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**Learning Programmes Unit 6/5  
Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

## Theme for the Week - "Thanksgiving"

Let us prayer: We often pray for our needs and wishes. This week we pray in thanks for the everyday things that we take for granted; for freedom, for health, for friendship. We also remember this week those who are deprived of these essential features of life.

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### CRICKET REPORTS

Year 7 had an excellent win over Pensby this week with improvements in all areas of the game evident.

Batting first Plessington got away to a good start which was followed by 32 not out from Andrew Powell with Paul Byrne giving good support at the end as the team reached 92.

Pensby started well and were on target to win when Luke Camden took a hat trick to change the course of the match. In a close finish the bowlers held their nerve and Plessington won by 7 runs.

Year 9 lost a close game against Bebington. Battling first they reached 98 for 6 of 18 overs – Luke Cassidy top scored with 29. In reply Bebington passed Plessington's total for the loss of 7 wickets. Mark Richardson was the most impressive bowler with 4 wickets.

### Next Week's Fixtures

Monday Year 8 v. Mosslands at Wayfarers  
Tuesday Year 9 v. Park  
Year 7 match – to be confirmed

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### YEAR 8 CRICKET MATCH

On Tuesday 27 June the Year 8 cricket team played their 5<sup>th</sup> cricket match of the season against Oldershaw School and won for the first time. Luke Chapple made his debut for us and played well, but even better than him was David Varney. David was 3<sup>rd</sup> in batting and got 15 runs. He also took 6 wickets with 2 of them golden ducks, so he is on a hat-trick in the next game. Also Tom Giles and our stand in wicket keeper, Tom Belton had a great game. They both took very good catches as did Joe McGeever and Josh Griffiths, but Tom Giles was probably the best. The ball was coming at him with speed and was heading for a six. As he caught it his finger started pouring with blood.

We battled first and scored 42 runs of 18 overs. Oldershaw then went into bat and after losing 4 quick wickets had a good stand. On 35 runs for 5 wickets with 6 overs remaining it looked like there could only be one winner. But David Varney and Tom Giles were brought back on to bowl and the last 5 wickets fell for 3 runs which meant we won by 4 runs.

This was a well deserved win after many hours of hard work.

By Liam Crossley (Captain), 8MC

# Plessington News

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

Year 12 students have begun the process of applying to University by attending TWO events. First there was the Higher Education Conference at Liverpool University where there were representatives from all Universities and very useful subject related talks. Students were able to ask about entry requirements for a particular course and the financial implications of going to University. This was followed by a visit to Lancaster University. This allowed students to see first hand what facilities a campus University has to offer and the type of accommodation available. This was followed by a presentation given by graduates of business management courses on what areas to consider when applying to University and a "hands on" activity in the ICT department. Students will now start the process of applying to University on line through UCAS.

Last Friday a highly successful Prom was held for all Year 13 students at the Kingsland Restaurant. Students looked stunning in either their prom dresses or tuxedos. 87 staff and students enjoyed a 3 course meal followed by a disco. Speeches were given by the Head Boy Michael Kirwan and the Head Girls Stephanie Batey and Catherine Millan. To keep the memories alive all students will be receiving a CD Rom of all the photographs taken.



Margaret Simmons, Stephanie Batey, Andrew Boyle, Patricia Gill

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### KEY STAGE 3 SAT RESULTS 2006 SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS THE BEST EVER!!

Congratulations to Year 9 and all Mathematics and Science staff on the best SAT results we have ever had. These placed us in the top 25% nationally for all secondary schools. English results are not due out until August.

Watch this space for more news

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### PUPIL ABSENCES/SICKNESS

Just a reminder to telephone the school office to report pupil absences as soon as possible on the first day of absence. Tel No: 0151 645 5049

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

**COMPETITION: MAKE THE BEST RECYCLE POSTER**

A competition open to everyone has launched to see who can make the best paper recycling poster to put on the school bins and in classrooms. The poster needs to be on A4 paper, colourful and have a simple recycling message. Best poster wins a secret eco friendly prize. The closing date is 18<sup>th</sup> July



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**ST ANNE'S PARISH DISCO**  
 at  
**St Anne's Parish Centre,**  
**Highfield**  
 on  
**Friday 14 July 2006**  
**Open to Years 7, 8 & 9**  
**7.30 – 10.00 p.m.**  
**£2.00 per ticket**  
**(payable on the door)**

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**INDUCTION DAY**

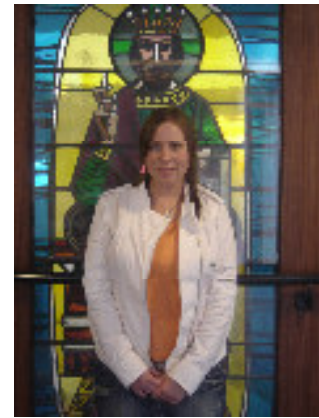
Plessington welcomed Year 6 pupils to the school on Wednesday for their first taste of secondary school life. The day involved a tour of the school, fantastic sample lessons, lunch time activities and a reflective liturgy. Pupils thoroughly engaged with all activities, forming positive relationships with both the members of staff and their peers. Pupils had fun burning jelly babies in science, making displays in RE and playing rounders at lunch.

