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Theme for the Week: Prisoners of
Conscience

We all take freedom for granted, yet it is a most precious gift. Those of us who value our freedom should be aware of those who are fenced in for unjust reasons, and decide if we can help them.

You are blessed by my Father. Come and have the Kingdom that has been prepared for you since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I had no clothes and you gave me something to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.

Mathew 25

MASS THIS WEEK
Fr Elder
Wednesday – 1.30pm
In the Chapel

YEAR 8 VISIT TO THE DISCOVERY CENTRE

Do you know the difference between an Astronaut and a Cosmonaut?

A Russian Cosmonaut who spent sixth months on the International Space Station explained the highs and lows of living away from home in zero gravity. Year 8 pupils visited the Discovery Centre to hear his story.

Ms P Phillips, Head of Science

ST ANNE'S PARISH DISCO
at
St Anne's Parish Centre,
Highfield
on
Friday 25 November 2005

Open to age ranges 11-14

7.30 – 10.00 p.m.

£2.00 per ticket
(payable on the door)

Plessington News

Note from the Head

Thank you to all those parents and students who have responded to the consultation on uniform. We will take your views to the School Council and finalise our thoughts and views in terms of taking this issue forward.

Thank you to parents of Years 7-10 for your tremendous support at Consultation meetings.

The feedback is overwhelmingly positive with some very good ideas of how we may make them even better next time around.

Year 11 have mock examinations coming up shortly – we know parents will support their children in making sure that they are preparing well at home.

Another reminder that tickets for the Carol Service on 15 December are now available free of charge and we expect them to be snapped up very quickly – don't be disappointed.

Quiz Question

Last week's question:

What is the name of the Bulgarian Minister for Magic?

The answer was Mr Oblansk

Well done to last week's winner: Michael Brockway – 11AL

This week's question:

If you have 2 coins totalling 11 pence and one of the coins is not a 10 pence, what 2 coins do you have in your hand?

Answers to Form Tutors for the attention of Mr Quinn

YEAR 9 CONSULTATION DAY EVALUATION

Thank you to all parents who filled in Year 9 Consultation Day Evaluation Sheets. Results are as follows:

- Overall found the day:
Very helpful – 103
Helpful – 23
Unhelpful – 1
- Feel you were provided with information and advice needed:
Strongly agree – 76
Agree – 40
Disagree – 6

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the evaluations.

Mr Badger, Head of Year 9

MULTIMEDIA SKILLS CLUB

The IT department is currently running a Multimedia Skills Club on a Thursday from 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. The club is designed for pupils to develop high level skills in Website Design, Flash Animation and Graphics and pupils use the leading software packages from Macromedia.

Pupils will develop skills that are not only highly desired in the IT industry but that are very useful for school and home alike. It's a great opportunity to develop your creative skills and to have some serious fun so contact Mr Leicester in the ICT department for more details.

Mr P Leicester

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

PARENTS OF YEAR 11 GCSE HISTORY STUDENTS

An extensive revision pack and homework schedule from 25 November – April 2006 was given out to students this week. Please ensure reply slip is returned to History teachers as soon as possible.

Mrs C Singleton

CONGRATULATIONS TO Caitlin Hamilton- TEC

Caitlin successfully entered a competition to win the Gold Card of Merseyside Police Mounted Cop Trumps

In order to gain the Gold Card, Caitlin logged on to the Merseyside Police Website and correctly answered three questions regarding personal safety, crime prevention and bullying.

Merseyside Police Mounted Section are promoting the Cop Trump cards with a view to engaging young people and passing on valuable messages regarding truancy, personal safety, crime prevention etc. There are 26 cards in the set, which young people can collect to play with their friends.

Further details are available on www.merseyside.police.uk

THE MAYOR OF WIRRAL, COUNCILLOR CHRIS MEADEN

has written to specifically thank Davy Hanmer (Year 9) and Steven Harris (Year 10) for the part they played at the Civic Service of Remembrance on Sunday 13 November 2005.

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS & PUPILS

All valuables i.e. watches and wallets must be handed in during extra curricular activities. Jewellery, MP3players and iPods should not be brought into school and therefore will not be the responsibility of the P.E. department. It is the responsibility of the pupil to hand in valuables to the member of staff leading the activity!

Mr F Marsden, P.E. Department

P.E. DEPARTMENT

Boys P.E.

The boys' football is having its annual winter break after a promising start to the 2005-06 campaign.

The Year 7 team had early season victories over Woodchurch, South Wirral and Bebington, whilst the strong Year 8 team showed what they are made of beating Rock Ferry 5 - 0

Basketball fixtures will now run until football re-starts in February.

