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Learning Programme Unit 2/6

HERE COMES CHRISTMAS

Theme for the Week:

World AIDS Day

1st December is World AIDS Day. Last week it was announced that the number infected globally with HIV had passed 40 million people. With the difficulty in compiling figures from countries like China, that number is likely to be far higher. Already it is estimated that 20 million have been killed by HIV/AIDS and 15 million orphaned.

Father of comfort

Today we know that many live in the shadow of HIV

Today we know many walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

God of comfort, send your comfort

Place an arm round the grieving

Bring peace to the troubled heart

Be a father to the orphan

Be a husband to the widow

And because of your great love

Lord,

Be a healer to the sick today.

Amen.

Mass & Morning Prayer

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

Morning Prayer takes place every Thursday in the Chapel from 8.20 – 8.35. You're all very welcome – the more the merrier!



A huge thank you to everybody who so generously supported our 'Here Comes Christmas' Fair on Friday. It was another huge success both in terms of how smoothly it all went, the atmosphere it generated among pupils, staff, parents and families and in terms of how much money we raised.

We are still finalizing the accounts but at the moment we are confident that we have raised well over **£10,000**. It is testimony to the real team effort that everybody played. Everyone rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in and the pupils certainly appreciated the efforts.

At this stage, can I particularly thank Mr. Dolan, Mrs. Davis and Mr. Kitchin for the months of organizing and a special word to Mr. Anderson who spent many hours building our stalls. Our caretakers came in over the week-end to put the school back together and did a wonderful job. The monies raised will go towards projects that will benefit the pupils and we will let you know how this will be spent over the coming weeks. Next week we will have a bumper edition including lots of memories from a fabulous afternoon.

Here's to Cinderella and the Carol Service!

Many thanks

Mr Rylance

WORD OF THE WEEK

Calamity

- **noun** (pl. **calamities**) an event causing great and sudden damage or distress.
— DERIVATIVES **calamitous** adjective **calamitously** adverb.
— ORIGIN Latin *calamitas*.



Numeracy Brainteaser

Last Week's Solution : 3, 5, 6

Last Week's Winner : Lauren Baines, 7AB

This Week's Brainteaser:

A snail crawls up a 2m fence post. He crawls up 30cm every hour but then rests and slips back 10cm. How long will it take him to reach the top?

Answers to Miss Hodges in Room MA2 by Friday 7 December. All correct answers will be put into a draw to win a £5 gift voucher for WH Smiths.

Literacy quiz: Find the famous poets in this wordsearch.

S I Z M B S N M K W C A F H N
T T T J L H N K C W I K H U O
O T I G S A M O O G V U G G R
W E O N E K F R S S O G F H Y
E S W W P E D E H N N U D E B
N S Y S N S K M A I I A G S P
H O H E W P N V N P H K O H M
V R D O K E Y W X L Z U C N J
H U R D Z A O F R O S T R I L
A T W J V R S A S S O O N A D
H W B S B E F T P P O M R M N
E T N O R B W J A J L K E B Q
L X Q Z K D U E E E I A Z V M
Y W Z T G S E K Z N K Z T J W
E G D I R E L O C S M Y H H G

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.

WEEKLY FOCUS

As we enter the Advent Season, let us make sure that we all remember what this period is really about, the true Christmas story of the birth of our Saviour.

CINDERELLA

Cinderella tickets are now on sale for £3 and £2 (concessions). See Mr Owen or Miss Morris during Break in the Drama Studio.

Answers:

AUDEN	BRONTE	BROWNING
BYRON	COLERIDGE	DAHL
DICKINSON	FROST	HUGHES
KEATS	LARKIN	MCGOUGH
OWEN	PLATH	ROSSETTI
SASSOON	SHAKESPEARE	WORDSWORTH

SJP SUPER SWIMMERS!!

On Monday evening, 18 of our pupils represented SJP in the Year 7 & 8 Wirral Secondary Schools Swimming Gala at Leasowe Recreation Centre.

The Year 7 teams did particularly well, with the girls finishing in 3rd place and the boys in 2nd. There were some exceptional performances from Melanie Ferguson, Sam Newton and Brandon Williams, who helped increase our overall points total with superb swimming and efforts for the team.

Sarah Leahy swam particularly well for the Year 8 team, coming 2nd in the emerging swimmers race, held especially for those swimmers who do not represent a club at present. The Year 8 girls finished 4th, and the boys again finished 2nd.

Well done to all who represented the school and did us proud! Thank you to all the parents who came to support and gave up their time for what turned out to be a very late evening. I am sure you will agree it was well worth it.

SWIMMING TEAM:

Melanie Ferguson, Bryony McNellis, Jessica Stonely, Megan McDaid, Hannah Ruddy, Brandon Williams, Jake Curtis, Tom Lloyd, Sam Newton, David Bell, Charlotte McNellis, Natasha Harland, Gemma Leslie, Sarah Leahay, James Caul, Lewis Connolly, Connor Hallas, Connah O'Keefe.



FREE CYCLING INSTRUCTION!

We have the opportunity for students to receive free cycling instruction from an organisation called 'Cycling Solutions'. They will instruct you on how to get to and from school using the roads safely. They will help you plot the safe routes and go through the highway code with you.

The training takes place after school and safety head wear must be worn. Anyone interested please see Ms.Skillen, ECM-Co-Ordinator

SCIENCE CLUB

Please note that Science Club is held every Wednesday from 3.20 pm in Sc9.

ALMOST A CLEAN SWEEP!



This week the Year 9 and 10 netball teams took on Prenton at home, who brought their Year 10 and 11 teams. Our Year 9 team was outstanding, with Katie Robinson shooting and scoring from anywhere in the circle, helping the team to a convincing win against a much older team who towered over them. As usual the Year 9 lucky mascot, Mrs. Robinson (Katie's mum), was there to support the team.

Year 10 had two teams, both playing their own individually scored games. One of the teams won, with Kate Ashcroft and Courtney Thomas working well in defence, whilst the other narrowly lost despite a good team performance. Well done to all the girls who took the time to represent SJP. We were very proud of you!

Year 9 : Katie Robinson, Alex Scollins, Katie Leslie, Beki Lunt, Shannon Reid, Sian Bilko, Danielle Boughey, Olivia Webster,

Year 10 : Katie Dickson, Kate Ashcroft, Hannah Bolton (c), Courtney Thomas, Jess Cadden, Lucy Fitzpatrick, Sarah Sayce, Nicola McCulloch, Charlotte Doran, Charlotte Thomas, Anna-May Jones, Ceri Reilly, Lauren Maloney, Grace Rhodes, Beki Gilmore.