We would like to thank all members of staff for their organisation and participation and congratulate the pupils on their enthusiasm and behaviour throughout the day.

Thank you to all who attended the Induction Evening on Thursday, this proved to be a very positive evening, parents found the opportunity of meeting with Form Tutors to be very beneficial.

We at Plessington look forward to working with the new pupils in September and we aim to support each individual to ensure they achieve their academic potential and become a thriving member of the school community.

**HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL – SEPTEMBER 2006**



Following interviews this week a new head boy and head girl have been appointed. These are prestigious roles with the school and the students will be fully involved with the lower school council.

Ian Sheridan is Head Boy. He is studying A levels in Business Studies, History and Psychology and is aiming for Universities reading Business Studies / Economics. Lauren Shevlin is Head Girl. She is studying A levels in English, Theology & History and again is aiming for Universities reading Theology. Her future plans are to become a teacher.

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The countdown to Awards Evening continues!

Staff have been asked to do as much fundraising as possible for Marina Dalglish appeal.

We have over 150 students receiving awards in many categories.

School will finish at 2 p.m. to allow pupils to get back into school for 6.30 p.m.

Guests should be seated by 6.45 p.m. at the latest. We expect our guest, Phil Neal at 6.30 p.m.

Please also remind pupils to come in football kit / sportswear / own clothes for £1 on Wednesday and to bring an extra £1 for that surprise special opportunity. Look out for next week's Plessington News as we reveal the secret!

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## Mathemotiv8or

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July saw the launch of Mathemotiv8or!

Year 7's were invited to get involved with a series of kinaesthetic activities and apply themselves to work in teams. The pupils had to use their quick thinking skills to complete a Maths Treasure Hunt in the quickest possible time and work hard to complete 25 puzzles in the Fun Maths Roadshow.

Finally, the pupils put their shape and space skills into action! Armed with 400 sticks and several hundred rubber bands they had the task of building a 4m tall **GIANT TETRAHEDRON!**

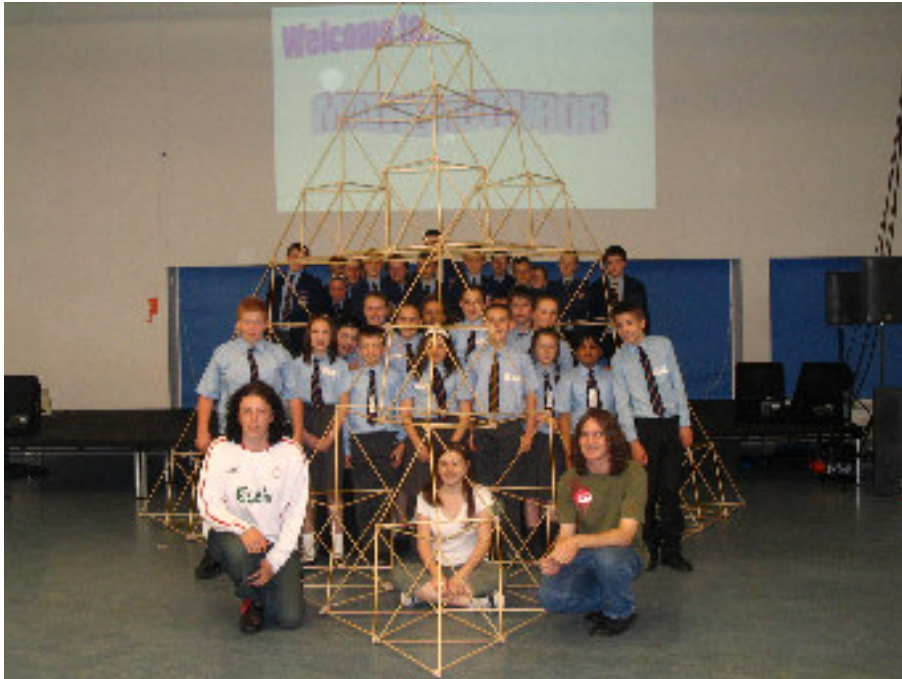
All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day and competing for the 'Mathemotiv8or of the day' certificates and Gift Voucher prizes.

Here are just some of the comments pupils have written in their evaluations...

**"It was amazing!"** - Sarah Holvey

**"It was a challenge"** - Curtis Farrell

**"I don't really like maths!!! But on Tuesday it was the BEST LESSON EVER!"** - Luke Spearall



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