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Plessington News

Thought for the Week

What have I done this year to be proud of?

Just thinking back over the contents of Plessington News over the last year should be more than enough to fill us with a sense of pride. We have celebrated academic and sporting achievement, personal and social enrichment, spiritual and liturgical development, dramatic and artistic empowerment. We have reached out (into the community and beyond the country) and have welcomed in (from as far a field as Poland). But beyond our pride in terms of what we have done is our sense of worthiness in terms of who we are. In this we can be 'proud' because from first to last, we are loved by God as completely irreplaceable. We are God's work of art, God's priceless treasure, God's best creation, God's perfect song. Everything we do simply mirrors that.

LEARNING TO EARN

Year 10 students completed their learn to earn programme as part of their Enterprise programme at Plessington.

As part of their PSHE Year 10 students worked with people from Job Centre Plus who delivered a programme based ground exploring careers and helping students fulfil their potential. Students responded positively to the challenge and received certification for their record of achievement.

A big thanks from the school for the young enterprise group for all their work over the past 6 weeks.

Final Year Reports Posted to Parents

Tuesday 18th July 2006

School Reopens

Wednesday 6th September 2006

Pupils in Year 7, 12 and 13 should report to Yard at 08.35.

Pupils in Year 8, 9,10 and 11 should report to Yard at 09.35.

HEADLINES

On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to thank you for your huge contribution to making this a highly successful year at St John Plessington. I'm sure you will agree that this year has seen a tremendous amount of effort on behalf of the staff and pupils culminating in an excellent Awards Evening last week.

We hope that the successes this year will provide a platform for learning in September with a new name for the school, new uniform, more improved dining facilities, new school day, increased involvement in ICT as well as new faces who join us on our staff.

This is also time in the life of the school when we say goodbye to members of staff who are either retiring or moving on to other challenges. This year we say farewell to:

Richard Warburton: Mr Warburton joined us at Easter to work in our Science department in a short term cover. His impact has been impressive and we wish him well.

Andy Dawson: Mr Dawson has been with us since January 2005, working with the History department. Amongst other contributions he will leave us with a Roman Day legacy in which he brought to the school each year a Roman Centurion in full battle dress to illustrate History alive. He leaves us to take up a post in Chester.

Paul McGuire: Mr McGuire has been with the school since September 2005, working in our Drama Department. He has made a tremendous impact not least in his contribution to the recent Crucible success. He leaves us to work in a local high school.

Linda Kilfeather: Miss Kilfeather joined the school in September 2004, working in the D.T. Department. She quickly made an impact and was promoted to Assistant Head of Year. Her talents will surely be missed and we wish her well as she leaves us to return to her native Ireland.

Nicola Lee: Miss Lee has been with the school for four years working in the R.E. Department. Her presence has developed the spiritual life of the school and we wish her well in her new school.

Neil Thomas: Mr Thomas joined us ten years ago and has made an impact on many pupils' lives. An outstanding English teacher he has displayed a quality that is much sought after. We thank him for his dedication, talents and hard work throughout his years and wish him well in the future.

Mike Carter: Mr Carter has been with us since September 1992 and has held a significant number of posts in his time with us, ranging from Assistant Head of Year to 2nd in the P.E. Department. Throughout his time he has displayed tremendous dedication to the school as well as ensuring that year after year our young people have developed their sporting talents. Mr Carter leaves us for a once in a lifetime opportunity to work as Head of P.E. in Brunei and we say thank you for your hard work throughout the years. Good Luck.

All in all we say goodbye to all of the above and come September welcome 14 teachers, 4 Learning Coaches and 6 Teaching Assistants and a new School Chaplain, Miss Alison Benson.

Other changes include Mr Dolan becomes Head of Learning Year 11, Miss Youds Head of Learning Year 9 and Miss Harrigan Head of Learning Year 7. Clearly a great deal of changes to build on our firm foundations.

When I first wrote to you last September I shared my vision for the school as a learning community using the most up to date technologies coupled with good solid teaching all routed in our catholicity. We feel that we are well on our way to achieving our aim of becoming a high achieving Catholic school.

Thank you for your support throughout the year and I look forward to continue the success of St John Plessington next year.

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

Please note that from September our new school name is:
St John Plessington Catholic College