Rugby has had a new burst of enthusiasm thanks to Mr Boates the P.E. Department's latest recruit. We hope he brings some of his South African magic to our rugby players.

On Tuesdays Mr Carter is running a squash club. Any one interested should see him for a letter.

Girls P.E.

We are continuing with our netball practices for all year groups on a Wednesday 3.20 – 4.30 p.m. All welcome! We have great success in our fixtures so far this term, which take place every Thursday evening. Year 7 and 8 teams are unbeaten so far – well done!

Dance has also proved very popular lately, with our girls performing at a Youth Mass at St Joseph's Church and a Dance Festival at St Mary's College. We have had some great dance teachers coming into school to choreograph for us, see Miss Harris if you are interested.

Mr Marsden, P.E. Department

THE ROMANS ARE COMING!

After a very successful Roman's Activity Day held last Summer, the History Department and our 'Minister for the Imperial Regions', Mr Dawson, are launching a similar learning day for the new Year 7's.

We are organising the event in collaboration with a company specialising in bringing History to life in a way that is interactive, informative and entertaining. The activity will involve the use of genuine artefacts, full replica armour and equipment and intends to engage students in role play and other activities to provide a unique educational experience.

History Department

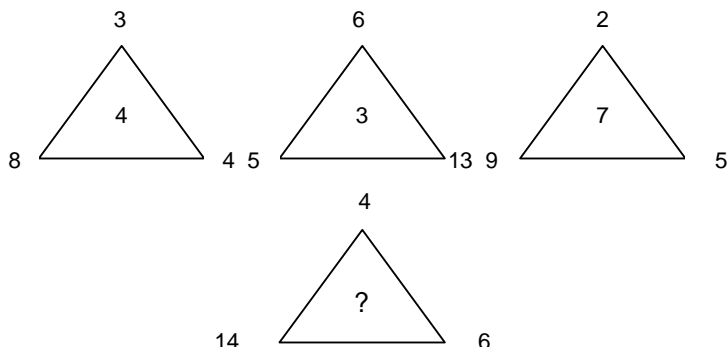
For the attention of Year 7 Parents/Guardians-Science Notice

As part of the Science course for Year 7, over the next couple of weeks the subject of Reproduction will be studied. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Ms Philips, Head of Science or Miss Parry, Deputy Head of Science i/c Key Stage 3.

Ms H Parry, Science Department

NUMERACY BRAINTEASER

Which number should go in the empty triangle?



Give your answer slips to Miss Hodges in Room B12 by Friday 2 December
All correct answers will be entered into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths

Last week's solution
59

Last week's winner – Mark Cash, 7JA

10-A-SIDE RUGBY COMPETITION

On the 23 November, the Sixth Form 10-a-side rugby team travelled the short distance to Eccles in Manchester to compete in the 'ECO 10's Tournament'. The newly formed side including members from both upper and lower Sixth Form lined up as Michael Kirwan, James Walsh, Scott Dennis, Mike Bilko, Dave Doneo (cpt), Shaun McGee, Ian Sheridan, Jamie Mazier, James Flores, Jamie Harvey, Jaime Neeson, Stefan McKeown.

The competition consisted of 4 mini leagues with 6 teams in each league and each of the games lasted 15 mins. Our school was placed in group 1 alongside 5 other Sixth Form teams from surrounding Eccles area. In our first match we started rather well considering the fact it was our first game together and after a tough start to the match we took the lead and went on to comfortably win the match 15-5 with tries from Jamie Mazier and Ian Sheridan. In our second match we were met with tough opposition and after a very highly contested game we strongly

pulled through, drawing 10-10 with the tries coming from Scott Dennis and Ian Sheridan. In our third match we returned to winning ways with another comfortable victory at 15-5 with the tries again coming from Scott Dennis, Ian Sheridan as well as Michael Kirwan. However, in our fourth game, we met our match and despite all our efforts and opening the score with a try from Ian Sheridan we were unfortunately ground down and eventually lost the game 15-5. In our final match, we had it all to prove and pulled through with considerable ease winning 25-5 with a host of tries coming from Scott Dennis, Ian Sheridan and Dave Doneo.

After a hard day's rugby and many battered and bruised players, we were given our reward with a second place finish in our league. Thanks to Mr Botes and the P.E. department for their support and funding from the Sixth Form Rugby Team.

Mike Bilko

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

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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	
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	Pizza	Burger	Pizza	Burger	Pizza
	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie	Sausage Sausage Roll Fish Cakes Cheese Pastie
