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Learning Programme Unit 2/4

INSPECTORS SAY “AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL”

Theme for the Week:

Anti-bullying Week

Love one another
John 13:34

It can be hard to act with love towards people who annoy us or who we don't like. Yet, as Christians, we are called to love each other. You could use this anti-bullying week to ask yourself if you do treat other people with love, and if not, is it time to make a change?

Lord,
I'm sorry, but there are some people I find it hard to get on with!
I know that you love everyone, even the bad people and the people who don't love you, but I can't always do that.
Please help me to remember how much you love everyone; help me not to be nasty if someone is nasty to me, but help me to try to get on with everyone – even when it is hard to do so.
Amen

As you are aware, last week we entertained visitors from Ofsted and from the Diocese, who were in College to inspect many different aspects of College life. I am delighted to inform you that that both inspections went extremely well, with the College graded as 'outstanding' (the highest grade nationally) in both inspections. All College Parents will now receive a separate letter describing the findings of the inspection teams in greater detail. Let me simply take this opportunity to offer a word of thanks to all Parents, Staff, Governors and other members of the extended College community who played a role in meeting with and talking to the inspection teams. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Let me also say a big 'thank you' to our Pupils, who conducted themselves superbly during the week. I knew that I could count on you to make us all proud of what we are achieving at SJP, and that is exactly what you did. Congratulations!



NON-UNIFORM DAY 23 NOVEMBER 2007

Friday is a non-uniform or 'Own clothes day' as we begin the countdown to our **Here Comes Christmas** extravaganza. Pupils are asked to bring in £1 towards our fundraising efforts and staff are asked to bring in a bottle for our tombola stall. We hope that you will support the event in such numbers as happened last year. The stalls are bigger and better this year with many new stalls and ideas. It's a great opportunity for staff, pupils, family and friends to come together and have some fun and to raise money in the process. **Please see our full page poster at the back of this edition. See you on the day!!!**



WORD OF THE WEEK



covet
/kuvvit/

• **verb (coveted, coveting)** yearn to possess (something belonging to someone else).

I am not covetous for gold
(Henry V)

DERIVATIVES **covetable** adjective.

Numeracy Brainteaser

Last Week's Solution : 4 socks

Last Week's Winner :

This Week's Brainteaser:

Five yeast cells were placed in a laboratory dish at 2 pm. The number of yeast cells doubles in every ten minute interval. What is the number of yeast cells in the dish at 3 pm.

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 23 November. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths.

Literacy quiz:

A Fiendishly Difficult Word Game
Kangaroo Words

Every schoolchild knows that kangaroos carry their babies in their pouches. Fewer people know about kangaroo words, which carry their own baby words with the same meanings.

For example, the kangaroo word *illuminated* contains the synonym *lit* among its letters. Similarly *exists* hides the word *is* and *deceased* includes *dead*.

Try to find synonyms in the following words:

1. Amicable.
2. Appropriate (adjective).
3. Salvage (verb).
4. Hostelry.
5. Encourage.
6. Recline.
7. Before.
8. Instructor.
9. Separate (verb).
10. Catacomb.

Answers:

1. amiable 2. apt 3. save 4. hotel 5. urge
6. lie 7. ere 8. tutor 9. part 10. tomb

OCR BUSINESS STUDIES CLUB

The Business Studies Department is running an after school club on a Thursday from 3.30—4.30 for both Years 10 and 11 Business Studies Pupils, to help them with their course of study. Pupils will have the opportunity to complete their portfolio work, homework tasks, conduct independent research or improve the quality of their assignments with teacher support and guidance.

ICT KEY STAGE 4 OCR AND DIDA CLUB

An after school club for ICT will be held every Thursday 3.20—4.30 in ICT4, for those pupils wishing to polish up their ICT coursework.

FLASH ANIMATION CLUB

Held every Wednesday 3.20—4.30 in ICT2. All Years welcome.

HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!!!

Our hugely successful 'Here Comes Christmas' fair will soon be upon us again. Book the date for your diaries – Friday 30th November 2007 3pm-5.30pm. College will close early on that day to allow pupils the first bite at the festive cherry.

We need your support before then by raiding the attic or garage or having a good clear out of any unwanted goods that could be sold on in our bric-a-brac stall. Your unwanted goods are somebody else's treasure and last year the stall made a terrific sum of money as a result of people's generosity. Anything apart from clothing will be gladly accepted (books, toys, games, DVDs, CDs, ornaments, etc). Please send it all in to College Reception. Thank you in advance for your support.

SJP NETBALL STARS!

