uniform

It is proposed that there will be some changes to the present school uniform, as from September 2006. There will be more specific details to follow but following consultation with students and parents we have decided to revamp the current uniform. The major proposed changes will involve a new school jumper for all Years 7 – 11. Girls will not wear ties and will instead wear an open neck blouse. We are also consulting about a change to the skirt with the introduction of a checked style for all girls in Years 7 – 11. The boys will wear a new school tie and school will provide a new school badge for all pupils, with the present blazer remaining the same. Trousers for boys and girls will be black and all shoes must be plain black. Brown shoes will not be allowed. We are also shortly to announce final details regarding a new dress code for all sixth formers.

I will write to you as soon as we have completed the consultation process and will give you the names of addresses of suppliers, which is likely to include Carsons and Wirral Uniform Centre in the Birkenhead Market. As always I would welcome your comments on the above. Thank you for your support.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Football

The end of the football season and we turn our attention to cricket and athletics. It could be considered to be a little disappointing with no teams reaching the final this year. Performances have been generally good and some year groups felt unlucky not to proceed further, particularly Year 7 who only lost 1 game this season, Year 9 who went out on penalties and Years 8, 10 and Sixth Form who all lost by a single goal.

Our congratulations go at this stage to Matthew Edwards, Year 11 who will continue his football career with Leeds United. We all agree that this could not have gone to a more deserving student.

Cricket

Fixtures start this week. Year 7 play St Edwards (Liverpool) on Tuesday at New Brighton CC and are away to Wellington School (Manchester) in the 1st round of the Cheshire Cup. Year 9 play their 1st round game in Stalybridge on Tuesday, Good luck to all.

Congratulations to Mr Botes (Business Studies), who last Saturday, took a hat trick for New Brighton Cricket Club in the Liverpool Competition. A remarkable achievement!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council met on Thursday 29th May and went around the school taking photographs of the school site as part of an 'environmental audit'. The results of this audit will be discussed at a management meeting in the near future but already students will have noticed improvements to the décor in school and will definitely notice more in the coming months. We also looked at some areas of the school that might need extra staffing to increase the safety of all pupils in school – this will be reflected in the duty rota for the remainder of the term.

The School Council also met on Friday May 5th to discuss as a group the photographs taken at the previous meeting and we discussed how they were going to and have been used to make the school a safer place to be. We then went down to the conference room to meet with Mr Quinn, Mr Rylance and Mr Walker to discuss suggested changes to the school uniform, as reported elsewhere in this *Plessington News*. The School Council members are now going to meet with their Year Councils early next week who will then feedback to Form Councils next week as well. The School Council will then meet with Mr Quinn again next Friday to report back on the proposed uniform changes.

In addition some members of the School Council will also meet with Mr Quinn again next week along with the Regional Manager of Aramark, our caterers, to discuss improvements to the dining experience of our students.

It has been a busy time for the School Council recently who have all been a credit to themselves. Well done to Luke Camden, Rebecca Wilks, Tom Critchley, Caiomhe O'Neill, Becky Waters, Kieran Read, Megan Howard, Michael Fearon, Adam Siddorn, Sarah Collins.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDY LEAVE MAY 2006

Pupils will be granted Study Leave as follows:

Year 11 Pupils finish school on Thursday 18 May 2006 at 2.00 p.m.
 Year 12 Pupils finish school on Friday 19 May 2006 at 3.20 p.m.
 Year 13 Pupils finish school on Friday 26 May 2006 at 3.20 p.m.

Pupils will be able to collect their examination results as follows:

Year 12 and 13 Pupils on 17 August 2006 from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.
 Year 11 Pupils on 24 August 2006 from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. in the New Hall

WATCH OUT NEXT WEEK!

Year 11 watch out for a special Year 11 edition of the Plessington News!

**YEARS 11 – 14
 PLEASE SEE ATTACHED EXAM TIMETABLE**

EXAMINATION RESULTS

SCHOOL MENU: Please see our menu for next week.

| WEEK 1 | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Pasta Dish | Tuna & Pasta Bake | Turkey Meatballs in Carrot & Tomato Sauce | Italian Pepperoni | Spaghetti Bolognese | Tomato & Pepper |
| Rice Dish | Beef Balti | Chicken Chow Mein | Chicken Supreme | Chicken Korma | Chef's Special |
| Main Course | Spicy Chicken Pittas | Hot Pot with Beetroot | Roast Beef Dinner | Minty Lamb & Veg Pie | Battered Fish |
| Vegetarian Choice | Spicy Vegetable Pittas | Veggie Hot Pot with Beetroot | Roast Nut Loaf Dinner | Cheese & Tomato Omelette | |
| | 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 |