The Year 8 netball team took on the current Wirral champions, Upton Hall, on Thursday and came away with a 21-13 victory. It was a real test of skill and fitness but the girls displayed excellent talent and ability on court. Both the attack and defence managed to outwit Upton, passing the ball extremely well on court. Outstanding shooting from Rebecca Jones and Charlotte Obermuller rewarded this hard work, on court, and resulted in this great 21-13 win.

The Year 8 team look set to be serious competition for our local rivals. Well done girls!

SCIENCE MODULAR EXAMS

The Science Modular Exams are on Thursday 22 November 2007 a.m. Pupils need to ensure they are in College on time and equipped with a calculator and black pen. Pupils should ensure that they have completed substantial revision in preparation by visiting BBC Bitesize and the AQA website and by having a go at past paper questions.

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS

We have decided to postpone the Year 11 Mock Examination period until the first week after Christmas. This is to accommodate the many rehearsals for our Christmas productions which have also meant that the College Hall was much in demand. There will however be practical mock examinations taking place the week beginning the 3rd December and some intervention days for Year 11 in the following week. We will issue a Mock Examination timetable to all our students by the end of this week.

Many thanks for your support.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT THEATRE STUDIES

On Thursday 8 November an eager group of Year 12 and 13 Theatre Students journeyed over to Liverpool to watch the famous Jacobean drama, *The Changeling*, showing at the Playhouse.

As soon as the curtain lifted, a buzz of exhilaration filled the theatre as the play began to capture the audience in a wicked tale of murder, jealousy, love and corruption unfolding a bitter love story set between four people.

Following a shocking and twisting climax that left the audience tense and utterly speechless, the play delivered a massive impact upon us Theatre students, coupled with an outstanding and professional cast that has inspired us for the remainder of the course. On the whole, the day was enjoyed by all due to the upbeat atmosphere of everyone involved and no doubt we will look forward to future trips together.

Abbie Reynolds, Year 12



NETBALL SUCCESS CONTINUES!

Congratulations to our Year 7 team, who remain unbeaten this season with another win, this time at home against Pensby High School. It was a resounding victory, with a convincing score line of 8 -1. An excellent team performance saw great shooting from Lauren Lefebvre and Bryony McNellis, and solid defending from Amina Talib, Jessica Dutton and Hannah Naylor. Louise Roche, Ashleigh Keating, Louise Elmslie and Ashleigh Ryan were superb in centre court, linking the attack and defence successfully.

Year 8 girls fought hard to bring their game back to a draw of 12 - 12. They had an outstanding second half, with exceptional performances from Charlotte Obermuller and Rebecca Jones, the two shooters. The whole team can be proud of their performance. They were all a credit to the school - Jessica Partridge, Annie Doyle, Emily Guttridge, Charlotte McNellis and Lauren Dickson.

Girls' Football

Wednesday (7/11/07) saw the first game of the season for both the Year 7 and Year 9 Girls' football teams. The girls took on Upton Hall. Both teams worked well together showing off their dribbling and passing skills, but didn't quite manage to get the ball into the back of the net. This is only the beginning for the girls and both teams are ready for their next challenge.

Congratulations to the following girls for a great performance.



Year 7 squad: Amina Talib, Bryony McNelis, Ashlea Ryan, Louise Roche, Lauren Lefebvre, Ashleigh Keating, Rebecca Lyons, Danielle Van Den Heede,

Year 9 squad: Danielle Boughey (captain), Jessica Leasor, Megan Gouldson, Shannon Reid, Rachel Gahan, Katie Robinson, Megan Gallagher, Rebecca Lunt, Alex Scollins, Alice Hinton and Siobhan McLaughlin.



WEEKLY FOCUS

This week, let us make a huge effort to include people who sometimes might feel left out. We all enjoy being part of the team!

Mass & Morning Prayer

As usual, Fr Nick will be celebrating Mass in the Chapel at 12.50 on Wednesday.

Morning Prayer will take place every Thursday in the chapel from 8.20 - 8.35.

You're all very welcome - the more the merrier!

SJP COLLEGE BANK

We are working with our local NatWest branch to re-launch the school bank service titled 'School Money'. The service is run by and for pupils of St John Plessington Catholic College and aims to promote financial capability and give pupils experience of managing their own finances.

The bank will be operated on Monday lunchtimes by sixth form students from the 10th December. Pupils will have the opportunity to deposit money (maximum £10 cash) or cheques into their account. The account supplies a cash card enabling pupils to withdraw money from a local branch or an ATM.

A parental consent form must be completed before the account can be opened. These forms are available from Mrs Penny and are due in on Monday 26th November.